



**LATE REPORTS
AGENDA
Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**To be held on
Thursday 13 March 2025
At 2:00 PM**



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18 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**18.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON TO AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Author: HR Coordinator
Authoriser: General Manager
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That John Batchelor be appointed Independent Chair of the Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for a two (2) year term.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority 2 Customer Service Focus

BACKGROUND

Warren Rushby resigned from the position of Chair of the Goldenfields Water County Council Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) on 20 January 2025. In order to be compliant with amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* a new Independent Chair is to be appointed.

REPORT

As reported to Council at the August 2024 council meeting, amendments have been made to *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* under the *Local Government Act 1993*, requiring all councils and joint organisations to have a risk management framework and an internal audit function and to prescribe membership requirements for audit risk and improvement committees. Councils and joint organisations are required to comply with these requirements from 1 July 2024.

At the August council meeting the board resolved the appointment of Warren Rushby to the position of Independent Chair of Goldenfields Water's ARIC.

On 20 January 2025 Warren Rushby resigned from his position of Independent Chair of Goldenfields Water's ARIC.

Expressions of interest were invited from suitable persons who met the pre-qualification criteria as contained in the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Audit Risk and Improvement Committees) Regulation 2023*, clause 216 D - Eligibility for appointment as chairperson—the Act, Sch 6, cl 19B.

A total of three (3) EOI's were received and reviewed by the Operations Manager and Human Resources Coordinator. Recommendations from the selection panel were reviewed by the General Manager. It is recommended that John Batchelor be appointed as Independent Chair of Goldenfields Water County Council ARIC for a two (2) year term.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.