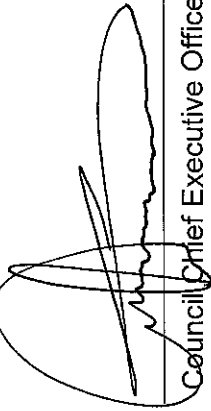


Report of Officer Manager Governance and Engagement to MacDonnell Regional Council Elected Members in Relation to Constitutional Arrangements

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Having duly considered all matters relevant to the current electoral representation arrangements under the *Local Government Act 2008* and *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008* it is recommended that the current arrangements still provide effective representation of the council area with no changes to the constitutional arrangements for council representation proposed. This report has been compiled in consultation with the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.



 Council Chief Executive Officer (sign)

Date: 18/6/20

Proposed motion for council

That Council resolves to approve the report with no changes recommended to the constitutional arrangements for council electoral representation.

This report can now be included in the Council plan in accordance with section 23(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008*.