



City of
Ipswich

AGENDA

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

10 minutes after the conclusion of the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee or such later time as determined by the preceding committee

Council Chambers, Level 8
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Paul Tully (**Chairperson**)
Councillor Jacob Madsen (**Deputy Chairperson**)

Mayor Teresa Harding
Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic
Councillor Marnie Doyle
Councillor Andrew Antonioli
Councillor Jim Madden

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NO. 2026(02)

17 MARCH 2026

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee held on 17 February 2026 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD LAND FOR THE ENERGY QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY BATTERIES PROJECT**

This is a report concerning the disposal of land for new road over part of land in favour of Energex Limited. The disposal will formalise infrastructure located on the land for the Energy Queensland Community Batteries Project.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council resolve that the exception at section 236(1)(b)(i) of the Regulation applies to the disposal of the following interest in land, because it will be to an adjoining road for Energex Limited, a subsidiary of a government agency.

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- B. That Council dispose of the land to road (Council file reference 5616) for a nominal fee of \$5,000 excluding GST, payable to Council.

3. DISPOSAL OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND TO ENERGEX LIMITED FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN WILLOWBANK

This is a report concerning the disposal of an Easement over Council land in favour of Energex Limited. The Easement will facilitate the installation and maintenance of a padmount transformer within the Ipswich Motorsport Precinct in Willowbank.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council resolve pursuant to Section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (“the Regulation”) that the exemption referred to in Section 236(1)(b)(i) of the Regulation applies for the disposal of interest in Part of Land at 133 Champions Way, Willowbank, more particularly described as Lot 11 on SP328524 (“the Land”), by way of Easement agreement for supply of electricity purpose between Council and Energex Limited.
- B. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council resolve to delegate the power to the Chief Executive Officer to be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms of the proposed Easements as detailed in Recommendation A, for electricity works purpose.

4. DELEGATION TO THE CEO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF SMALL CONTESTABLE SITE ELECTRICITY

This is a report concerning the supply of electricity for small contestable sites under Local Buy contract LB333 for anticipated period from 1 September 2026 through to 30 August 2029 (3 years) for an approximate cost of \$3.4 million dollars excluding GST. This report is seeking delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enter into a contract under a Local Buy agreement for the supply of electricity for small contestable sites due to the restricted time frame for consideration and acceptance of an offer related to electricity price.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council utilise LGA Arrangement LB333 – Retail Energy (Electricity and Gas), facilitated by Local Buy Pty Ltd, for the procurement of electricity for Council’s small contestable sites (Council File Reference: 260223-000298).
- B. That Council contract with a Supplier who is a party to the LGA Arrangement, for an estimated contract value of \$3.4 million (excl. GST) over a term of approximately 3 years ending 31 August 2029.
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

5. **PROCUREMENT - INCREASE TO CONTRACT VALUE FOR ONGOING SERVICES

This is a report concerning a request for Council endorsement to increase the total contract value for Contract 22700 (the Servicing and Maintenance of Volvo Side-Lift Waste Collection and Compaction Trucks) to accommodate for additional trucks and services, and to standardise maintenance and warranties across this fleet of specialised vehicles to ensure continued service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the contractual arrangement (Council contract 22700) with Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd (Supplier) for the provision of onsite maintenance and servicing of Volvo waste collection vehicles be varied as follows:
 - (i) That Council approve an increase in expenditure from \$9,300,000.00 to approximately \$12,623,000.00 based on the forecasted spend anticipated at contract expiry as detailed in Attachment 1.
 - (ii) That the current contract expiry date of 31/05/2032 be extended to 30/06/2035.
- B. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

6. **CONCESSION FOR GENERAL RATES

This is a report concerning a request for a concession for general rates for the following properties and owners.

- Community Housing (Qld) Ltd
- 2 South Station Road, BOOVAL QLD 4304
- Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated
- ** address withheld **
- West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc (Goodna Neighbourhood House)
- Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at 2 South Station Road, Booval, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.
- B. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at ** address withheld ** (refer confidential attachment), be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.
- C. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.

7. 2026-2027 FEES AND CHARGES - EARLY APPROVAL FOR IDENTIFIED LICENCES, PERMITS AND RENEWALS

This is a report concerning the fees for animal management, public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services for the 2026-2027 financial year. It is proposed to adopt this selection of fees and charges ahead of the main budget process for the forthcoming financial year to allow licence, registration and permit renewals to be issued with 30-60 days advanced notice. All other fees will be submitted to Council for approval at the scheduled meeting of 28 May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed fees and charges for animal management, public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services, as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

8. 2024-2025 IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER AND CLOSING REPORT

This a report concerning Ipswich City Council's controlled entity, Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust's 2024-2025 annual financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust annual financial statements as detailed in Attachment 1 be received and the contents noted.
 - B. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust management representation letter as detailed in Attachment 2 be received and the contents noted.
 - C. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust closing report as detailed in Attachment 3 be received and the contents noted.
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9. MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's (**Council**) financial performance for the period ending 28 February 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on Council's financial performance for the period ending 28 February 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be considered and noted by Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MATTERS ARISING

