

## **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MINUTES – 23 January 2018 (Request for an Elector Poll)**

### **14.5**

**Petition** – Request for an Elector Poll

**Author** – Acting General Manager

**Responsible Officer** – Acting General Manager

### **Background**

A petition containing 199 signatures was received at Council on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and has been deemed to comply with the mandatory requirements of Section 57(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”).

The petition stated the following:

***Electors petition requesting Tasman Council hold an Elector Poll in relation to the proposed amalgamation with Sorell Council***

*We the undersigned persons, being electors enrolled in the Tasman Municipality, request that Tasman Council hold an elector poll to determine community support for the proposed merger of Tasman Council with the Municipality of Sorell. We request this to ensure that electors are provided an opportunity to indicate if they are for or against amalgamation with the Municipality of Sorell.*

### **Legislative Requirements**

The General Manager is required pursuant to Section 58(2) of the Act to table the petition at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Council must then determine any action to be taken within 42 days after the tabling of the petition in accordance with Section 60(2) of the Act.

### **Consultations**

The Acting General Manager has communicated with petitioner and the Council.

### **Risk Implications**

If the petition is refused then Council risks being non-compliant with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

### **Council Policy**

None applicable.

### **Human Resource and Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Report**

The Acting General Manager pursuant to Section 58(2) of the Act, tabled this petition at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council after being received, which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

There is no requirement to take any further action concerning this petition as Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, resolved to conduct an Elector Poll via a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Jan Barwick.

**Options**

To not adopt the recommendation.

**Recommendation 13/01.2019/C**

Moved: Cr J Barwick

Seconded: Cr P Fenerty

That Council resolves to accept the tabled petition containing 199 signatures in accordance with Section 58(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and take no further action.

Carried Unanimously