

17.6 NAWMA INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON - TERM RENEWAL

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Why is this matter confidential?

Subject to an order pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, this matter is confidential because the report contains information relating to the personal affairs of an individual.

The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because it is sensitive to the individual and is not a matter of public knowledge.

A. COUNCIL TO MOVE MOTION TO GO INTO CONFIDENCE

No action – this motion passed in the open section.

B. THE BUSINESS MATTER**17.6 NAWMA INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON - TERM RENEWAL**

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Delegated Authority : Matters which cannot be delegated to a Committee or Staff

Attachments : 1. NAWMA Letter Regarding Independent Chairperson - Term Renewal - **Confidential**

PURPOSE

To renew the appointment of Mr Graham Dooley as the Independent Chairperson of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council endorses the re-appointment of Mr Graham Dooley, as the Independent Chairperson of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) Board on the following basis:

- i. The appointment is for a two (2) year term extension, commencing from the current term of office expiry being 16 January 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr Graham Dooley is the Independent Chairperson of the NAWMA Board, with his current term expiring on 16 January 2026.

The NAWMA Board is seeking endorsement from Constituent Councils to re-appoint Mr Graham Dooley as Independent Chairperson of the NAWMA Board for a further term of two (2) years.

1. BACKGROUND

The NAWMA is a Local Government Regional Subsidiary of its Constituent Councils (City of Playford, City of Salisbury, and the Town of Gawler).

In appointing a new Independent Chairperson, the NAWMA Charter requires:

Clause 12.1 The Board shall consist of ten (10) Board Members each of whom will be appointed for a two (2) year term as follows:

Clause 12.1.2 One (1) independent person appointed by resolution by Majority of the Constituent Councils (and at the expiration of the term, is eligible for re-appointment) who is not an officer or elected member of any Constituent Council, but who is considered by the Constituent Councils, to have expertise in a field or discipline relevant to the activities of the Authority and who, upon appointment, will be the Chair of the Authority.

Clause 12.2 Each Constituent Council must give to the Authority written notice of its appointment of its three (3) Board Members and written confirmation of its agreement (or otherwise) with the proposed appointment of the independent appointment under clause 12.1.2.

2. RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Decision-making filter: We will stick to our Finance Strategy to achieve long term financial sustainability while still delivering planned services, responsibly managing debt and promoting the growth of the city.

As part owner of NAWMA, Council has an interest and responsibility for ensuring suitable appointments to the Board.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There is no requirement to consult the community on this matter.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The NAWMA Charter provides for the Independent Chairperson to be eligible for re-appointment to the position for a two (2) year term, on expiry of the current term, subject to Council endorsement.
- 4.2 On 3 July 2025, the NAWMA Board resolved to recommend to Constituent Councils the re-appointment of Mr Graham Dooley to the role of NAWMA Independent Chairperson.
- 4.3 Mr Graham Dooley has a 50 year career across public and private sectors, primarily in the water industry, but also electricity, bulk materials (grain) and railway infrastructure.

5. OPTIONS

Recommendation

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Option 2

Council does not endorse the re-appointment of Mr Graham Dooley, as the Independent Chairperson of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) Board.

6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

6.1 Recommendation Analysis

6.1.1 Analysis & Implications of the Recommendation

This report recommends the endorsement of Mr Graham Dooley as the Independent Chairperson of the NAWMA Board.

The NAWMA Charter provides for the Chairperson to be eligible for re-appointment at the expiration of their term of office. The NAWMA Board intends to offer an extension of the term for the Chairperson for two (2) years, subject to approval of the Constituent Councils, complying with the requirement of the NAWMA Charter.

Risk Appetite

Reputation

Council has a low appetite for negative perceptions that compromise its credibility and reputation, achievement of its long term vision (Playford Community Vision 2043) and strategic objectives, or ability to maintain its status as a progressive and major growth Council.

This decision will ensure NAWMA has an experienced leader with the qualifications necessary to guide the organisation's future direction.

6.1.2 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for Council. The Chairpersons role is entitled to a sitting fee as determined by the Board, which will be managed within NAWMA's budget.

6.2 Option 2 Analysis

6.2.1 Analysis & Implications of Option 2

If Council does not endorse the re-appointment of Mr Graham Dooley, NAWMA will be required to consider recruitment of an alternative Independent Chairperson.

6.2.2 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications.

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C. COUNCIL TO DECIDE HOW LONG ITEM 17.6 IS TO BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE**Purpose**

To resolve how long agenda item 17.6 is to be kept confidential.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the following aspects of Item 17.6 be kept confidential in accordance with Council's reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

- Report for Item 17.6
- Attachment(s) for Item 17.6
- Minutes for Item 17.6

This order shall operate until the next scheduled annual review of confidential items by Council at which time this order will be reviewed and determined in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke the order to keep the report and minutes in confidence at any time and the Chief Executive Officer must advise the Council of the revocation of this order as soon as possible after such revocation has occurred.

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