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)

17 FEBRUARY 2026

MINUTES

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Paul Tully (Chairperson); Councillors Jacob Madsen (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic (via audio-link), Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, Jim Madden and Councillors Pye Augustine (Observer) and David Martin (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Manager, Acting Manager Infrastructure Strategy (Mary Torres), Manager Capital Delivery (Graeme Martin), General Counsel (Allison Ferres-MacDonald), Manager Procurement (Tanya Houwen), Chief Financial Officer (Christina Binoya), Manager Fleet Services (Darren Scott), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles), and Venue Technician (Thomas Haag)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Paul Tully (Chairperson) invited Councillor Andrew Antonioli to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Marnie Doyle arrived at the meeting at 11.46am.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
NO. 2025(11) OF 2 DECEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

**That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee held on
2 December 2025 be confirmed.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

ADJOURN MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Paul Tully:

That the meeting be adjourned at 12.00 pm to reconvene at 12.30 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 12.30 pm.

2. PROCUREMENT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD - SMART PARKING METERS

This is a report concerning the procurement and recommendation to negotiate and enter into a contractual arrangement with Tenderer A for the removal and replacement of Councils Parking Meters with Pay-By-Plate Parking meters and associated maintenance services.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. 250211-000362 (VP479642) for the provision of Smart Parking Meters to the supplier listed as Tenderer A (Supplier) in Confidential Attachment 1.**
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Supplier at an approximate purchase price of \$2,510,000 excluding GST over the entire term, being a term of two (2) years and three (3) months, with options for extension at the discretion of Council (as purchaser), of an additional three (3) X one (1) year terms.**
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. PROCUREMENT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD - FLEET MECHANICAL SERVICES

This is a report concerning the requirement for an external heavy-vehicle mechanical service provider to support fleet operations during critical periods, helping to manage increasing service demands and reduce delays that impact essential Council operations. The provider will supplement internal mechanics during peak workloads, roadside priority breakdowns, or times when workforce shortages occur due to recruitment and retention challenges in the competitive labour market. This approach ensures a transparent, scalable, and reliable solution that supports Council's operational continuity and growing service needs.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A. **That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. VP464411 for the provision of Fleet Mechanical Services to the recommended supplier detailed in Attachment 1 (Supplier).**
- B. **That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Supplier at an approximate purchase price of up to \$4,597,000.00 excluding GST over the entire term, being a term of four years and three months (4.25) years, with options for extension at the discretion of Council (as purchaser), of an additional two (2) year term, plus an additional one (1) year term, total term being seven years three months (7.25 years).**
- C. **That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take "*contractual action*" pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council's decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. 5656 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS - PURGA SCHOOL ROAD, PURGA (INCREASED EXPENDITURE)

This is a report concerning increased expenditure under contract 5656 Bridge Replacement & Road Rehabilitation Works - Purga School Road, Purga that had an original contract value of \$5,352,827.15 ex GST with an approved contingency amount of \$535,282.71 ex GST.

The report is to provide notice that the contingency expenditure has now reached \$801,716.84 GST. To ensure program delivery and manage potential future variations, approval is sought for an additional contingency allocation of \$300,000 from within the approved project budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. **That Council receive and note that contract 5656 Bridge Replacement & Road Rehabilitation works - Purga School Road, Purga for the value of \$5,352,827.15 and contingency amount of \$535,282 has been exceeded with the current contingency spend now at \$801,716.84 ex GST.**
- B. **That Council approve an additional contingency allocation of \$300,000 from within the approved project budget to cover potential future variations and ensure timely completion of the works.**
- C. **That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

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Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. 5343 SPRINGFIELD PARKWAY ROAD UPGRADE - EARTHWORKS, DRAINAGE, REINFORCED EARTH & SLEEPER WALLS (INCREASED EXPENDITURE)

This is a report concerning increased expenditure under contract 5343 Springfield Parkway Road Upgrade - Earthworks, Drainage, Reinforced Earth & Sleeper Walls that had an original contract value of \$4,039,749.02 ex GST with an approved contingency amount of \$807,949.80 ex GST.

The report is to provide notice that the contingency expenditure has now reached \$1,931,965.02 ex GST.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That Council receive and note that contract 5343 Springfield Parkway Road Upgrade - Earthworks, Drainage, Reinforced Earth & Sleeper Walls for the value of \$4,039,749.02 and contingency amount of \$807,949.80 has been exceeded with the current contingency spend now at \$1,931,965.02 ex GST.**
- B. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

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Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

6. REPORT - REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 29 JANUARY 2026

This is the report of the Regulation Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 29 January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Regulation Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 29 January 2026.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

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Doyle

Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(03) OF 30 OCTOBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Regulation Advisory Committee held on 30 October 2025 be confirmed.

