



**14.6** APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

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**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To approve the updated appointment of authorised officers pursuant to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2.1 Section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 and numerous other Acts and Regulations require that authorised officers be appointed for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of Acts, Regulations or local laws which relate to the functions and powers of the Council.

2.2 In most cases, the authorisations are approved by the Chief Executive Officer, but the Planning and Environment Act 1987 specifically requires that authorisations under that Act be issued by resolution of the Council and sealed.

2.3 As a result of the partial introduction of the Local Government Act 2020 and the phasing out of the Local Government Act 1989, staff departures and recent appointments, it is recommended that new authorisations pursuant to the Planning and Environment Act 1987 be approved.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

3.1 Approves the attached Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officers under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

3.2 Affixes the common seal of Council to the Instrument of Appointment.

**4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES**

4.1 Authorisations are reviewed regularly and are updated due to:

- a) appointment of new staff;
- b) changes in the names of Acts;
- c) the introduction, amendment or revocation of legislation;
- d) changes in position titles; and
- e) changes in roles.

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**5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS**

5.1 Relevant staff have been consulted in relation to the proposed appointments.



**6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 It is essential that relevant staff have the proper authorisations to enable them to undertake their responsibilities under the applicable legislation. The Instrument of Authorisation template is based on the latest version supplied by Council's solicitors.

**7. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

7.1 There are no financial implications.

**8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

8.1 There are no environmental implications.

**9. COMMUNITY IMPACT**

9.1 There are no community impact implications.

**10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY**

10.1 The proposed are appointments are consistent with the Council Plan 2017-27 which refers to *"improving community engagement, advocacy, transparency and governance"*.

**11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

11.1 TIMELINE

11.1.1 The appointments will be effective immediately.

11.2 COMMUNICATION

11.2.1 The Register of Authorisations is a public document pursuant to section 224(2A) of the *Local Government Act* 1989 and authorised officers are issued with an identity card.

**12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST**

12.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.

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**ATTACHMENTS** 1. Planning Compliance Staff S11A - resolution 302