

Minutes of Special Electors' Meeting

held on

Tuesday 8 March 2022, 5.30PM

at Meadow Springs Sports Facility, Meadow Springs Reserve
294 Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:43pm.

2 ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS

MAYOR	R WILLIAMS	MAYOR
COUNCILLOR	B POND	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	J GREEN	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	D WILKINS	EAST WARD
COUNCILLOR	A KEARNS	EAST WARD
COUNCILLOR	C KNIGHT [Deputy Mayor]	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	P JACKSON	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	A ZILANI	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	D SCHUMACHER	TOWN WARD
COUNCILLOR	P ROGERS	TOWN WARD
COUNCILLOR	R BURNS	TOWN WARD

OFFICERS

MR	M NEWMAN	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MRS	C MIHOVILOVICH	DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES
MRS	T JONES	MANAGER GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY
MRS	L SLAYFORD	MINUTE OFFICER

PUBLIC

225 persons (approximately)

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Williams acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Bindjareb people, and paid his respect to their Elders past and present.

4 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

The purpose of the Electors' Special Meeting is to hear from the community in relation to a COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement. Electors at the meeting were given the opportunity to vote on the seven motions presented.

5 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION

SPE.1/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION ONE

MOTION

Moved: Mark Chapman

Seconded: Matt Wightman

That the Local Government to advocate to the State Government in support of these fundamental and basic principles.

No person should be:

- a) Prevented from performing work and unable to pay their mortgages or providing for their family. Neither should business be being prevented from receiving income by being required to deny service to members of the community.**
- b) Across the State people are being discriminated and segregated based on their vaccination status. This has caused significant mental health effects and even suicide attempts.**
- c) Many people are being forced to do what they do not want to do, to become vaccinated, to work and participate in the society. This is coercion. No one should be manipulated into the need to undergo a medical treatment to work or participate.**
- d) This is a deprivation of basic benefits and protections of employment through statute.**
- e) The health direction restrict access to premises, such as worksites or cafes, which is a violation of a person's right to the freedom of movement.**
- f) The consequence of this is that people are being restricted from participating in their community and meeting with friends.**
- g) The right to privacy is being invaded and required to provide evidence of person's medical details.**
- h) There should be equality before the laws, but currently the un-vaccinated are being subject to laws and penalties that others are not subject. This is clear discrimination and segregation.**

CARRIED:

FOR: 224 (approx)

AGAINST: 1

SPE.2/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION TWO

MOTION

Moved: Mark Chapman

Seconded: Matt Wightman

That the Local Government shall:

- a) **Not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and**
- b) **As far as practicable redeploy or reinstate employees of the Local Government, that risk termination or have been terminated on the basis of vaccination status;**
- c) **Honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination; and**
- d) **Establish means to compensate Local Government employees that have lost income as a consequence of termination on the basis of vaccination status.**

CARRIED:

FOR: 224 (approx)

AGAINST: 1

SPE.3/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION THREE

MOTION

Moved: Mark Chapman

Seconded: Matt Wightman

That the Local Government actively advocate for:

- a) **The removal of the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and**
- b) **The repeal of any mandate or written law, or, anything done under any mandate or written law that conflicts with this position statement.**

CARRIED:

FOR: 224 (approx)

AGAINST: 1

SPE.4/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION FOUR

MOTION

Moved: Rosie Cornell

Seconded: Matt Wightman

That the Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:

- a) **Other Local Governments across the State;**
- b) **Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA);**
- c) **Local Government Professionals WA; and**
- d) **Other professional bodies, associations, and business entities.**

CARRIED:
FOR: 224 (approx)
AGAINST: 1

SPE.5/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION FIVE

MOTION

Moved: Mark Chapman
Seconded: Matt Wightman

Requests that the City of Mandurah advocate on behalf of local volunteers to the State Government to remove the vaccine mandate, allowing all willing community members to participate in volunteer work