2. STRATEGIC REGULATION PROJECT: STEP 1 POLICY

This is a report concerning Step 1 of the Strategic Regulation Project and updating Council's current Compliance and Enforcement Policy to be more holistic about regulation. Following targeted community consultation that supported a risk-based approach to regulation, amendments to the policy were drafted. Feedback was sought from Councillors and key staff during October/November 2025. The policy has been amended and includes a name change from Compliance and Enforcement Policy to Regulation Policy which supports the intent of making the policy more holistic. The amended policy is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the amended Compliance and Enforcement Policy, now named the Regulation Policy, as outlined in Attachment 3, be adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the Regulation Policy and proposed the following amendments:

- *Under 7. Roles and Responsibilities – Role of Officers – the words 'abreast of' be replaced with the words 'familiar with'.*
- *Under 10. Definitions – a definition for Investigation to be included.*

3. LOCAL LAW REVIEW - PROPOSED COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This is a report concerning the comprehensive local law review that forms part of the Strategic Regulation Project. The report provides information about the topics that initial community consultation will be undertaken on so that Council can consider that feedback before any drafting

of new laws commences. All of the topics have a focus of making it easier for the community to understand if they need to apply, how to apply and/or how to comply with eight of the seventeen topics providing a reduction in red tape for the community. This initial community consultation will occur over 3-4 weeks commencing mid-late March.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled ‘Local Law Review – Proposed Community Consultation’, be received and the contents noted.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the Key Topics for Initial Feedback and proposed the following amendment:

Under Declared Traffic Areas and Off-Street Regulated Parking, under the sub heading Addition of New Off-Street Regulated Parking areas (11), the addition of the following:

- *Richardson Park, Goodna (incl Goodna Aquatic Centre and Noel Kelly Drive).*

5.1. GENERAL BUSINESS

The committee discussed the following matters:

- *Beekeeping*
- *Temporary home proposal*
- *Overgrown properties*
- *Footpath mowing*
- *Abandoned Properties*

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 2.47 pm.

ACTION

The Principal Officer (Governance) to prepare an options paper on overgrown properties for the next meeting of the Regulation Advisory Committee.

7. PROCUREMENT: TENDER AWARD - TIVOLI SPORTING COMPLEX UPGRADE AND REDBANK PLAINS RECREATION RESERVE NEW SPORTS FACILITY

Approval is sought to award Tender VP477346 to the supplier recommended within confidential Attachment 1 for the delivery of the Tivoli Sporting Complex Upgrade and the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve New Sports Facility, enabling Council to progress two high-priority community infrastructure projects that will increase sporting capacity, improve accessibility, and provide modern, fit-for-purpose facilities.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. VP477346 for Tivoli Sporting Complex Upgrade and Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve New Sports Facility to the Supplier recommended in confidential Attachment 1.**
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the successful supplier for the contract value and contingency amount specified in confidential Attachment 1.**
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

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NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

8. APPOINTMENT OF URBAN UTILITIES BOARD MEMBERS

This is a report concerning the proposed appointment of new directors to address forthcoming vacancies on the Urban Utilities Board and the reappointment of one director for an additional term.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A. That Council endorse the appointment of Jennifer Purdie, as a new Board member of Urban Utilities from 1 July 2026, for a period of three (3) years to 30 June 2029.**

- B. That Council endorse the appointment of Tim Renwick, as a new Board member of Urban Utilities from 1 July 2026, for a period of three (3) years to 30 June 2029.**
- C. That Council endorse the reappointment of Carmel Krogh, as a Board member of Urban Utilities from 1 January 2027, for a period of four (4) years to 31 December 2030.**
- D. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign an Instrument of Appointment of Board Members to Urban Utilities 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:

Tully

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Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

9. MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2026

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council’s (**Council**) financial performance for the period ending 31 January 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the report on Council’s financial performance for the period ending 31 January 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be considered and noted by Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Doyle
Antoniolli
Madden

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 11.45 am.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD LAND FOR THE ENERGY QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY BATTERIES PROJECT

AUTHOR: SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (TENURE)

DATE: 3 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the disposal of land for new road over part of land in favour of Energex Limited. The disposal will formalise infrastructure located on the land for the Energy Queensland Community Batteries Project.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council resolve that the exception at section 236(1)(b)(i) of the Regulation applies to the disposal of the following interest in land, because it will be to an adjoining road for Energex Limited, a subsidiary of a government agency.**

	Lot	Plan	Address		Tenure
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- B. That Council dispose of the land to road (Council file reference 5616) for a nominal fee of \$5,000 excluding GST, payable to Council.**

RELATED PARTIES

- Energex Limited
- Energy Queensland

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Energy Queensland sought Council's agreement to install ground-mounted battery units at several locations across the Ipswich City Council region to support battery trial.

Council supported five sites for the battery installation project in Flinders View, Redbank Plains, and Bellbird Park. This trial, conducted by Energex, focused on community engagement strategies and benefit models, with licence agreements for the sites commencing on 15 June 2023 and expiring on 28 February 2026.

