



INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

3 DECEMBER 2024

These Minutes are due to be confirmed at the next
Infrastructure Committee meeting on 18 February 2025.

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**REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM**

1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Wickerson and Councillor Oram.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee of 5 November 2024 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham

Seconded by: Councillor Hilse

MOTION CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

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10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No: 10097
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Portfolio Councillors for Waste and Recycling, Infrastructure and Water will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.

9.02 AM Chief Executive Officer attended the meeting

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Portfolio Updates for Waste and Recycling and Infrastructure be received.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Hilse

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS - OCTOBER 2024

File No: 7028
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: John Gwydir - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

Monthly Project Status Report on all major capital projects being delivered by the Civil Operations section.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Monthly Project Status Report for Civil Operations for October 2024 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP 20 NOVEMBER 2024

File No: 11979
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

The Agenda and Minutes of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group meeting held on 20 November 2024 are provided in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Agenda and Minutes (as shown in Attachment 1 and 2) of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group meeting held on 20 November 2024 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 DECLARATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICE AREAS

File No: 16129
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Dan Toon - Manager Water and Wastewater

SUMMARY

Council is required to review and declare the areas within which it offers reticulated water and sewerage services on an annual basis following changes made to legislation in 2019. This report provides a declaration of these service areas within the Rockhampton Regional Council area.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolve to declare the reticulated water and reticulated sewerage service areas for the localities of Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mount Morgan as shown on the maps attached to the report.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

11.4 LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

File No: 3940
Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Infrastructure Planning
Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Claudine Cassar - Disaster Management Coordinator

SUMMARY

Update to the Local Resilience Action Plan for 2025 for submission to Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorse the Local Resilience Action Plan 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS QUESTIONS

14.1 FITZROY BARRAGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SUPPLY CONTRACT AND CHARGES

File No: 1466

Responsible Officer: Mr D Toon – Manager Water and Wastewater

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT in relation to the Fitzroy Barrage Water Supply Scheme Supply Contract and Charges Council resolve:

1. To amend the Standard Supply Contract Review Date to 1 July 2025;
2. To amend the Fitzroy River Water Charges Review Date to 1 July 2025 and calculate the charges for 2024-25 by applying the PPI adjustment in accordance with the Standard Supply Contract provisions;
3. Commence consultation with customers for the reviewed Standard Supply Contract and proposed price path to apply from 1 July 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15 CLOSED SESSION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9.44 AM

THAT Council move into Closed Session pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Residential Recycling Program

In accordance with section 254J(3)(i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9.58 AM

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

File No: 12534
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Giselle Parsons - Coordinator Resource Recovery Strategy

In accordance with section 254J(3)(i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to notify Council of the outcome of a funding application for Council's Residential Recycling Program under the State Government's "Let's Get It Sorted" (LGIS) Partnership Program; and to provide information on the program's initiatives and activities over the upcoming 12 months.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the report be received.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham

Seconded by: Councillor Hilse

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.59 am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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**MEETING
ATTACHMENTS**

3 DECEMBER 2024

ANNEXURE A

Document presented to Councillors for their reference during the Infrastructure Committee meeting when dealing with:

10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports – Portfolio Update

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Good morning Councillors,

Last week, I attended LAWMAC conference in Mackay on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2024.

There were approximately 100 persons attending from around 20 regional councils (North of North Burnett Shire Council) and businesses stretching from Goondiwindi to Cooktown.

Leanne Randall, Waste Manager from Livingstone Shire Council won the Mary Field Award whilst Kylie Hughes from DETSI won the prestigious Rossko Award for outstanding contribution to the Waste industry. Kylie has been involved with LAWMAC for more than 30 years and was instrumental in the Containers for Change initiative.

We were informed that SIMS Metal will not be accepting Fridge and Freezers in the near future which may be problematic to avoid going to Landfill as it takes up air space.

We were told that a social enterprise business called OUTLOOK manages Waste Transfer Stations at several Councils including Banana Shire Council, Livingstone Shire Council and many more smaller councils.

There was much interest in the presentation from Wildfire Energy which is providing scalable gasification modules to burn waste to produce energy. This may be the future of Waste Management.

Adrienne Burke from DETSI said that the target of 80% diversion of general waste from Landfill by 2030 is not on track and the Government will look at options moving forward.

One option (discussed at WMRR forum recently) was to increase the Waste Levy from \$105/tonne to \$250/tonne. If this was implemented, this would require significant waste reforms or cost the ratepayer immensely.

Another option suggested was to pause the Waste Levy reduction in regional QLD and focus on achieving the 80% diversion target for SE QLD who produce >80% of the State's waste; then focus on the 7 regional centres, then the smaller councils.

Many Councils are strongly considering GO kerbside collections. Gladstone Regional Council are keen to implement GO service (with Rockhampton Regional Council) starting 1st July 2026.

Calendar for 2025: 20/21 February at Townsville, 19/20 June at Mareeba (TBC), and 20/21 November at Gladstone. Note: Meetings have been reduced from 4 meetings to 3 now.

I will be sending Meeting presentation notes from LAWMAC formally to a Council Meeting once they are received from the LAWMAC Secretary.

Overall, another great LAWMAC conference with a lot of new Councillors attending. Our Waste Manager Michael O'Keefe attended this LAWMAC meeting.

Regards,
Cr Shane Latcham