

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 30 JUNE 2026, COMMENCING AT 9:40 AM**

Present: Crs B Reynolds (Mayor), I Dorsett, C Gosewisch, K Hutchings and J Newstead

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES

2606/E001

RESOLVED:

That the apology, tendered on behalf of Cr Johnston and Cr Scott, be accepted.

(Gosewisch/Dorsett)

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

RECORDING OF MEETING

2606/E002

RESOLVED:

That Council authorise WIN News to record at this meeting.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORM

Kathryn Woods – Item 1 – DA2025/0061 – Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm and Minor Boundary Adjustment – 180 Greghamstown Road, Blayney

Cheryl McAlister – Item 1 – DA2025/0061 – Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm and Minor Boundary Adjustment – 180 Greghamstown Road, Blayney

Megan Fardon – Item 1 – DA2025/0061 – Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm and Minor Boundary Adjustment – 180 Greghamstown Road, Blayney

Chevaun Fenton - Item 1 – DA2025/0061 – Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm and Minor Boundary Adjustment – 180 Greghamstown Road, Blayney

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**DA2025/0061 - ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITY
SOLAR FARM (TWO 4.99MW SOLAR FARM AND BATTERY
STORAGE ENERGY SYSTEM (BESS) & MINOR BOUNDARY
ADJUSTMENT - LOT 74 DP 750390 & LOT 83 DP 750390 - 180
GREGHAMSTOWN ROAD, BLAYNEY****2606/E003****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Planning Assessment report prepared for the Western Regional Planning Panel on DA2025/0061 - Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm (two 4.99MW solar farm and battery storage energy system (BESS) & minor Boundary Adjustment.
2. Makes a submission to the Western Regional Planning Panel on DA2025/0061 - Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm (two 4.99MW solar farm and battery storage energy system (BESS) & minor Boundary Adjustment;
 - a. Advising that Blayney Shire Council does not support the proposed development,
 - b. Requesting that the Western Regional Planning Panel refuses development consent for DA2025/0061- Electricity Generating Facility Solar Farm (two 4.99MW solar farm and battery storage energy system (BESS) & minor Boundary Adjustment for the following reasons:
 - i. That the development application avoids the State Significant Development approval pathway scrutiny by project splitting and should be considered under these rules, considering its size,
 - ii. Not providing costing details of the project to avoid the State Significant Development approval pathway,
 - iii. Insufficient information in the application about the batteries, size and ongoing risk,
 - iv. The unacceptable visual impact on the Blayney township and surrounds,
 - v. The unacceptable impact on the neighbouring residents,
 - vi. The development is inconsistent with the RU2 Rural Landscape Zone objectives,
 - vii. The development is against the community interest when considering: potential future expansion of the Blayney Township and/or potential further deposits of valuable natural resource deposits,
 - viii. There will be likely a battery modification application at a later date for more batteries, expanding the project further and bypassing the

State Significant Development approval pathway.

3. Authorise the Mayor to present Blayney Shire Council's position to the Western Regional Planning Panel public determination meeting.
4. Request if the Western Regional Planning Panel approves the development that they consider the modified conditions of consent for the project recommended by Blayney Shire Council.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Reynolds	
Councillor Newstead	
Councillor Gosewisch	
Councillor Dorsett	
Councillor Hutchings	
Total (5)	Total (0)
	CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.27am.

The Minute Numbers 2606/E001 to 2606/E003 were confirmed on 28 July 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2026.

Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR