

ITEM 7

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR DELEGATE TO THE ILLAWARRA BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Council is entitled to representation on a number of groups and committees. Councillors are appointed as a representative of Council by resolution of Council. Cr David Brown recently resigned as delegate to the Illawarra Bushfire Management Committee. This paper is to appoint a replacement Councillor member to represent Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 A Councillor representative be appointed to the Illawarra Bushfire Management Committee where only one nominee is provided.
- 2 Where the number of nominations is greater than the number of available appointments, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, with the election to be conducted by open means on a show of hands

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Customer and Business Integrity
 Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

Councillors have been provided with the opportunity to submit nominations for the Illawarra Bushfire Management Committee. Any nominations received as at the date of publishing of this report have been noted in the below table. Further nominations can be made from the floor when considering this item.

Attachment 3 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice stipulates that voting for the appointment of Councillor Delegates to Committees and External Bodies is to be by open means, on a show of hands.

ORGANISATION	COUNCILLOR REQUIREMENT	TERM	PRIOR DELEGATES	NOMINEES 2025
ILLAWARRA BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE				
<p>A Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) provides a forum for cooperative and coordinated bushfire management in a local area.</p> <p>It also provides for community involvement in the Bush Fire Risk Management process and assists the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee to consider issues relevant to the protection of life, property and the environment from bushfires.</p> <p>BFMCs are responsible for preparing, coordinating, reviewing and monitoring the Plan of Operations and Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for their area.</p> <p>They assist in the coordination of bush fire detection, mitigation, control and suppression.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: Quarterly</p>	One delegate of Council (Mayor, Councillor or senior staff representative).	Term of Council	Cr David Brown	1. Cr Ryan Morris

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The Lord Mayor and Councillors and have been provided the opportunity to submit nominations if they wish to be appointed to this Committee.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 Goal 4. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2032	Delivery Program 2022-2026
Strategy	Service
4.7 Demonstrate responsible decision-making based on our values, collaboration, and transparent and accountable leadership	Governance and Administration

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councillor representatives appointed to external organisations and committees may incur travel expenses for attendance at quarterly or annual meetings. Such expenses are accounted for within the annual budget.

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate for Council to proceed to appoint Councillor representatives to the Illawarra Bushfire Management Committee to ensure that Council's interests are appropriately represented.