MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

2 February 2026

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MINUTES OF TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THURSDAY ISLAND ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026

1 AGENDA CONTENTS

2 ATTENDANCE

Cr Elsie Seriat (Mayor), Cr Toshio Nakata (Deputy Mayor), Cr Gabriel Bani, Cr Thomas Loban, Cr Thomas Fujii (Jnr), Mary Bani (Chief Executive Officer), Edward Kulpa (Director Project, Planning & Environment), Roger Naidoo (Director Engineering and Infrastructure Services), Karren MacClure (Director Corporate and Community Services), and Isabella Muhamad-Mosby (A/Executive Secretary).

3 MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened with a prayer Cr Gabriel Bani at 9:10 am.

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Kaurareg people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and the Traditional Owners of Zenadth Kes.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – CR THOMAS LOBAN

Cr Thomas Loban. stated that he has a declarable a conflict of interest in item 8.1 - Licenced Builder Engagement, (as defined by *Local Government Act 2009, section 150ES (3)(a)(i)*) as follows:

I, Cr Thomas Loban, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 8.1 - Licenced Builder Engagement due to being related to party.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 5A, Cr Thomas Loban advise to depart the Council Meeting and take no part in the Agenda Item 8.1 - Licenced Builder Engagement.

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7 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

7.1 FOOD SECURITY PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION Min. SM25/2/1
Moved: Deputy Mayor Toshio Nakata
Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani

That Council:

1. Endorses the Food Security Strategy as presented.

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Thomas Loban departed the Council Meeting at 9:32am whilst item 8.1 – Licenced Builder Engagement Report is discussed.

8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Regulation s.254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

8.1 Licenced Builder Engagement

Time: 9:32am
RECOMMENDATION Min. SM25/2/2
Moved: Cr Thomas Fujii
Seconded: Mayor Elsie Seriat

That Council go into In Committee

CARRIED

Time: 9:48am
RECOMMENDATION Min. SM25/2/3
Moved: Cr Gabriel Bani
Seconded: Cr Thomas Fujii

That Council come out of In Committee.

CARRIED

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8.1 LICENCED BUILDER ENGAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION Min. SM25/2/4
Moved: Mayor Elsie Seriat
Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani

That Council:

1. Approves the engagement of Robert and Cecelia Davi for a 6-month engagement; and
2. Delegates authority to the CEO to delegate appropriate approvals for work to commence.

CARRIED

ARRIVAL: Cr Thomas Loban returned to the Special Council Meeting at 9:49am.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed with a prayer by Cr Gabriel Bani at 9:54am.

Confirmed this day of

MAYOR

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