

**NOTICE TO NOT HOLD  
COUNCIL MEETING UNDER  
S257(2)  
FOR THE MONTH OF  
MARCH 2024**



A letter was forwarded to The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for Housing Minister for Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 seeking approval to not hold Council's March 2024 Council Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The letter sought exemption for fulfilling the criteria in section 257 of the Regulation seeking exemption for this meeting due to the Local Government quadrennial elections being held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

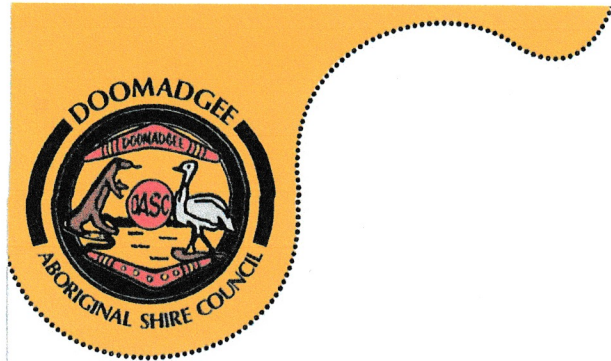
Attached is a copy of the letter forwarded by Council on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, a copy of the reply received from Director Louisa Lynch, Local Government Governance and Capability dated 14<sup>th</sup> February stating that the application was being processed.

The third attachment is a letter from Joshua Hannan, Deputy Director-General Local Government Division stating that pursuant to section 257(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, he approved Council's application to not hold a Council Meeting in March 2024 due to the close proximity to the 2024 Local Government Election.

TROY FRASER  
Chief Executive Officer

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

3 Attachments



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12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

The Hon, Meaghan Scanlon  
Minister for Housing,  
Minister for Local Government  
*and Planning, and*  
Minister for Public Works  
31/1 William Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Minister,

**MARCH 2024 COUNCIL MEETING LISTED FOR THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

With the Local Government quadrennial elections being held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Council is concerned especially with the closing of postal votes and the continued counting of votes. Therefore Council may not know the election results, who will be elected to the Mayoral and Councillor positions and it will be difficult in holding our meeting.

As Council's March monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 Council is seeking the Ministers approval for exemption from fulfilling the criteria in Section 257 of the Regulation and seeking that you exempt Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Councils requirements for the month of March 2024.

Once the candidates are known from the Election Council will proceed with the swearing in of the Mayor and Councillors and then the holding of the next Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 as scheduled.

Council awaits your urgent instructions in regard to any exemptions.

Yours faithfully,

**TROY FRASER**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**From:** Louisa Lynch <Louisa.Lynch@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 February 2024 2:45 PM  
**To:** DASC CEO  
**Cc:** Sian Roberts; Pamela Cameron  
**Subject:** Acknowledgement of application | March council meetings 2024

Dear Mr Fraser

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2024 to the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works, about Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council's preference not to hold a council meeting in March 2024 due to the local government election.

I am pleased to advise that the council's application is currently being processed in accordance with requirements in section 257 Local Government Regulation 2012 and a final response will be provided in due course.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Pamela Cameron, Principal Project Officer, Governance and Capability, Local Government Division by telephone on 0427 800 239 or by email at [pamela.cameron@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:pamela.cameron@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au), who will be pleased to assist.

Regards



**Queensland  
Government**

**Louisa Lynch**

Director

**Local Government Governance and Capability**

Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and  
Public Works

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Our reference: DEPC24/156



15 February 2024

Department of  
**Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works**

Mr Troy Fraser  
Chief Executive Officer  
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council  
ceo@doomadgee.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Fraser

I refer to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council's (the council) letter of 12 February 2024 to the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government, Planning and Minister for Public Works applying for approval for a variation to the requirement for a council to hold a council meeting at least once in each month, in March 2024 due to the timeframe for the 2024 local government election.

I wish to advise that, as the Minister's delegate and pursuant to section 257(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, I approve the council's application to not hold a council meeting in March 2024 due to close proximity to the 2024 local government election.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Ms Louisa Lynch, Director, Governance and Capability, Local Government Division in the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works on 0499 833 689 or by email at [louisa.lynch@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au](mailto:louisa.lynch@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Joshua Hannan  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Local Government Division**