

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 2 FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT: Mayor P Culhane (Chairperson), Cr V Flanagan, Cr G Harris, Cr A Meggitt, Cr S Peirce, Cr S Reynolds, Cr J Searl, Mr A Croke, (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Mr S Arkinstall (Director of Environment & Planning), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure) and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10:04am

Mayor Culhane read an acknowledgment of Country and notice of meeting/webcast to the meeting.

Mayor Culhane welcomed a public gallery.

SECTION 1: APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received by Ms A Waldron (CEO) Cr R Cameron and Cr T Yallouris.

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RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. That the apologies of Ms A Waldron, Cr R Cameron and Cr T Yallouris be received and a leave of absence granted.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds and J Searl.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 2: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

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SECTION 4: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Cr Flanagan and Cr Harris moved a motion that Council move to suspended orders to committee of the whole for Item 4.1 AGL Dalton Gas Fired power station to allow for open discussion to occur.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

2/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Harris

1. That Council move to suspended orders to committee of the whole for Item 4.1 AGL Dalton Gas Fired power station to allow for open discussion to occur.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds and J Searl.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

3/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. That Council move out of committee of the whole for Item 4.1 AGL Dalton Gas Fired power station.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds and J Searl.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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ITEM 4.1 AGL DALTON GAS FIRED POWER STATION

4/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Harris

1. Council write to AGL requesting compliance with the NSW Department of Planning and Housing and Infrastructure Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements.
2. AGL engage meaningfully with the local community and to address the Dalton community's request for an open and transparent consultation via a public meeting in relation to the proposed Gas Fired Power Station in the Dalton area.
3. A public meeting be held in Dalton at a time which allows for the participation of community residents.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce and J Searl

Councillors who voted against:- Crs P Culhane, A Meggitt and S Reynolds

A foreshadowed motion was proposed by Mayor Paul Culhane that

1. ULSC put to AGL that as an alternative to a conventional public meeting that they schedule either an online webinar or a in-person public meeting which will allow pre-prepared or ad hoc typed questions to be submitted to AGL for a response from AGL on the spot or if that is not practical taken on notice for a response
2. Following the webinar ULSC schedule a public meeting at Dalton inviting any interested or concerned residents to express their concerns directly to their elected representatives(i.e Councillors)

As the original motion was carried the Foreshadowed Motion lapsed and cannot be debated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:05am

Minutes confirmed 19 FEBRUARY 2026

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Mayor