CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS 2003 – AUGUST 2022

#	Date	Item Title	Confidential Order Details	Item being kept confidential - Agenda/ Attachment/ Minutes	Reason regarding retention or recommend- action to release	Resolution Regarding Action	Last Review Date	Next Review Date	Date Released
167	6 Septembe 2021	Wastewater Service Delivery Implementation Program	1. Pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Governance, Strategic Projects and Wastewater/Recycled Water; General Manager, Infrastructure; General Manager, Planning and Development; General Manager, Community Services; Commercial Manager, Wastewater; Risk and Governance Officer and the Minute Secretary be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 18.1 Wastewater Service Delivery Report – Implementation Program. The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the Council. In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in continued non-disclosure of this information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The 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 disclosure of Council's commercial position may prejudice Council's ability to be able to negotiate a cost-effective proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter. Section 91(7) Order 3. Pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b) That having considered Agenda Item 18.1 Wastewater Service Delivery Report – Implementation Program in confidence under		The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the Council. In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in continued non-disclosure of this information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The 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	Retained in confidence until a communication strategy has been prepared and implemented, with key stakeholders (including Mr Dan Cregan MP, SA Water and regulators) to be notified in advance of information being made available to the broader community with the objective that in the first instance the Frontier Economics Report be made available as soon as is reasonably practicable and the remaining information as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, and in any event by no later than 30 June 2022.		Within 12 months	Report, Attachment and Minutes released on website 31 August 2022

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18. <u>CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS</u>

18.1 REPORT TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – WASTEWATER SERVICE

DELIVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

DATE OF MEETING: 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

FILE NUMBER: 21/135220

ATTACHMENTS: 1) PRIORITISED PROGRAM OF ACTIONS

21/111021

2) COUNCIL LETTER TO SA WATER 21/129032

Key Contact Brian Clancey, Deputy CEO/General Manager,

Wastewater/Recycled Water

Sponsor Andrew Stuart, Chief Executive Officer

Community Plan 2020-2035:

Ecological Sustainability

ES Objective 5.1 Continue to build on Council's reputation as a leader in wastewater management and promote water recycling and reuse.

Annual Business Plan:

Not applicable

Purpose:

To seek endorsement of the prioritised program (inclusive of responsibility, timing and resources) with proposed actions (see attachment 1) to implement the recommendations from the Wastewater Service Delivery Options Report prepared by Frontier Economics.

Summary - Key Issues:

- A prioritised program with proposed actions to implement the recommendations from the Wastewater Service Delivery Options Report is attached;
- This includes the identification of the anticipated significant resource implications, both internal and external; and
- A communication strategy is to be prepared and implemented, to enable the Frontier Economics Report to be made available in due course, firstly to key stakeholders including Mr Dan Cregan MP, regulators and SA Water, and subsequently to the broader community.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)

Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer; Deputy Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Governance, Strategic Projects and Wastewater/Recycled Water; General Manager, Infrastructure; General Manager, Planning and Development; General Manager, Community Services; Commercial Manager, Wastewater; Risk and Governance Officer and the Minute Secretary be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 18.1 Wastewater Service Delivery Report – Implementation Program.

The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the Council.

In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in continued non-disclosure of this information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The 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 disclosure of Council's commercial position may prejudice Council's ability to be able to negotiate a cost-effective proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter.

2. Endorse the prioritised program (inclusive of responsibility, timing and resources) with proposed actions (see attachment 1) to implement the recommendations from the Wastewater Service Delivery Options Report, noting that this will necessitate some adjustments to the wastewater budget for 2021/22 when council considers budget review number 1 which is anticipated to occur at the November 2021 council meeting.

Section 91(7) Order

3. Pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b)

That having considered Agenda Item 18.1 Wastewater Service Delivery Report – Implementation Program in confidence under 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Act orders that the council report, related documents and all minutes be retained in confidence until a communication strategy has been prepared and

implemented, with key stakeholders (including Mr Dan Cregan MP, SA Water and regulators) to be notified in advance of information being made available to the broader community with the objective that in the first instance the Frontier Economics Report be made available as soon as is reasonably practicable and the remaining information as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, and in any event by no later than 30 June 2022.

Background:

- 1. As per the confidential resolution of the council meeting held on 2 August 2021 a prioritised program of proposed actions to implement the recommendations of the Frontier Economics (FE) Report (inclusive of timing and resources) has been prepared (attachment 1).
- 2. Consistent with the FE Report recommendations, council officers have engaged with SA Water (attachment 2).