These batteries store excess electricity generated from rooftop solar during daylight hours and redistribute it back into the network during evening peak demand. Installing batteries at the distribution level help reduce reverse power flow, relieve transformer load, and enable cheaper wholesale power generated during the day to be supplied to customers in the evening. The closer the batteries are to rooftop solar, the greater the benefit, which is why Energex is trialling smaller-scale batteries to maximise customer advantage.

The rollout of further community batteries are to be installed in areas such as Cairns North, Caloundra, Caboolture, Pimpama, Moorooka and other locations across Queensland based on the success of the insights gained from the Ipswich Neighbourhood Battery Trial.

The short-term licence agreement enabled assessment of the project, and the trial has demonstrated clear benefits. Energex Limited are now seeking a more permanent tenure solution with a disposal of land for new road over part of land in favour of Energex Limited. The disposals would formalise infrastructure located on the land for the Energy Queensland Community Batteries Project.

A nominal fee of \$5,000 has been proposed for these battery locations, as the batteries are considered network assets and will be treated similarly to other Energex infrastructure, such as pad-mounted transformers located in road reserves.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Land Title Act 1994 (Qld)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed disposal of small portions of Council-owned land for road dedication to facilitate the Energy Queensland Community Batteries Project is consistent with Ipswich City Council's Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risks Associated with the Recommendation

- **Legal and Compliance Risk:** Minimal, as the recommendation aligns with the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* (s.236(b)(i)), and Council's *Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy*.

Risks of Not Approving the Recommendation

- **Project Delay or Cancellation:** Failure to approve the disposal would prevent Energex from formalising infrastructure, potentially halting the Community Batteries Project in Ipswich and impacting regional rollout.
- **Loss of Strategic Benefits:** Not proceeding would limit Council's ability to support renewable energy initiatives, reduce network risks, and deliver community benefits aligned with the *iFuture Corporate Plan 2021–2026*

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Budget Implications

The recommendation involves the disposal of small portions of Council-owned land for road dedication at a nominal fee of \$5,000 per location (excluding GST), resulting in a total estimated revenue of \$25,000 for five sites. This is a one-off transaction and does not require capital expenditure by Council.

There are no ongoing operational costs for Council following completion of the disposal, as the land will become road and Energex will assume responsibility for infrastructure maintenance.

Impact on Council Budget

The disposal will generate \$25,000 in nominal revenue, offsetting the estimated \$3,600 delivery cost, resulting in a net positive position of approximately \$21,400. No additional capital or operational budget adjustments are required.

Financial Implications for Other Parties

- **Community Organisations / Residents:** There are no direct financial implications for community organisations or residents. Indirect benefits include improved energy resilience and potential cost savings through better network efficiency.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Community Consultation:

Energex has engaged with the community and other stakeholders throughout the project, focusing on the community benefits, and potential retail offers.

Internal Stakeholder Consultation:

- **Community Development:** Consulted and advised they have no concerns. They agree with the proposal.
- **Road Corridor Team:** Consulted and advised there are no issues from a road corridor management perspective.
- **Planning and Development:** Consulted and confirmed that as the Battery Energy Storage System is lawfully established, there are no issues from a planning perspective.
- **Environment:** Consulted; no response received.
- **Infrastructure Strategy:** Consulted and requested bollards be installed at several locations to prevent illegal vehicle access.
- **Sport and Recreation:** Consulted and advised that 100 Cedar Rd, Redbank Plains is the only Sport and Recreation site affected. They have no concerns with the very small increase in land requested for 100 Cedar Rd nor for the other sites listed.
- **Asset Management:** Consulted; no response received.

Outcome of Engagement:

- Internal stakeholders generally agree with the proposal.
- No negative feedback was received.
- The only condition raised was from Infrastructure Strategy regarding the installation of bollards. This requirement has been communicated to Energex and will be implemented prior to the completion of the road dedications.













CONCLUSION

The proposed disposal of small portions of Council-owned land for road dedication will enable Energy Queensland's community battery installations, supporting renewable energy integration, network resilience, and Council's iFuture objectives. Internal consultation confirmed broad agreement, with the only condition—bollard installation—communicated to Energex for completion before road dedications. The recommendation complies with legislative and policy requirements, poses minimal financial risk, and delivers a positive budget outcome. Recommendations ensure Ipswich benefits from a state-backed sustainability initiative.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Council is proposing to dispose of land for road dedications. Recommendations A & B states that Council will dispose of freehold land to road for Energex Limited.
(b) What human rights are affected?	No human rights are affected by this decision. This is because Energex Limited is a corporation, further, the subject matter of the contract will not impact on human rights of any third parties.
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not applicable
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not applicable
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Title Search 903SP250285 - 79 Columbia Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
2.	Title Search 998SP271741 - 12 Kevin Mulroney Drive, Flinders View ↓ 
3.	Title Search 503SP303143 - 19 Alesana Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
4.	Title Search 36SP230115 - 100 Cedar Road, Redbank Plains ↓ 
5.	Survey Plan - New Road - 79 Columbia Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
6.	Survey Plan - New Road - 12 Kevin Mulroney Drive, Flinders View ↓ 
7.	Survey Plan - New Road - 19 Alesana Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
8.	Survey Plan - New Road - 100 Cedar Road, Redbank Plains ↓ 
9.	Property Plan - 79 Columbia Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
10.	Property Plan - 12 Kevin Mulroney Drive, Flinders View ↓ 
11.	Property Plan - 19 Alesana Drive, Bellbird Park ↓ 
12.	Property Plan - 100 Cedar Road, Redbank Plains ↓ 

