



PEEL REGIONAL
LEADERS FORUM

Peel Regional Leaders Forum (Inc) **MINUTES**

60th General Meeting held at Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Thursday 22 February 2024, commencing at 10.30am

Cr Mike Walmsley, Chair, opened the meeting at 10.34am and welcomed those present.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND CONFIRMATION OF PROXIES

Attendance:

Cr Mike Walmsley	President, Shire of Waroona (Chair) (Proxy)
Mayor Rhys Williams	Mayor, City of Mandurah (Deputy Chair) (Proxy)
Dean Unsworth	CEO, Shire of Murray (Secretary)
Casey Mihovilovich	CEO, City of Mandurah (Treasurer)
Cr David Bolt	President, Shire of Murray (Proxy)
Cr Rob Coales	President, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale (Proxy)
John Erren	Chair, Regional Development Australia Peel (Proxy)
Kathleen Johnson	Chair, Peel Community Development Group (Proxy)
Julie Burton	CEO, Shire of Boddington (Proxy)
John Lambrecht	Director, Regional Development Australia Peel
Mark Goodlet	CEO, Shire of Waroona
Paul Martin	CEO, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Anika Serer	Executive Director

Apologies:

Cr Garry Ventris	President, Shire of Boddington
Caroline Knight	Chair, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council
Jane O'Malley	CEO, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council
David Doepel	Chair, Peel Development Commission (Observer)
Andrew Ward	CEO, Peel Development Commission (Observer)
Nicci Lambert	Deputy Chair, Peel Community Development Group

Alcoa Presentation and Discussion

Presentation by Tanya Simmonds, Alcoa Vice President of Operations – Australia, on current and proposed operations; roundtable discussion. Alcoa representatives also in attendance: Jodie Read, Stephanie Stonier (Sustainability Director), Kane Moyle (Director Approvals), Rebecca Miniken (Stakeholder Engagement and Social Investment Manager).

Alcoa representatives provided an update on business operations, mining approvals, community funding and feedback on the Peel Alliance Position Statement on Mining. Discussion notes provided under separate cover.

The Chair thanked the Alcoa representatives for their time and information.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / BUSINESS ARISING – 23 November 2023 [Appendix 1]

Motion:

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams

Seconded: Cr David Bolt

**That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 November 2023 be confirmed.
Carried Unanimously**

3. OUTCOME OF REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-SESSION RESOLUTION

Author and Title: Anika Serer, Executive Director

Date of Report: 13 February 2024

Rule 25 of the PRLF Constitution provides for ‘resolutions without meetings’. Any ordinary resolution initiated by the Chair in writing and agreed to in writing by a majority of the members, shall have the same effect as if passed at a Committee meeting. The resolution is required to be recorded in the minutes of the next Committee meeting.

The report ‘Approval to Engage ‘Anacta’ to Undertake Strategic Advisory Services for Joint Position Statement on Mining in the Peel Region’ was issued by email to all members on 18 December 2023, seeking an out-of-session resolution. A copy of the report is provided at Appendix 2.

Response:

The recommendation in the report was carried unanimously in accordance with the following responses received by email:

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council – Chair	Yes	19/12/2023
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale – Shire President	Yes	19/12/2023
RDA Peel – Director	Yes	19/12/2023
City of Mandurah - Mayor	Yes	19/12/2023
Shire of Murray – Shire President	Yes	20/12/2023
Shire of Waroona – Shire President	Yes	21/12/2023
Peel Community Development Group – Chair	Yes	22/12/2023
Shire of Boddington – CEO	Yes	31/12/2023

Resolution:

PRLF carried the motion unanimously as outlined in the attached report on 31 December 2023.

Noted.

Cr David Bolt left the meeting.

4. JOINT POSITION STATEMENT ON MINING IN THE PEEL REGION – LATE ITEM

Author and Title: Anika Serer, Executive Director
Date of Report: 13 February 2024

Background:

An online presentation is scheduled for members with Anacta on 20 February 2024 to present the proposed engagement strategy, and consider recommendations for activities to achieve the outcomes in the Joint Position Statement on Mining in the Peel Region.

The Executive Director will submit a late report and recommendation following the presentation and discussion, for consideration at this meeting.

Discussion:

The presentation deck and proposal from Anacta for Stage 2 (delivery of engagement strategy) were distributed under separate confidential cover to members by email on 21 February 2024.

An overview of the presentation was provided by the Executive Director for those members that were unable to attend the online meeting with Anacta on 20 February 2024. The current political climate, key focus areas of concern for voters in the next year, identified barriers and opportunities for success during this period was discussed.