Discussion:

SA Water

- 3. Further to the letter from Andrew Stuart to David Ryan, Chief Executive of SA Water (see attachment 2), on 30 August 2021 Mr Ryan and the Manager, Customer Growth Mr Matt Minagall were given a very quick tour of the council wastewater treatment plant on Springs Road by Chris Reynolds and Simon Plush, and they subsequently met with Andrew Stuart and Brian Clancey.
- 4. The SA Water officers reflected positively on what they saw and heard during their visit to the wastewater treatment plant.
- 5. The discussion with Andrew Stuart and Brian Clancey was constructive and included acknowledgement from SA Water that council had dealt with many officers of SA Water on this matter over a number of years and that continuity with SA Water staff was an issue.
- 6. Three key points from the discussion were:
 - a) SA Water has <u>not</u> previously entered into an arrangement with a council with circumstances similar to Mount Barker District Council. Where SA Water has entered into an arrangement with a council it has either been where a council has come to SA Water in a time of need and/or SA Water has been directed by State Government. Engaging with Mount Barker District Council would be somewhat new territory for SA Water.

- b) SA Water would only consider playing a role in wastewater in Mount Barker on a fully commercial basis. Key considerations for SA Water would be:
 - i) the capacity and condition of council's wastewater asset base; and
 - ii) future revenues, both from developers and ratepayers.
- c) Neither SA Water or council wanted more of the same i.e. another Memorandum of Understanding (recommended in the FE Report) or further communications over a period of time not resulting in substantive action. The objective being to have a period of intensive effort from both parties to see if the outcome of that is an early "no" to proceeding further, or otherwise. If the latter, it was recognised that this could extend for a considerable period of time. It was pointed out and acknowledged that in the interim, council must continue to proceed with wastewater infrastructure upgrading to cater for growth.
- 7. Investing resources into such a process is recommended as it will demonstrate due diligence by council in that the option of entering into some form of arrangement with SA Water will have been adequately addressed to enable council decision making to occur.
- 8. That process will require external resources to assist council to identify the specific needs and objectives of council, and to in turn, put these forward to SA Water for consideration so that there is clarity. The preparation of this information will be fundamental and can include input from the Strategic Advisory Panel to the CEO (SAP) as well as requiring council member input and consideration at a council meeting.
- 9. The assembly and presentation of information required by SA Water is also likely to require some external resources, from both a capability and capacity perspective. The likely quantum of cost to council for such external resources is yet to be established.
- 10. It needs to be understood that the objective of such a process is to see whether there is or isn't adequate alignment of council and SA Water needs and expectations. Whilst there is no guarantee as to what the outcome will be, there is only one pathway to find that out being to commit to the process and an investment of resources.
- 11. Council officers in the wastewater team have been provided with regular briefings in relation to the FE Report and will be briefed on the recent discussions (as outlined above) with SA Water.

Governance

12. As shown in attachment 1 some of the recommended actions will require longer time-frames to implement and some may occur in phases.

- 13. The opportunity for governance reform is an example of phased implementation over time.
- 14. An initial step being to expand the role (still advisory) of the SAP to include specific wastewater/recycled water strategy and policy matters with the potential end goal of council ultimately establishing a subsidiary pursuant to section 42 of the Local Government Act 1999.
- 15. As shown in attachment 1 it is proposed to have a report prepared on the benefits and implications of establishing a subsidiary to inform council decision making on that.
- 16. If council did determine to establish a subsidiary, this would require Ministerial approval and would not derogate from the power of council to act in a matter.

Other Matters

- 17. The internal (various staff) resource implications shown in attachment 1 are very significant. These will need to be managed so as to not detract from the required timing of the delivery of the required wastewater/recycled water infrastructure upgrading.
- 18. The input to the preparation of a wastewater/recycled water business plan is a good example of this as it will require staff input at executive level, as well as from governance, finance and wastewater staff.
- 19. Monitoring and reporting on performance with the implementation of the prioritised program of actions will occur on a regular basis. This can be incorporated into the quarterly report on wastewater that is included in the agenda for council meetings.
- 20. Communication to the community on the FE Report and subsequent actions is proposed. This requires a communication strategy including having regard for the SA Water engagement and other key stakeholders (e.g. Mr Dan Cregan MP and regulators) so there that there are clear council messages accompanying the FE Report when it is made publicly available.
- 21. That strategy can be developed and information provided on same at the November 2021 council meeting. It will be important to ensure that the current level of confidence in the council wastewater service is not compromised, both in relation to service standards and customer charges and also environmental matters such as the Laratinga Wetlands.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	As per recommendation 3 above, a communication
	strategy is to be prepared and implemented to enable
	the FE Report and subsequently associated information
	to become publicly available in due course.