Kerry Perrett
SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (TENURE)

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Alicia Rieck
PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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INTERNAL CURRENT TITLE SEARCH
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Date Created: 09/04/2013

Previous Title: 50909446

REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 715005676 27/03/2013

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 903 SURVEY PLAN 250285
Local Government: IPSWICH

For depth restrictions refer to Plan SP 250285

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by
Deed of Grant No. 10328184 (POR 287)

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REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 716106697 29/10/2014

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 998 SURVEY PLAN 271741
Local Government: IPSWICH

For depth restrictions refer to Plan SP 271741

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

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UNREGISTERED DEALINGS - NIL

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REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 719323634 22/03/2019

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL TRUSTEE
UNDER INSTRUMENT 719323634

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 503 SURVEY PLAN 303143
Local Government: IPSWICH

For depth restrictions refer to Plan SP 303143

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES - NIL
UNREGISTERED DEALINGS - NIL

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REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 712945445 18/12/2009

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 36 SURVEY PLAN 230115
Local Government: IPSWICH

For depth restrictions refer to Plan SP 230115

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

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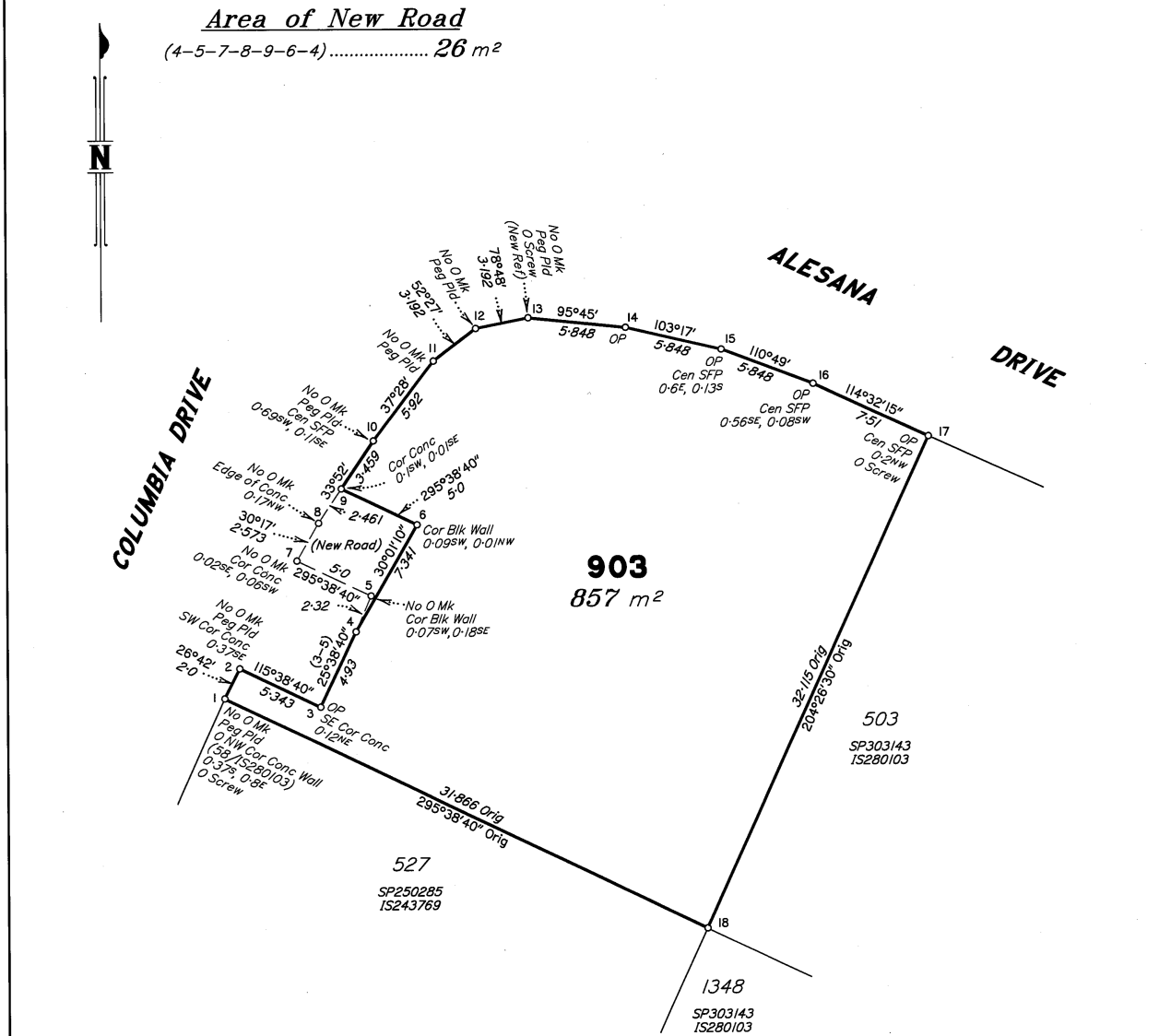
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SURVEY PLAN

