
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 MAY 2025
NOTICES OF MOTION REPORT**

The following Notices of Motion has been received.

Notice of Motion from Cr Smith

1. PARKES SAP – PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

That Narromine Shire Council write a letter to Parkes Shire Council which incorporates the following:

- 1. Expressing deep concern over the energy from waste incinerator proposal to be located in the Parkes SAP, in regards to the ramifications on the Narromine LGA's residents' health and environmental and agricultural impacts such as pollution and contamination.***
- 2. Seeking clarification as to where the process is at the present time and provide a timeline for the proposal.***
- 3. Requesting that Narromine Shire Council is kept apprised of the development's progress.***
- 4. That Parkes Shire Council provide ongoing detailed information on the storage and disposal plans of all residue waste from the incineration process (namely fly ash and aggregate).***

The intention of this motion is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Narromine LGA residents and to protect the livelihoods of our community.

Notice of Motion from Cr Howe

2. HIGH SECURITY WATER EXTRACTION LICENCE

That Narromine Shire Council apply for a High Security Extraction Licence from the Macquarie River.

Intention to secure and safeguard the town water supply and have an alternate source of water other than underground Bore water which continues to fall in levels and quality.

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Currently, Council does not have infrastructure in place to draw water directly from the Macquarie River for drinking water purposes. Implementing such a system would require construction of a new river offtake and a pipeline to transfer water to the existing Water Treatment Plant on the McGrane Way. This option was extensively assessed in Council's Water Security Options Report and currently there is no funding available to undertake this work.

2. HIGH SECURITY WATER EXTRACTION LICENCE (Cont'd)

As part of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) strategy, Council also conducted a comprehensive groundwater investigation. This study concluded that local groundwater supplies are currently adequate and expected to remain sufficient to meet future demand for the immediate to medium-term future.

Purchasing a High Security Water Licence is not considered a viable option at this time due to the high cost and limited utility. Current market prices for high security licences are approximately \$10,000 per megalitre. Additionally, purchasing of high security licences are very rare as water is a high-value commodity and generally not sold, in the last 12 months only approximately 7 ML of high security water has been sold.

Council's strategic focus remains on the delivery of the new Water Treatment Plant. It is not recommended to purchase high water licence, however, Council will continue to work with the Department to secure funding for infrastructure to enable river water to be pumped to our treatment plant. Once funding is secured Council will look to obtain a high-security water licence specifically for town water supply which can be issued directly from the Minister and negates requirements to purchase water entitlements.