Policy:

Commercial Policy
Strategic Partnerships Policy
Wastewater Accounting Principles Policy

Long Term Financial Plan:

Refer attachment 1 and recommendation 3 from the FE Report.

Budget:

Shown in attachment 1, is the preliminary estimate of \$235k that will be required for external resource capability. This excludes the yet to be established need arising from the proposed engagement process with SA Water.

This will need to be funded from wastewater/recycled water.

The majority of this is expected to be required in 2021/22 with the balance in 2022/23 and 2023/24.

This and the management of the associated implications can be reflected in budget review 1 which is scheduled for the council meeting to be held on 1 November 2021.

Statutory/Legal:

Local Government Act
Water Industry Act
Environment Protection Act

Staff Resource Requirements:

As shown in attachment 1 it is anticipated that significant staff time will be required.

This will primarily involve staff in the wastewater team, finance, governance and at executive level.

Capacity and competing priorities for these staff may require greater use of external resources than is currently anticipated.

Environmental:

Refer attachment 1 and recommendation 6 from the FE Report.

Social:

A key consideration is the continued provision of a quality, reliable and affordable wastewater service to ratepayers.

Risk Assessment:

Refer attachment 1 and recommendation 7 from the FE Report.

As above, the significant staff time required may impact the timing of delivery of the required wastewater infrastructure upgrading.

Asset Management:

Refer attachment 1 and recommendation 2 from the FE Report.

Conclusion:

Implementation of the FE Report recommendations over a period of time will, as shown in attachment 1, will require significant resources comprising a combination of staff time and external service providers, with regular monitoring and reporting of progress to council meetings.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	2 August 2021	CM Reference	DOC/21/112698		
Title	CONFIDENTIAL REPORT: WASTEWA	TER SERVICE DELIVE	RY REPORT		
Purpose	For council to consider the Wastewater Service Delivery Report prepared by				
	Frontier Economics (attached) and the associated recommendations to				
	council from the Audit and Risk Committee.				

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Meeting Date	7 September 2020	CM Reference	DOC/20/115143			
Title	SERVICE DELIVERY FOR WASTEWAT	TER/RECYCLED WATE	R			
Purpose	То:					
	 finalise the project brief for service delivery of wastewater/recycled water; 					
	appoint a tender assessment panel for this consultancy; and					
	 authorise the tender assessment panel to appoint a consultant to 					
	deliver the scope of the work as per the project brief.					

Attachment 1 to Item 18.1

Prioritised Program of Actions Arising from the Frontier Economics Report on Wastewater Service Delivery Draft as at 31/8/21

Action	Person	Performance	Target	Resourcing/Cost	Comment
	Responsible	Outcome	Timing	Impact	(optional)
Example only:					
Recommendation 1: Council should develop a business plan for the wastewater/recycled water business	Chris Reynolds	Prepare Wastewater/recycled water business plan	Consultant engaged December 2021 Draft business plan prepared by March 2022 Business plan finalised and adopted by end May 2022.	Will require external support for elements of the Business Plan (circa \$75k) supported by internal staff time (circa 300hrs) including wastewater staff, Finance and Corporate Governance Group	Need to establish a consultant brief .
Recommendation 2: Council should update and maintain its asset management plan	Phil Burton	Updated wastewater Asset Management Plan (AMP) that is of a standard equivalent to a small-medium water utility and accords with industry standards.	Consultant engaged (December 2021) Draft AMP (June 2022) Endorsed AMP (October 2022)	Will require external asset planning skills (circa \$60k) supported by internal staff time (circa 150hrs)	The wastewater AMP was last updated by an external consultant in 2020 and outcomes combined with Council's AMP. It is now proposed to keep them as separate documents.