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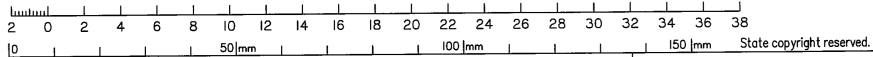
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17	O Screw in Kerb	5a/1S253522	329°16'30"	9-473

New Ref

Lot 903 and New Road are restricted to the depth of 30-48m from the surface as defined by S31234.

Scale 1:250 - Lengths are in metres.



RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd (ACN 117 883 173) hereby certify that the land comprised in this plan was surveyed by the corporation, by Jacob Gary DE PAOLI, surveying associate, for whose work the corporation accepts responsibility, under the supervision of Damian James LING, cadastral surveyor and that the plan is accurate, that the said survey was performed in accordance with the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003 and Surveyors Act 2003 and associated Regulations and Standards and that the said survey was completed on 22/01/2026.

Authorised Delegate
04/02/26
Date

Plan of
Lot 903 (Restricted)
Cancelling Lot 903 (Restricted) on SP250285

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: **IPSWICH CITY** LOCALITY: **BELLBIRD PARK**
Meridian: **SP250285** Survey Records: **No**

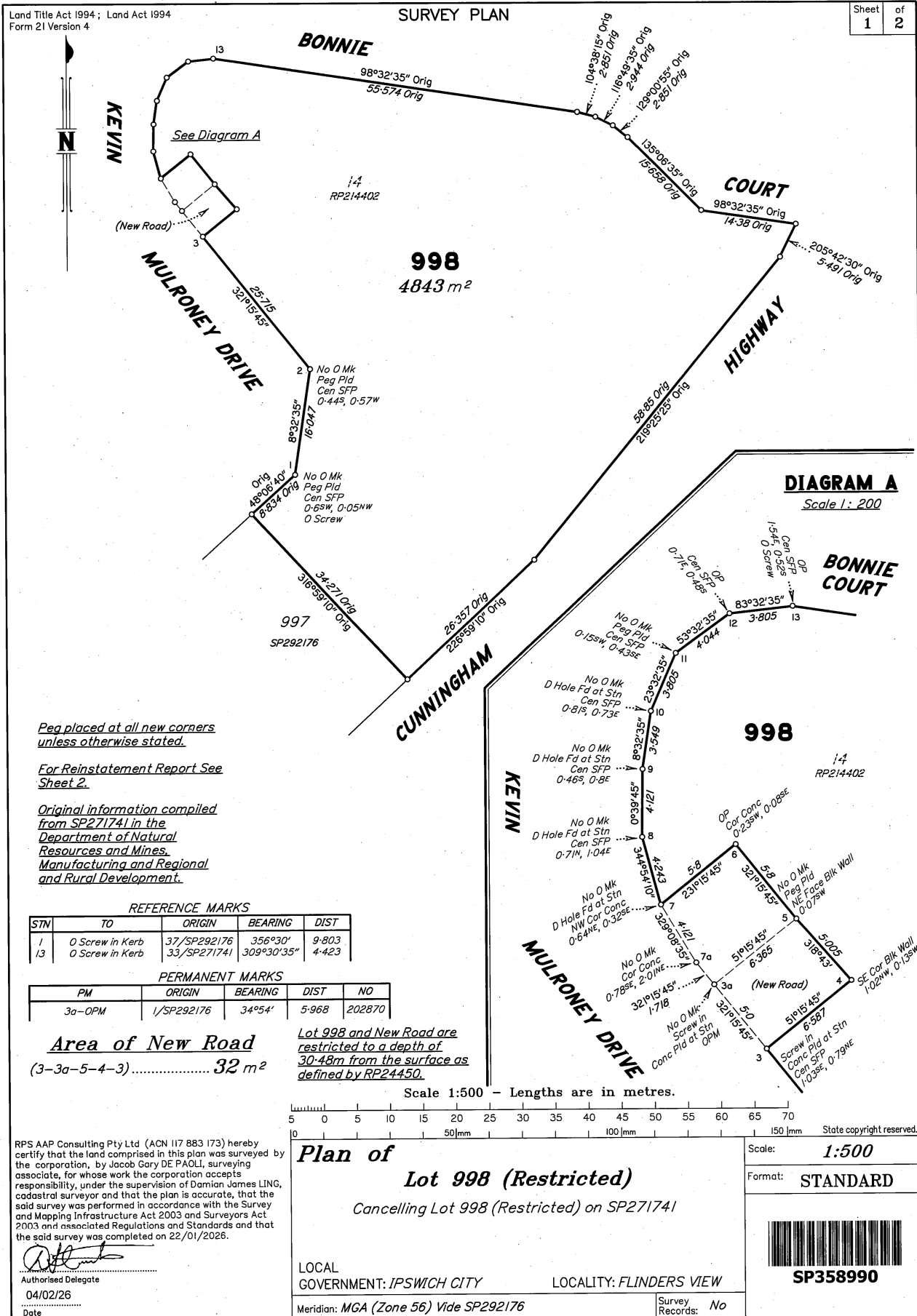
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For Reinstatement Report See Sheet 2.

