



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

28 FEBRUARY 2022

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MEETING ATTACHMENTS

ANNEXURE A - Documents presented for reference to Item 5.1

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 9:01AM**

1 OPENING

9:02am Councillor Wickerson attended the meeting

9:02am Councillor Mathers attended the meeting

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)

Deputy Mayor, Councillor N K Fisher

Councillor S Latcham

Councillor G D Mathers

Councillor C E Smith

Councillor C R Rutherford

Councillor M D Wickerson

Councillor D Kirkland

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services

Mr M Crow – Manager Infrastructure Planning

Mr A Russell – Manager Strategy and Planning

Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

Mr A Verma – Project Director (C2CConsultancy)

Via Video Link:

Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services

Mr G Bowden – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton

Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer

Mr D Morrison – Manager Office of the Mayor

Mr M Mansfield – Coordinator Media and Communications

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 GRACEMERE AND SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON SEWERAGE STRATEGY REVIEW

File No: 1527
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

A comprehensive review of Council's Sewage Treatment Plant Strategy was recently completed. This report presents an updated strategy and seeks Council's endorsement of the preferred strategy for long term solutions for South Rockhampton and Gracemere STP.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Gracemere and South Rockhampton Long Term Treatment Plant Strategy; and
2. Reallocate \$14.5M from the Gracemere Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade to the North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade and expansion.

Moved by: Councillor Kirkland

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT 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.

7.1 Federal Government Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative

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 Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:07AM

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:34AM

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

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

7.1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROADS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE INITIATIVE

File No: 2756, 12534

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Martin Crow - Manager Infrastructure Planning

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

Council has received correspondence from the Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport, in relation to the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council confirms it's commitment of \$5 million to the Glenroy Road Corridor Upgrade project under the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:35am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE



**MEETING
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ANNEXURE A

Documents presented to Councillors for their reference during the Council meeting when dealing with:

Item 5.1 – Gracemere and South Rockhampton Sewerage Strategy Review

Council Meeting

Monday 28 February 2022



Gracemere and South Rockhampton Sewerage Strategy Review

**By: Ashok Verma, Project Director
C2CConsultancy**



SRSTP +GSTP Long term strategy

- External review has confirmed and validated strategy adopted in 2014 that was to closedown GSTP and built a new larger SRSTP.



SRSTP +GSTP Long term strategy

■ Following 4 Options were analysed,

1. Construct new SRSTP 35,000EP + Upgrade 1x 12,500EP existing process train + refurbish and keep GSTP.
2. Construct new SRSTP 25,000EP + Upgrade both 12,500EP each existing process trains + refurbish and keep GSTP.
3. Construct new SRSTP 35,000EP + Upgrade both 12,500EP each existing process trains but **close** GSTP.
4. **Construct new SRSTP 50,000EP and close GSTP.**

Comparing the Long-Term Strategies

The costs for the four strategies are compared below. All figure1 in 2021 no provision for escalation.

Strategy	Capital Cost	NPV	Refurb Cost Risks
New 35,000EP SRSTP	\$110.7M	\$97.5M	Refurb one (1) SRSTP existing process train, + Potential refurb at GSTP
New 25,000EP SRSTP	\$114.0M	\$99.8M	Refurb two (2) SRSTP existing process trains, + Potential refurb at GSTP
As per 2 above + Close GSTP	\$130.3M	\$106.2M	Refurb two (2) SRSTP trains
New 50,000EP SRSTP	\$117.5M	\$103.8M	Nil



Recommended Long Term Strategy

■ **Construct new SRSTP 50,000EP and close GSTP. Main Reasons**

1. All other options involve multiple plants at two sites, requires significant operational cost / resources,
2. The new 50,000EP single plant avoids all of the refurbishment cost risks, and has benefits of economies of scale, and fewer operational resources,
3. The new 50,000EP strategy is considered to be the best strategy for Council and is recommended, subject to funding availability.

Short Term Issues & Strategy

- Several Short Term Issues identified both at GSTP & SRSTP that require fixing in the meantime to stabilize SRSTP until new SRSTP 50,000EP is commissioned,
- **GSTP**
 1. Non-Compliance with the 'zero discharge' EA,
 2. Odour,
 3. Biosolids/sludge, and
 4. Maintenance.
- **Existing SRSTP**
 1. H₂S gas,
 2. Hydraulic capacity, and
 3. A number of Issues (Aeration diffusers, penstocks, sludge digesters, sludge lagoons).



Other Networks Priority Projects identified to implement Short & Long Term Strategy

- Pipeline between GSTP and SRSTP to transfer raw sewage from GSTP to SRSTP,
- Arthur Street main Sewage Pump Station is at the end of its useful life and must be replaced as a priority project,
- Cost of these two network projects is estimated at \$10M,
- These must be completed by March 2023.



Current Position

- Pipeline from GSTP to SRSTP started but not completed,
- Replace Arthur Street SPS – investigation works commenced.



Recommendation:

- Council accept recommendation for Long Term Strategy for GSTP & SRSTP,
- Council accept the short-term actions for Gracemere and South Rockhampton STP'S,
- Council reallocate the Gracemere STP upgrade budget to the North Rockhampton STP Project