



## **CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORT FOR:	<b>Council</b>		
MEETING DATE:	14 February 2023		
REPORT FROM:	Director City Services		
REPORT TITLE:	<b>LGA Supplementary Election - Members of South Australia Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Spencer Gulf Cities</b>		
FILE NAME:	F16/877	RECORD NO:	AR23/5826

### **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**

<b>5</b>	<b>Governance and Financial Sustainability</b>
5.2	We have positive relationships with other levels of government and partners that deliver great outcomes for the community.
5.5	We meet or exceed legislative and accreditation requirements for all relevant programs.

### **SUMMARY/ABSTRACT**

This report provides Council to cast a vote for a vacant position for a member of the South Australia Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That **Council** votes for Mayor Linley Shine as a member of the South Australia Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC).

### **BACKGROUND**

There are six regions within the SAROC Regional Groupings and the Local Government Association (LGA) are seeking one member for the Spencer Gulf Cities Regional Grouping which consists of the Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Pirie Councils.

Current term for SAROC is a two year term commencing October 2022 until after the Annual General Meeting in October 2024.

### **DISCUSSION**

Following the conclusion of the 2022 Council elections, a casual vacancy has arisen for the Spencer Gulf Cities Regional Grouping of Members of SAROC, following former Mayor Brett Benbow's unsuccessful bid at re-election.

The SAROC Terms of Reference clause 4.7.3 provides that if there is a casual vacancy in the membership of SAROC, then the Regional Grouping of Members relevant to the SAROC member the subject of the casual vacancy will appoint by resolution of the majority of Members comprising the Regional Grouping of Members another Council Member to serve as a member of SAROC for the balance of the membership term.

At the close of nominations two nominations were received, with the two candidates being Mayor Phil Stone from the City of Whyalla and Mayor Linley Shine from Port Augusta City Council. As there are more nominations than positions available, an election is for SAROC Spencer Gulf Cities Regional Grouping of Members will take place.

Each member Council must determine by resolution, one candidate to elect.

Council has received a ballot paper, which must be returned in hard copy to the Returning Officer, Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer of the LGA, no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 1 March 2023. The counting of the votes will take place at 9.30am on Friday 3 March 2023.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS**

It is considered that pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this report is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), being the personal information of those nominating for the position of the Spencer Gulf Cities Regional Grouping representative for SAROC.

It is considered necessary to discuss this report in confidence and Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information provided, being candidate profiles, should not be prematurely disclosed in order to support the appropriate voting process.

It is recommended that the report and minutes be retained in confidence until the appointment has been finalised and announced.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **1: Financial/Budget/Asset Management**

Not applicable.

#### **2: Legal/Policy**

The Supplementary Election is being conducted in accordance with the SAROC Terms of Reference.

#### **3: Environment/Planning**

Not applicable.

#### **4: Community**

Not applicable.

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