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REFERENCE MARKS

STN	TO	ORIGIN	BEARING	DIST
1	O Screw in Kerb	37/SP292176	356°30'	9-803
13	O Screw in Kerb	33/SP271741	309°30'35"	4-423

PERMANENT MARKS

PM	ORIGIN	BEARING	DIST	NO
3a-OPM	1/SP292176	34°54'	5-968	202870

Area of New Road
(3-3a-5-4-3)..... **32 m²**

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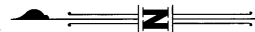
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[Signature]
Authorised Delegate
04/02/26
Date

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Reinstatement Report

Plans Searched - IS253522, IS259910, IS280103, SP290297, SP300682, SP303143
Stations 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 17 reinstated with original reference marks at stations or referenced off stations. Measured bearings and distances are in agreement with previous survey plans.

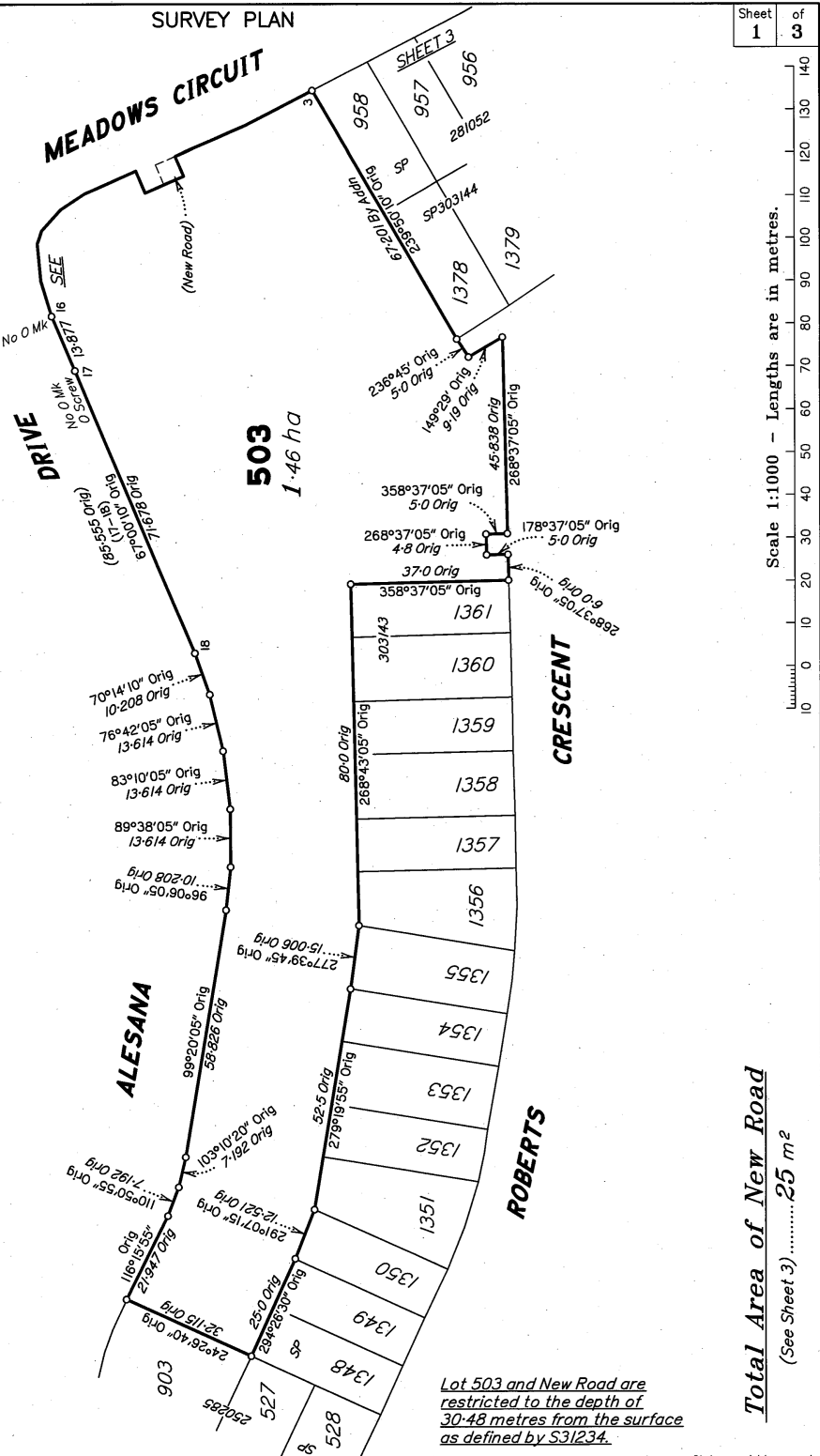
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17	O Screw in Kerb	15/IS253522	34°16'	7.609

