

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2023(01)

9 FEBRUARY 2023

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE: Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson); Mayor Teresa Harding, Councillors Andrew Fechner (Deputy Chairperson), Jacob Madsen (Deputy Mayor) and Kate Kunzelmann

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Graeme Martin), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Emergency Management and Sustainability Manager (Matthew Pinder), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil A Smith), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Councillor Russell Milligan

That the meeting be adjourned at 12.20 pm to reconvene at 1.00 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Milligan	Madsen (Abstain)
Fechner	
Kunzelmann	

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 1.00 pm.

Mayor Teresa Harding arrived at the meeting at 1.01pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

1. UPDATE - NOTICE OF MOTION TO REQUEST WHITE ROCK SPRING MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION ESTATE TO BE DEDICATED AS A NATIONAL PARK

This is a report updating Committee on the actions following the Council Ordinary Meeting Thursday 18 November 2021, where Councillor Tully tabled a Notice of Motion seeking dedication of White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate (WRSMCE) as a National Park.

After actioning the recommendation in discussion with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS), a number of considerations and limitations were identified.

In the same discussions the proposal to look at alternative areas to investigate for a possible National Park within the Ipswich LGA was raised. Whilst this is at a very early stage, it is felt that the benefits to the local and wider community and local environment are worth further investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That Council support continued discussion with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services, Department of Environment and Science around alternative locations, rather than pursue the dedication of White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation Estate as a National Park.

Councillor Andrew Fechner proposed the following as Recommendation B.

- B. That an update be brought to the May 2023 Environment and Sustainability committee.

The seconder of the original motion agreed to the proposed additional recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacob Madsen:

- A. That Council support continued discussion with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services, Department of Environment and Science around alternative locations,**

rather than pursue the dedication of White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation Estate as a National Park.

- B. That an update be brought to the May 2023 Environment and Sustainability committee.**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Milligan	Nil
Fechner	
Harding	
Madsen	
Kunzelmann	

The motion was put and carried.

2. UPDATE - ENGAGEMENT PLANNING - ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

At the Council Ordinary Meeting of 16 September 2021 Council considered recommendations to endorse the formation of a Traditional Owner Reference Group (Indigenous Accord Action item 2.1.1) under the proposed terms and structure. The matter was referred back to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for further consideration.

Through further internal and external discussions regarding the recommendation, a preferred approach was presented for Council to develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Guide (Guide) initially. The Guide aims to include guidelines around the engagement of the Ipswich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, including the appropriate membership structure and topics of consultation for each of the endorsed representative 'Groups' in accordance with the Indigenous Accord 2020-2025.

In doing so Ipswich City Council is acting under the agreed outcomes and action items of the adopted Indigenous Accord, thereby acknowledging the rights, interests and aspirations of the Ipswich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and, more specifically, the Traditional Owners to improve and formalise the process of engagement and consultation in this space.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

- A. That a draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Guide be developed and presented at a future Environment and Sustainability Committee for endorsement, following relevant stakeholder engagement.**

- B. That the matter of establishing a Traditional Owners Reference Group, referred to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for further consideration by Council on the 16 September 2021, be considered following the adoption of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Guide.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(11) OF 29 NOVEMBER 2022**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 29 November 2022 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

4. REVIEW OF THE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

This is a report concerning the annual review of the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

- A. That the updated City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan provided as Attachment 2 be approved.**
- B. That the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, be authorised to make amendments based on feedback from members of the Local Disaster Management Group, who form part of the governance arrangements for adopting this plan.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 12.19 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.08 pm.