Anacta provided an engagement strategy and budget for delivery of key outputs, noting that additional in-house resourcing from Peel Alliance (or funding for outsourcing) would also be required for administration and key communication activities.

The overall expected cost was discussed, against the benefit of the opportunities that had been identified and recommended for focus in the next year (and the broader context of all requests in the position statement).

Motion:

Moved: John Erren
Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams

That PRLF notes the presentation from Anacta, including opportunities, challenges and a proposed engagement strategy, and resolves to:

- a) Not to proceed with the proposed engagement strategy;**
- b) Terminate the current retainer agreement with Anacta;**
- c) Develop an internal engagement plan, identifying opportunities with relevant local members and Ministers to raise awareness of the position statement and asks;**
- d) Develop an update on key developments/progress on the requests in the Position Statement since it completed.**

Carried Unanimously

Cr David Bolt rejoined the meeting.

5. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Author and Title: Anika Serer, Executive Director
Date of Report: 13 February 2024

Background:

The Work Health and Safety (WHS) Management System and Manual was endorsed by PRLF at the general meeting held on 23 November 2023.

As part of its implementation, a progress report is provided to members at each general meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

Appendix 3: Executive Director WHS Report February 2024

Motion:

Moved: Cr David Bolt
Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams

**That PRLF notes the WHS Report for the period November 2023 – February 2024.
Carried Unanimously**

6. 2025 STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY UPDATE

Author and Title: Anika Serer, Executive Director
Date of Report: 14 February 2024

Background:

The draft text copy of submissions received for inclusion in the 2025 State and Federal Elections advocacy document is attached for information. The submissions are currently being reviewed by members to provide any required updates.

The *Peel Regional Water Supply Initiative* and suggested State/Federal requests is included as the Peel Alliance regional initiative. The *Policy Position Statement: Mining* has not been included at this time, pending advice/discussion with Anacta prior to this meeting (to be updated).

Professional graphic design and publication will be arranged once all submissions are received/reviewed. It is recommended this is completed by end of April to enable formal advocacy approaches to commence.

Supporting Documentation:

Appendix 4: Draft 2025 State and Federal Election Submissions

Discussion:

- The decision regarding the Mining Position Statement earlier in the meeting was noted and will not be included formally in the election advocacy document
- Members have been requested to review their submissions for any updates to information, costs etc within the next two weeks
- It is intended to have the document completed by end of April/early May to commence advocacy activities, noting the State election date of March 2025, and Federal election which may be announced from late 2024.

7. FINANCE REPORT

The Financial Performance Report for the period ended 31 January 2024 was received [Appendix 5]

8. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS REPORT [Appendix 6]

The Outstanding Actions Report was received. Item of note: Peel Regional Water Supply Initiative documents have now been finalised. Copies have been provided to members for internal use; a further print of documents for external use/publication is currently underway and expected to be ready in the next two weeks. Requests will be sent to Ministers McGurk, Punch and Jarvis to present the initiative and findings, along with the Peel-based MP's. Documents will then be published on the Peel Alliance website.

The Executive Director offered to present the initiative and findings to member organisations (eg Council briefings) if this is of interest.

It is noted that Harvey Water is currently negotiating with DPIRD regarding a market led proposal that may be of benefit to the Peel region; they will be contacted and invited to present available information at the next meeting.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council: Caroline Knight has resigned as Chair of PHCC; the new Chair will be advised when known. Caroline's contributions to Peel Alliance were noted and acknowledged.

Shire of Murray: The Sustainable, Innovative Food Technologies (SIFT) Centre has been opened at FIPWA. 6000sqm of land is also available at Peel Business Park which is attracting interest from international investors.

RDA Peel: Further to the findings of Peel Away the Mask 3, work is being undertaken by Jason McFarlane & team to identify the gaps in community services. 48 program providers have responded to the survey which will seek to articulate the funding and resourcing shortfalls.

Shire of Boddington: An extraordinary election has been called for three vacancies; there are six candidates, with voting closing 9 March.

Peel Community Development Group: PCDG is meeting next week to review the key findings from Peel Away the Mask 3, and identify five priority projects to focus on progressing. Kathy Johnson is now Chair of PCDG, and Nikki Lambert is Deputy Chair

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The 61st General Meeting of the Peel Regional Leaders Forum is proposed to be held at the Shire of Waroona on Thursday 18th April 2024 commencing at 11am.

Cr Mike Walmsley thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.05pm.