CARRIED:
FOR: 224 (approx)
AGAINST: 1

SPE.6/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION SIX

MOTION

Moved: Matt Wightman
Seconded: Mark Chapman

Requests that the City of Mandurah:

- a) **Write to the State Government to initiate a survey regarding impacts of mandates on small businesses;**
- b) **Write to the State Government and request that they provide absolute clarity to businesses with regards to any liability of all mandates; and**
- c) **Ask the State Government to request clear information that clarifies the mandates for all local businesses regarding overreach.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPE.7/3/22 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT - MOTION SEVEN

MOTION

Moved: Mark Chapman
Seconded: Matt Wightman

Requests that the City of Mandurah advocates to all relevant State and Federal Ministers for removal of all mandates and restrictions, as these mandates are causing segregation and immense harm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:07pm.

CONFIRMED (MAYOR)

Minute Attachment – Special Electors' Agenda 8 March 2022

CONFIRMED



NOTICE OF MEETING

ELECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

Members of Council are advised that an ELECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING will be held at Meadow Springs Sports Facility, Meadow Springs Reserve, 294 Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs on:

**Tuesday 8 March 2022
at 5.30pm**

MARK R NEWMAN
Chief Executive Officer
1 March 2022

AGENDA

- 1 OPENING OF MEETING**
- 2 ATTENDANCE**
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 4 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND MEETING PROCEDURE**
- 5 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION**
- 6 CLOSE OF MEETING**

Attention: The Mayor – City Council of Mandurah
Re: Special Electors’ Meeting – 8 March 2022

‘COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement’

Motion # 1

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

The motion to be considered, forms the first part of a advocacy position statement called the ‘COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement’. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

The first part of the position statement, to be voted on in this motion, is a list of basic principles and rights that we believe are fundamental and are currently being violated by the State Government.

We believe that the Local Government should advocate to the State Government in support of these fundamental and basic principles.

No person should be:

- (a) prevented from performing work and unable to pay their mortgages or providing for their family. Neither should business be being prevented from receiving income by being required to deny service to members of the community.
- (b) Across the State people are being discriminated and segregated based on their vaccination status. This has caused significant mental health effects and even suicide attempts.
- (c) Many people are being forced to do what they do not want to do, to become vaccinated, to work and participate in the society. This is coercion. No one should be manipulated into the need to undergo a medical treatment to work or participate.
- (d) This is a deprivation of basic benefits and protections of employment through statute.
- (e) The health direction restrict access to premises, such as worksites or cafes, which is a violation of a person’s right to the freedom of movement.
- (f) The consequence of this is that people are being restricted from participating in their community and meeting with friends.
- (g) The right to privacy is being invaded and required to provide evidence of person’s medical details.
- (h) There should be equality before the laws, but currently the un-vaccinated are being subject to laws and penalties that others are not subject. This is clear discrimination and segregation.

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Access means to enter or remain at a premises.

Approved COVID-19 vaccine means:

- a. any vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia for the purpose of vaccinating persons against COVID-19 or any mutations and derivatives thereof; and/or,
- b. any other vaccine specified by the Chief Health Officer, or any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer for that purpose, as an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Premises has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

Vaccine does not mean the medical terminology as defined in medical journals but is the generic term in the context of COVID-19 as referred to by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Chief Health Officer and Government Officials, and publications and statements made and issued under their auspices.

Vaccination status means whether a person is not vaccinated or has been vaccinated.

Not vaccinated means that the person has not been administered with any dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

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Motion # 2

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

The motion to be considered, forms the second part of a advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

That the Local Government shall:

- a) not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and,
- b) as far as practicable redeploy or reinstate employees of the Local Government, that risk termination or have been terminated on the basis of vaccination status;
- c) honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination; and,
- d) establish means to compensate Local Government employees that have lost income as a consequence of termination on the basis of vaccination status.

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Motion # 3

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

The motion to be considered, forms the third part of a advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

That the Local Government actively advocate for:

- a) the removal of the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and
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Motion # 4

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

The motion to be considered, forms the fourth part of a advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

The Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:

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Motion # 7

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