		Diaitas	at 31/0/21		
Recommendation 3:	Chris Reynolds	Confirm with Finance all	February/March 2022	Supported by	Exercise has taken
Council should		assumptions, capital and		internal staff time	place to prepare the
ensure all revenue		renewal programs are		(circa 200hrs),	wastewater 40 year
and expenditure is		included.		External Resources	financial model and
included in long-		Future expenditure		\$25k	will be a follow up
term financial		needs to be quantified			and confirmation
planning, drawing		and included in the			
on and informing		assumptions of the LTFP			
related plans		(and 40 year modelling):			
		- Renewal /			
		upgrade of			
		township systems			
		 Conversion of 			
		CWMS to Sewer			
		(Trunk and local			
		infrastructure)			
		across the			
		network,			
		- City Centre sewer			
		upgrades			
		- Nairne Sewer			
		 Recycled water 			
		Strategy			
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		Diait as	at 31/8/21		
Recommendation 4:	Chris Reynolds	Included in Business Plan	Included in BP update	Included in	Included in BP
Council should		Define the frequency and	Interim template and	Business Plan	
develop a structured		type of communications,	strategy completed by	External resource	
Stakeholder		key stalk holders, media,	May 2022	such as	
Engagement Plan		contact persons and		Commshake \$20k	
		communication			
		events. It is created and			
		updated frequently as			
		stakeholder and business			
		communication needs			
		change.			
Recommendation 5:	Brian Clancey	Council to clearly	3 -6 months to	Internal	
Council should		establish the position of	establish if it is an early	supplemented by	
renew and		SA Water in relation to	"no" or not to a	external resources –	
invigorate a		the possibility of them	possible arrangement	quantum is yet to	
Memorandum of		playing a lead or support	with SA Water.	be established	
Understanding with		role.			
SA Water					
		Not proposed to have a			
		further Memorandum of			
		Understanding.			

		Draft as	at 31/8/21		
Recommendation 6: Council should develop an Environmental Management System with clear objectives, targets and a continuous improvement plan	Chris Reynolds	EIP Updates and renewal Prepare mission statements and include in the Business Plan	Early 2024	Will require external skills (circa \$40) supported by internal staff (circa 100hrs)	
Recommendation 7: Council should develop and maintain a structured Risk Management Plan, including documenting links with the Long-Term Financial Model	Chris Reynolds	Included in Business Plan (BP) A risk management plan to identify potential risks to the Wastewater entity, estimate the impact and the probability of them happening, and then define responses	Included in BP update 2022/23	Included in BP	
Recommendation 8: Council should revisit the governance and structure of the wastewater/recycled water business	Brian Clancey				

			Diaitas	at 31/8/21		
Part 1 –	Brian Clancey	a)	Review and revise	Formalise revised	Internal	
Governance Reform			the terms of	terms of reference for		
			reference for the	the SAP at the October		
			Strategic Advisory	2021 council meeting		
			Panel to the CEO			
			(SAP)			
	Brian Clancey	b)	Prepare a report	Autumn 2022	External resource	Project brief to be
			(for consideration			prepared.
			at a council		Preliminary cost	
			meeting) on the		estimate of around	To identify what
			implications of		\$15,000	would be required
			council			and the anticipated
			establishing a			benefits and
			subsidiary, to		•	resource impact
			include			(both establishment
			recommendations			and ongoing)
			on key points such			
			as the			
			determination of			
			the Board			
			composition			
Part 2 –	Andrew Stuart	c)	Review of current	End 2021	Internal	CEO responsibility
Staffing/Structure			wastewater senior			
			management			
			structure and staff			
			accountabilities			

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Preliminary estimate of		\$235k	Much of this will be
total budget for external			required in
resources capability			2021/22 with the
			balance in 2022/23
			and 2023/24



Attachment 2 to Item 18.1

Reference: DOC/21/128386

9 August 2021



Mr David Ryan Chief Executive SA Water

Via Email: David.Ryan@sawater.com.au

Dear Mr Ryan

RE: Sewer Service for Mount Barker

I am writing further to our letter exchange in late 2020 in relation to the council commissioning a report on council's Wastewater/Recycled Water Service Delivery.

That report was prepared by Jo Ryan from Frontier Economics in association with Shaun Cox from Inxure Strategy Group.

The preparation of the report included input from SA Water which occurred via your nominee Julie Arbon, Business Development Manager.

The report remains the subject of a confidentiality order via a council meeting resolution.

Please find attached extracts from the report in relation to SA Water.

It is now timely to establish clarity as to the position of SA Water on:

- whether there is any interest from SA Water in playing a lead role in the provision
 of a sewer service in Mount Barker and if so, an indication of the basis upon which
 such interest could progress such as the nature of the pre-conditions that would
 need to be met; and
- 2. the willingness of SA Water to work proactively with council (further to previous initiatives) to provide support and enable council to continue to be an effective wastewater service provider to cater for growth in the district.

