

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(05)**

**16 JUNE 2022**

REPORT

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:** Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), Manager Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Team Leader (Environment and Sustainability Education and Awareness)(Stephani Grove), Acting Chief Financial Officer (Paul Mollenhauer) and Theatre Technician (Trent Gray)

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

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

Nil

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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. 2022(04) OF 5 MAY 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 5 May 2022 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. FLOOD RECOVERY SUPPORT - WILDLIFE CARERS AND PRIVATE LANDHOLDERS**

This is a report concerning flood recovery funding made available to wildlife carers and private landholders who are in partnership with council. The funding in the form of a bursary was made available to eligible wildlife carers and landholders who have a registered Voluntary Conservation Agreement or Land for Wildlife Agreement with council, in response to the 2022 flood impacts. The purpose of the Bursary was to offer immediate support to impacted carers and property owners caring for an increased amount of flood impacted wildlife.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

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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3. POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF A LAND IN SOUTH RIPLEY WITH ENVIROPLAN PROGRAM AND LEVY FUNDS

This is a report concerning the voluntary acquisition of 25.25 hectares of significant conservation land in South Ripley. It is proposed that the Ipswich Enviroplan Program and Levy Funds be used to acquire this land and secure the site. Site location and funds required are outlined in the confidential background information (Attachments 1 to 3).

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

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

- A. That Council resolve to purchase the whole of the land in South Ripley, as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 for environmental purposes.**
- B. That the method of acquisition be by agreement with the affected person/s pursuant to the *Property Law Act 1975* and the *Land Title Act 1994*.**

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

The motion was put and carried.

4. QUEENSLAND FIRE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSORTIUM ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

This is a report concerning the ongoing partnership and financial contribution to the Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium (QFBC).

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
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Councillors:  
Milligan  
Fechner  
Harding  
Madsen  
Kunzelmann

Councillors:  
Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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#### 5. TI TREE BIOENERGY FUNDING - ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's role in managing and delivering on revenue collected from the Ti Tree Bioenergy facility. Ipswich City Council looks to manage and expend these funds in such a way as to offset social and environmental impacts from the facility and improve amenity and environmental values for the local community through the provision of community proposed projects.

This report highlights progress to date on current projects and proposes the list of projects to be developed upon and delivered in the 2022-2023 financial year and beyond.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

**That in accordance with the Ti Tree Bioenergy Funding governance arrangements, Council endorse the proposed program of projects to be pursued in the 2022-2023 financial year.**

AFFIRMATIVE  
Councillors:  
Milligan  
Fechner  
Harding  
Madsen  
Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE  
Councillors:  
Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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6. CHERISH THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION LIMITED

In March 2021, a report was presented to Environment and Sustainability Committee proposing that Council seek legal and governance advice in order to develop an exit strategy for Council from the Cherish the Environment Foundation.

This is a report providing the final documents that make up the exit strategy for Council, including a revised draft Constitution as provided by Cherish the Environment Foundation board.

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

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

**That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms of the Separation Deed, Deed of Indemnity – Stockland, Deed of Indemnity – QR, and Grandchester Services Agreement to be executed by Council and to do any other acts necessary to implement Council’s decision in accordance with section 13(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.**

## 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 12.58 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.25 pm.

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