



AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

7TH AUGUST 2026

9:00am

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: 7th August 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Any member of Council and staff who may have a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The Special Meeting of Council will be open to the public.

The meeting will be recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 7TH AUGUST 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman will declare the meeting open at 9:00 am and welcome all in attendance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land commonly referred to as Coomalie. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

3. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Ross McGorman
Deputy President	Chris Whatley
Councillor	Sharon Beswick
Councillor	Mae Mae Morrison
Councillor	Alan Roe
Councillor	Greg Strettles

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman
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VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date:	7 th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Special Meeting held on 7th August 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the apology of for the Special Meeting held 7th August 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

COMMENT

The council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*.

1.07 Meetings of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date:	7 th August 2026
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Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table, for Council's record, any requests, and permissions for Electronic Attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges and accepts attendance to the meeting of 7th August 2026 via electronic means.

Moved:

Seconded:

COMMENT

The *Local Government Act 2019* provides for a member who is not physically present at a meeting is taken to be present at the meeting if:

- (a) the member's attendance at the meeting by means of an audio or audio-visual conferencing system is authorised in accordance with a council resolution establishing a policy for attendance in such a manner.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 7th August 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

Members and Staff are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by the Council at a meeting of the Council by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the member or staff member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the issue. The Council may elect to allow the member or staff member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Special Meeting held 7th August 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sections 175 *Local Government Act 2019*.

CEO and Staff Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

7. REPORTS REQUIRING THE DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

7.1 LGANT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION: NT GRANTS COMMISSION

Date:	7 th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	LGANT Representative Nomination Form

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a nomination to represent LGANT on the NT Grants Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled LGANT Representative Nomination: NT Grants Commission; and

b) approves the nomination of to be submitted to LGANT as a representative on the NT Grants Commission.

Moved:

Seconded:

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Nil relevant decisions.

COMMENT

The Minister for Local Government is seeking three (3) nominations from LGANT for his consideration to join the NT Grants Commission as the member representing regional and shire councils, and their deputy, in preparation for the expiry of the current members Mayor Brian Pedwell, Victoria Daly Regional Council, and Councillor Peter Clee, Wagait Shire Council, respectively on 31 August 2026.

Role and Purpose

The Northern Territory Grants Commission makes recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing authorities in the Northern Territory in late July or early August.

The Northern Territory Grants Commission's recommendations are endorsed by the Territory Minister and sent to the Federal Minister for Local Government for approval.

Nominee

An appointed member holds office for 5 years or such lesser term as is specified by the Minister but is eligible for re-appointment.

Members of the Grants Commission are entitled to a daily sitting fee of \$405 for meetings over 4 hours. A pro-rata hourly rate is included in clause 6 of the Determination - 1 March 2012.

Meetings

The Commission shall meet as often as is necessary to carry out its functions and shall meet when required to do so by the Minister.

If council would like to nominate someone to be the LGANT Representative on the NT Grants Commission, the nomination is required to be endorsed by Council resolution and nomination form submitted by **CoB Friday 7 August 2026**.

Deputy President Chris Whatley has indicated he would like to nominate for this committee and is seeking Council's endorsement of his nomination to be submitted to LGANT.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

LGANT Representative Requirements

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil to Council.

7.1 ATTACHMENT: NOMINATION FORMS



PROCEDURES FOR LGANT REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

Background

Section 18 of LGANT's Governance Charter states:

1. From time to time the Association will be called to nominate delegates to external committees established by other spheres of Government under legislation.
2. The Board shall determine the membership of such committees in accordance with LGANT policy.
3. The Board will call for nominations to external committees as they arise.
4. Potential nominees will be supplied with a nomination pack and must complete the 'External Committee' nomination form.
5. The Board reserves the right to disregard a nomination if the 'External Committee' nomination form is not completed satisfactorily.

Nominations

Once the LGANT Board endorse a nomination, LGANT will advise the relevant committee. Often the final committee representatives are at the discretion of the Minister therefore LGANT cannot guarantee final membership.

The LGANT Board may remove its endorsement of a representative on a committee if that representative fails to deliver regular reports to LGANT, fails to consult with other councils, or misses committee meetings without just cause.

Representatives

LGANT committee representatives are required to represent the local government sector rather than their individual council during committee proceedings.

LGANT representatives are required to provide LGANT with regular reports. These reports include, but are not limited to, reports to the Board and to members at the General Meeting in April and November each year. These reports should include updates on current key issues, how representatives are ensuring input and feedback from other councils, as well as any other noteworthy items.

Sitting fees

LGANT does not pay representatives a sitting fee or travel related expenses for committee representation. Such fees, if any, will be administered by the secretariat managing the respective committee eg. the NTG.

4. Nominee information

The following information is required to enable the LGANT Board to make an informed decision. If you would like to submit further information, please attach it to this form.

4.1 What is your current council position?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.2 How long have you held your current council position?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.3 Please list your educational qualifications:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.4 What skills and experience do you have that are relevant to this committee?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.5 Apart from your current position what other local government experience do you have relevant to this committee?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.6 ☐ I have attached a headshot to this form – this is a new requirement of Ministerial committees.

NOMINATION FORM

NT Grants Commission

LGANT Nominations close on 7 August 2026

Council Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

1. Agreement to be nominated

I, [Click or tap here to enter text.](#), agree to be nominated as a member of the *NT Grants Commission*.

I recognise and understand that as the LGANT representative I am:

- required to represent the sector, rather than my individual council, and
- provide regular reports to LGANT including written reports to the LGANT General Meetings and to the LGANT Board as requested.

I acknowledge that representation on this committee does not entitle me to sitting fees or travel related expense reimbursement from LGANT.

Signature:

Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

2. Council confirmation of nomination

I, [Click or tap here to enter text.](#), the Chief Executive Officer hereby confirm that [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the *NT Grants Commission* at a meeting held on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Signature:

Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

3. Nominee's contact details

Email address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Mobile: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Moved:

Seconded:

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at:

The confidential meeting opened at:

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

8.2 AWARDING OF TENDER RFT2026-002 – GRADING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

CONFIDENTIAL: 51 (1) (c) (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

9. DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL.

10. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

Moved:

Seconded:

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at