



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

10th October 2006

MM1	OPENING PRAYER FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS	FILE: 469	EAG	{Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

To introduce an opening prayer for Council meetings.



DESCRIPTION:

It is proposed that we introduce an opening prayer for all Council meetings with Ministers Fraternal taking turns in delivering prayer.

Alternatively Councillors themselves can recite a short prayer at the commencement of meetings.

In the event of option two being agreed to I would like Council to adopt the following prayer for recital: -

"Dear Lord help us in our delivery today so that our decisions will be for the greater good for the whole of Kempsey Shire".

This custom is performed at Port Macquarie Hastings Council and is proving to be very beneficial.

Rational:

As we are predominately a Christian society Council should be giving leadership to our community in this regard.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

To foster a Christian belief within the community.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

If adopted by Council, the relevant changes will need to be made to the Code of Meeting Practice.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts and implements a prayer at the commencement of Council meetings.

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E A Green
MAYOR