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**10.1.2. GM - LATE REPORT - 24/01/2022 - Delegate to Upper Macquarie County Council**

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**Department** Executive

**Authorised by** General Manager

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**Summary**

To appoint two Council delegates to the Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC) for the term of Council.

**Commentary**

This Council is a member of the Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC), which is the weeds authority for the council areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Lithgow and Oberon. The UMCC has four principal program areas-

- Weed Biosecurity Compliance Program
- Business Management Program
- Landholder Support Program
- Roadsides Weed Control program

As a member the Council is entitled to appoint two councillors as delegates on the UMCC. The election of appointment of delegates to the UMCC is for the period of the Council. The role carries a small annual stipend. The UMCC typically meets on 6 weekly cycles, generally in the afternoon. The first meeting of the UMCC will establish the meeting arrangements.

**Nominations**

Schedule 9 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 applies. The nomination:

- (a) may be made without notice by any councillor of the Council
- (b) is to be in writing delivered or sent to the returning officer
- (c) is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing

**Election of Delegates**

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Schedule 9, prescribes how a councillor is to be elected as a member of a county council. If there are more than two nominees, then an election is to be held by way of preferential ballot. A Nomination Form will be separately distributed to the Councillors. Councillors are to return the form to the General Manager, or it is to be handed to the General Manager at the commencement of the meeting.

The procedure for the election will be:

1. The General Manager will be the Returning Officer
2. The General Manager will call for further nominations
3. Nominations will be closed
4. The Returning Officer will announce the names of the nominees
5. If more than two nominations are received, an election will be held.
6. The election is to be conducted by preferential ballot
7. The election is to be declared at the Council meeting at which the ballot is held

**Attachments**

Nil

**Recommendation**

THAT Council appoint two delegates to the Upper Macquarie County Council.