



**MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL**

**7 JULY 2011**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**EXTRACT FROM DRAFT PUBLIC  
MINUTES IN RELATION TO COAL  
SEAM GAS**

REPORT TITLE: 1. NOTICE OF MOTION - PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES

REPORT FROM: COUNCILLOR JOHNTRAMBY

FILE NUMBER: 11-0002

LETTER NO:

*Councillor Tramby submitted the following notice of motion:*

**11/07/07 RESOLVED: (TRAMBY/GALL)**

**1. That Moree Plains Shire Council shall:**

- (a) write to all companies that hold Petroleum Exploration Licenses within the Moree Plains Shire either alone or in partnership with other exploration companies or petroleum production companies and including their respective subsidiaries, holding companies and affiliates. The letter to state that as Council currently has a moratorium on any exploration including seismic surveying and exploration drilling on any Council owned land or land under Council's care and control, that any permission given in writing or implied is not valid;
- (b) publish its intent to deny access for all forms of coal seam gas exploration activities;
- (c) in conjunction with the NSW Farmers Association, develop a document of "frequently asked questions" (FAQs) on coal seam gas to be placed on Council's website to allow for facts to be highlighted and for the public to be better informed; and
- (d) continue, and not reassess, its moratorium on coal seam gas until such time as the NSW Government has enacted relevant legislation.

**2. In addition, Council's policy on conducting seismic surveys on public road reserves is currently on display for public comment. Until Council has reviewed the public's comments on this policy and has adopted a policy, we cannot process any application for permission to enter land under the care, control and/or management of Council for the purposes of exploration.**

REPORT TITLE:	A.	NOTICE OF MOTION - AUTHORITY OF GENERAL MANAGER IN RELATION TO APPROVAL OF MINING ACTIVITIES
REPORT FROM:		COUNCILLOR JOHNTRAMBY
FILE NUMBER:	11-0002	LETTER NO:

*Councillor Tramby submitted the following notice of motion:*

**11/07/08 RESOLVED: (TRAMBY/GALL)**

**That Moree Plains Shire Council removes any delegated authority that has either been given in writing or implied to the General Manager to approve access for the carrying out of mining or petroleum exploration, in any form, on land which Council is considered the "Landholder" or any land under the care or control of Council.**

**That any request received to be a matter for Council.**

REPORT TITLE:	B.	NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN RELATION TO COAL SEAM GAS
REPORT FROM:		COUNCILLOR JOHNTRAMBY
FILE NUMBER:	11-0002	LETTER NO:

**11/07/09 RESOLVED: (MONTGOMERY/GALL)**

That Mrs Rebecca Reardon be invited to provide comment on the proposed Notice of Motion.

*Councillor Tramby submitted the following notice of motion:*

**11/07/10 RESOLVED: (TRAMBY/VON DREHNEN)**

That Moree Plains Shire Council support, facilitate and resource the formation of a community consultative committee to review the social, economic and environmental impact of the industry known as coal seam gas (CSG) if such an industry was to develop within the Moree Plain Shire. The committee to include, the Economic Development Officer and a member Moree Tourism.

That Moree Plains Shire Council requests the committee to undertake investigations in relation to CSG including: visit and interview communities and shires currently impacted by CSG exploration and production; To meet with the State and Federal member to ascertain their position on the CSG industry; To investigate the affect of "self regulation" on the environment and sustainable agricultural production; Ascertain the impact of a "two speed" economy on our Shire in particular our tourism and ability to attract and/or retain a conventional work force within our Shire; Seek funding to carry out a full review of a cost benefit analysis on the effect of CSG in the short and long term; and also the productivity and financial impact on the Shire and the people.