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LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS TO THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN JOINT ORGANISATION

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO) has now been enacted through the Local Government (General) Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Regulation 2018. In preparation of the first Board meeting and the adoption of the draft Charter, Council is required to nominate delegates to the Board.

At the commencement of the first ISJO Board meeting, membership of the Board will comprise voting representatives (the Mayor of each member Council) and a non-voting representative (a person nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet).

The ISJO Board intends to resolve through the adoption of the draft Charter that an additional Councillor from each Council be a voting representative of that member Council on the Board. The number of voting representatives from each Council must remain equal at all times. Only Councillors can be voting representatives. Councillor David Brown has been the additional voting representative on ISJO prior to the organisation being proclaimed.

The Regulations specify that a member Council may also choose to appoint an alternative representative from its Councillors. For the Mayor, this may or may not be the Deputy Mayor. While acting in the place of a voting representative on the Board, a person has all the functions of a representative, including voting. Member Councils that choose to appoint an alternate representative must notify the Joint Organisation of that person's name, position and term of appointment.

The ISJO Board has expressed a preference that the alternate be appointed for the term of Council to ensure consistent representation.

RECOMMENDATION

I therefore recommend –

- 1 Wollongong City Council:
 - a Endorse the continuation of Councillor David Brown's appointment as a voting representative on the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO) Board.
 - b Elect an alternate Councillor delegate to represent Council on the ISJO Board, as required.
- 2 The election of the alternate Councillor delegate be undertaken by open means, on a show of hands.
- 3 The appointments be for the term of Council to ensure consistent representation.