

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(08)**

**2 SEPTEMBER 2021**

REPORT

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:** Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil A. Smith), Team Leader (Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning)(Tim Shields), Acting Manager Environment and Sustainability (Matthew Pinder), Manager Communication and Engagement (Laura Bos), Senior Digital Media and Content Officer (Jodie Richter), Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer (Tina Longford), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), ProAv Professional Services Technician (Bradley Hebbard) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Madsen advised that in relation to Item 3 titled Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust 2021-2022 Annual Precept, both Councillor Fechner and himself are appointed by Council to the Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust.

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**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(07) OF 5 AUGUST 2021**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

**That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee No. 2021(07) held on 5 August 2021 be confirmed.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **TRADITIONAL OWNER REFERENCE GROUP**

This is a report concerning the establishment of the Traditional Owner Reference Group and its subsequent role, relationship and responsibilities with Ipswich City Council (Council) and the Native Title Party.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

**\*\*\*A. That Council endorse the formation of the Traditional Owner Reference Group as detailed in the Draft Terms of Reference outlined in Attachment 1.**

**\*\*\*B. That Council endorse the proposed structure of the roles, relationships and responsibilities for the Traditional Owner Reference Group, Council and the Native Title Party as defined in Attachment 3.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. IPSWICH RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST 2021-2022 ANNUAL PRECEPT

This is a report is concerning the 2021-2022 annual precept for the Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust (IRIT), as per Part 6 Division 2 section 14(1) of the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940*.

Council is liable to contribute to the trust each year the sum prescribed in the precept.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

- A. That Council negotiate with the Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust to agree on an alternative sum for their 2021-2022 Precept for a reduced works program this year.**
- B. That Council work in partnership with the Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust to develop an agreed 3-5 year works program and funding model.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's Natural Environment Policy. The policy has been developed to fill a policy gap. Extensive internal and external consultation was undertaken when developing the policy.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

**That the policy titled 'Natural Environment Policy' as detailed in Attachment 1 be adopted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:                      Councillors:  
Milligan                              Nil  
Fechner  
Harding  
Madsen  
Kunzelmann

The motion was put and carried.

5.        IPSWICH PLATYPUS E-DNA MONITORING REPORT FOR 2020-2021

This is a report concerning the results of Ipswich City Council's 2020-2021 platypus eDNA (environmental DNA) monitoring program. This sampling represents the fifth and most extensive platypus monitoring event council has undertaken across the city's waterways.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:  
Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A.        That the platypus eDNA monitoring program be continued annually to monitor the city's existing populations, as well as transient individuals moving throughout systems.**
- B.        That habitat protection and improvement be conducted around key strongholds such as the Woogaroo, Sandy and Opossum Creek catchments to ensure the long-term sustainability of these populations.**
- C.        That detailed habitat assessments be undertaken to identify areas of high-quality habitat and better understand key threats to platypus sustainability.**

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

The motion was put and carried.

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6. STORMWATER QUALITY OFFSET PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

This is a report concerning the Stormwater Quality Offset's Program status from commencement until June 2021. It consists of an overview of the program's rules, list of water quality improvement projects delivered to date including expenditure, liability, efficiency and most recent implementation plan review.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:  
Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

**That the Ipswich City Council Stormwater Quality Offset Program Annual update report be received and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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7. DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PROJECT

This is a report concerning the Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Project undertaken by Council throughout 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:  
Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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8. GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK 2021

This is a report concerning Get Ready Queensland Week in October 2021 and the community education, awareness, and engagement activities that council will carry out in support of the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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9. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP AND THE LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GROUP

This is a report concerning the appointment of an additional Deputy Chairperson to the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Group and a Deputy Chairperson to the City of Ipswich Local Recovery and Resilience Group.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

**A. That Council appoint Councillor Russell Milligan as the secondary Deputy Chairperson of the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Group.**

**B. That Council appoint Councillor Russell Milligan as the Deputy Chairperson of the City of Ipswich Local Recovery and Resilience Group.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan Nil  
Fechner  
Harding  
Madsen  
Kunzelmann

The motion was put and carried.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

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**MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 12.42 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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**\*\*\*Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 16 September 2021 for amendment**