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These Minutes are unconfirmed.

### **Item 10.1 RECISSION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr M L B Albert**

**Seconded: Cr V L Wevers**

**A. That Council firstly:**

- 1. Unreservedly apologises to the Japanese community in Broome and Taiji, their families and friends for any disrespect caused by Council's resolution of 22 August 2009, the haste with which the decision was made and the lack of consultation with the Broome community.**
- 2. Expresses its sorrow for the public distress caused to the Japanese community by the offensive material left at the Japanese cemetery and will actively assist the WA Police Service to bring those responsible to account, and will pursue that CCTV is installed at the Japanese Cemetery.**
- 3. Invites the Western Australian Japanese Consul General to Broome to meet with Council and the Japanese community.**
- 4. Invites the Japanese community to assist in planning a delegation to Taiji to reinforce the relationship with the Taiji Town Council and pursues a partnership with the Commonwealth Government to fund the delegation.**
- 5. Reviews its community consultation policy; in particular, its process of consultation in a way that includes protection of any cultural group's history and heritage in Broome by providing a suitable framework for engagement and by allowing time for a formal process of consultation."**
- 6. Investigates and considers possible exchanges between the two Towns in 2011 for the 30th Anniversary of the Agreement to formally reaffirm the Sister Town relationship between Broome and Taiji.**
- 7. That Council respects that the purpose of its Sister-City relationship with Taiji is for cultural, social and economic exchange and that Council resiles from imposing sanctions of any kind of economic activity in Taiji.**

**B. That Council secondly, in response to the significant local, international and national pressure that has been placed on the Shire of Broome:**

- 1. Reiterates that it does not condone the current practice of harvesting dolphins in Taiji and other parts of the prefecture.**

2. *Invites the Western Australian Japanese Consul General and the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Broome to advise contents of petitions and to assist Council in having its concerns expressed to the Taiji Town Council and the Japanese Government.*
  3. *The Shire of Broome would like to support Taiji by offering to facilitate alternative economic opportunities similar to those that have seen Broome flourish through tourism and promotion of its natural marine resources and landscape beauty to the people of Taiji.*
- C. *The Chief Executive Officer inform Taiji Town, its citizens and the Japanese Government of this decision.*
- D. *To ensure that the intent of this resolution is clear and to avoid any media ambiguity that the media contacts in relation to this matter shall be through written form.*

*That Council invites representatives of the Japanese Community of Broome to assist Council to compose and distribute a media release to articulate the history and importance of the Sister City relationship and its unique place in Australian social and cultural history.*

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0 BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**