It would be preferable if we met to discuss these matters in the first instance prior to the preparation of a formal response from SA Water.

To facilitate that, I will ask Ashleigh Norton, Personal Assistant to the CEO to contact your office with a view to arranging a suitable time for such a discussion.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Stuart

Chief Executive Officer

cc Extracts from Frontier Economics Report in relation to SA Water





Wastewater service delivery options



A report for Mount Barker Council | 30 June 2021

Wastewater service delivery options

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Recommendation 5: Council should renew and invigorate a Memorandum of Understanding with SA Water

During this review, SA Water indicated a strong willingness to work proactively with Mt Barker to assist them in meeting the challenges of growth in the region and enhancing their overall approach to managing wastewater. In doing so, SA Water made it clear they could only provide a limited amount of "in-kind" support, beyond which Mt Barker would need to pay for any additional support. There are clear benefits to Council from working with SA Water. We recommend that Council renew and thus reinvigorate their MOU with SA Water.



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Engagement with SA Water

A key stakeholder worthy of note in this report is SA Water. An SA Water representative was interviewed as part of this review. It is noted that Council has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with SA Water. However, there was no evidence of this MOU being actively used. The relationship between both parties was described as "stop / start". There have been periods of activity followed by periods of inertia. There are a range of benefits Council could realise from a more proactive relationship with SA Water including:

- Peer reviews of major planning and infrastructure decisions and projects, given SA Water's strong technical background in this area
- Working jointly on recycled water opportunities
- The possible secondment of staff to assist with development or delivery of certain programs and to lift the overall standard and capability of Mt Barkers approach to managing wastewater
- Potential opportunities to leverage SA Water's purchasing power for commodities such as chemicals and electricity; and
- Potential opportunities to leverage important initiatives such as SA Water's shift to become a zero-carbon business
- Stronger shared understanding of potential future service delivery models, including the pros and cons of models involving SA Water.

During this review, SA Water indicated a strong willingness to work proactively with Mt Barker to assist them in meeting the challenges of growth in the region and enhancing their overall approach to managing wastewater. In doing so, SA Water made it clear they could only provide a limited amount of "in-kind" support, beyond which Mt Barker would need to pay for any additional support.

It is strongly recommended that Council renew and thus reinvigorate their MOU with SA Water. This should be preceded by strategy session with both parties to ensure there is a clear purpose to the MOU and it will deliver value to both parties. It would be beneficial for Council to also precede any such MOU negotiations with the development of a Business Plan for the wastewater activity, so it is clear on what they are seeking to achieve from any such relationship.

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18. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18.1 REPORT TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - WASTEWATER SERVICE

DELIVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

DATE OF MEETING: 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

FILE NUMBER: DOC/21/135220

ATTACHMENTS: 1. DOC/21/111021 - PRIORITISED PROGRAM OF

ACTIONS

2. DOC/21/129032 - COUNCIL LETTER TO SA

WATER

Moved Councillor Hardingham that Council:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)

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The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the Council.

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open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of Council's commercial position may prejudice Council's ability to be able to negotiate a cost-effective proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter.

Seconded Councillor Jones

CARRIED 0M20210906.12

Moved Councillor Orr that Council:

2. endorse the prioritised program (inclusive of responsibility, timing and resources) with proposed actions (see attachment 1) to implement the recommendations from the Wastewater Service Delivery Options Report, noting that this will necessitate some adjustments to the wastewater budget for 2021/22 when council considers budget review number 1 which is anticipated to occur at the November 2021 council meeting.

8.39pm Councillor Leach entered the Chamber and took his chair

Seconded Councillor Morrison

CARRIED 0M20210906.13

Moved Councillor Seager that Council:

Section 91(7) Order

Pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b)

That having considered Agenda Item 18.1 Wastewater Service Delivery Report – Implementation Program in confidence under 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Act orders that the council report, related documents and all minutes be retained in confidence until a communication strategy has been prepared and implemented, with key stakeholders (including Mr Dan Cregan MP, SA Water and regulators) to be notified in advance of information being made available to the broader community with the objective that in the first instance the Frontier Economics Report be made available as soon as is reasonably practicable and the remaining information as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, and in any event by no later than 30 June 2022.

Seconded Councillor Jones	CARRIED 0M20210906.14
MEETING DECLARED CLO	OSED AT 8.49 PM
MAYOR	 DATE