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Total Area of New Road
(See Sheet 3) 25 m²

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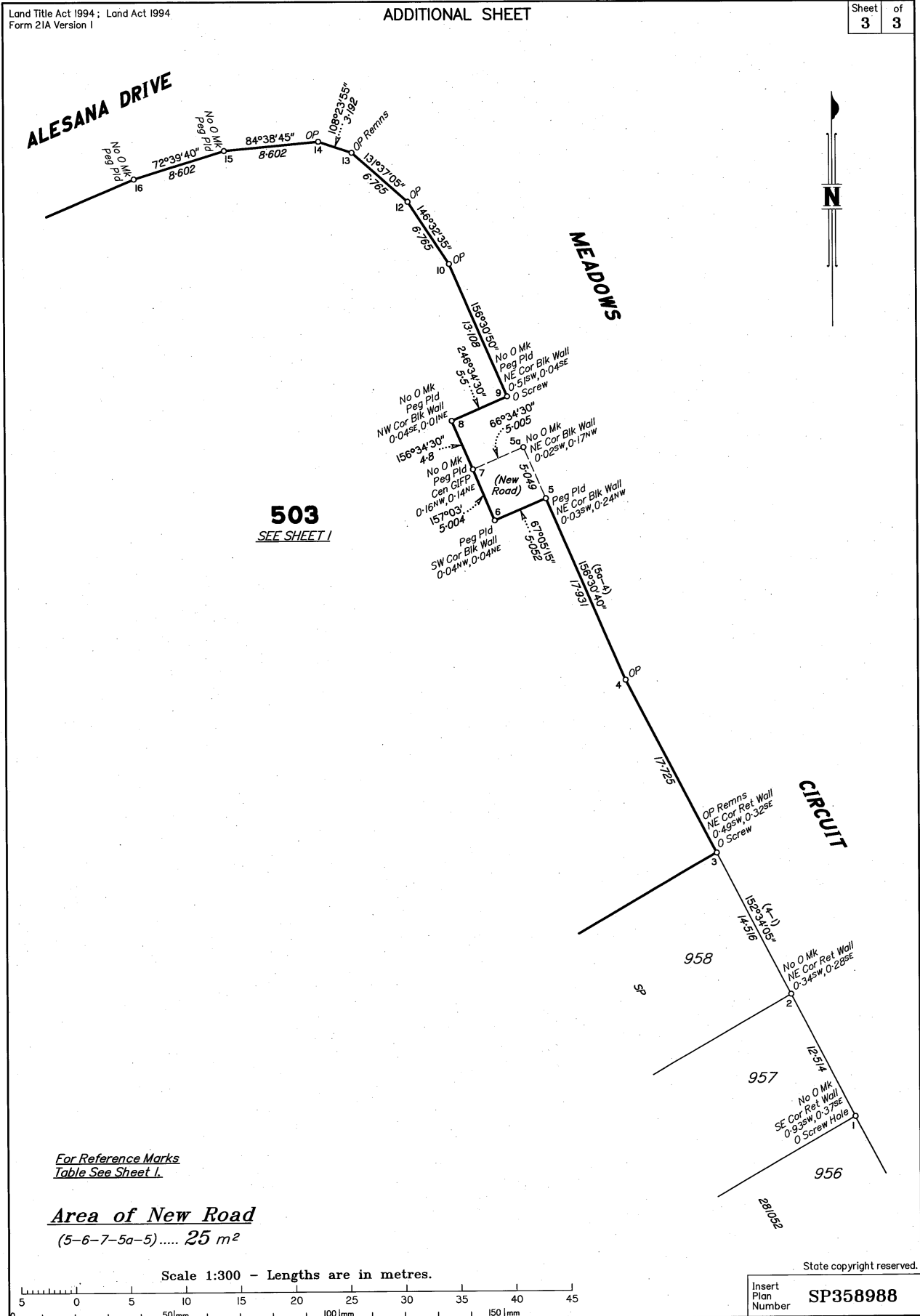
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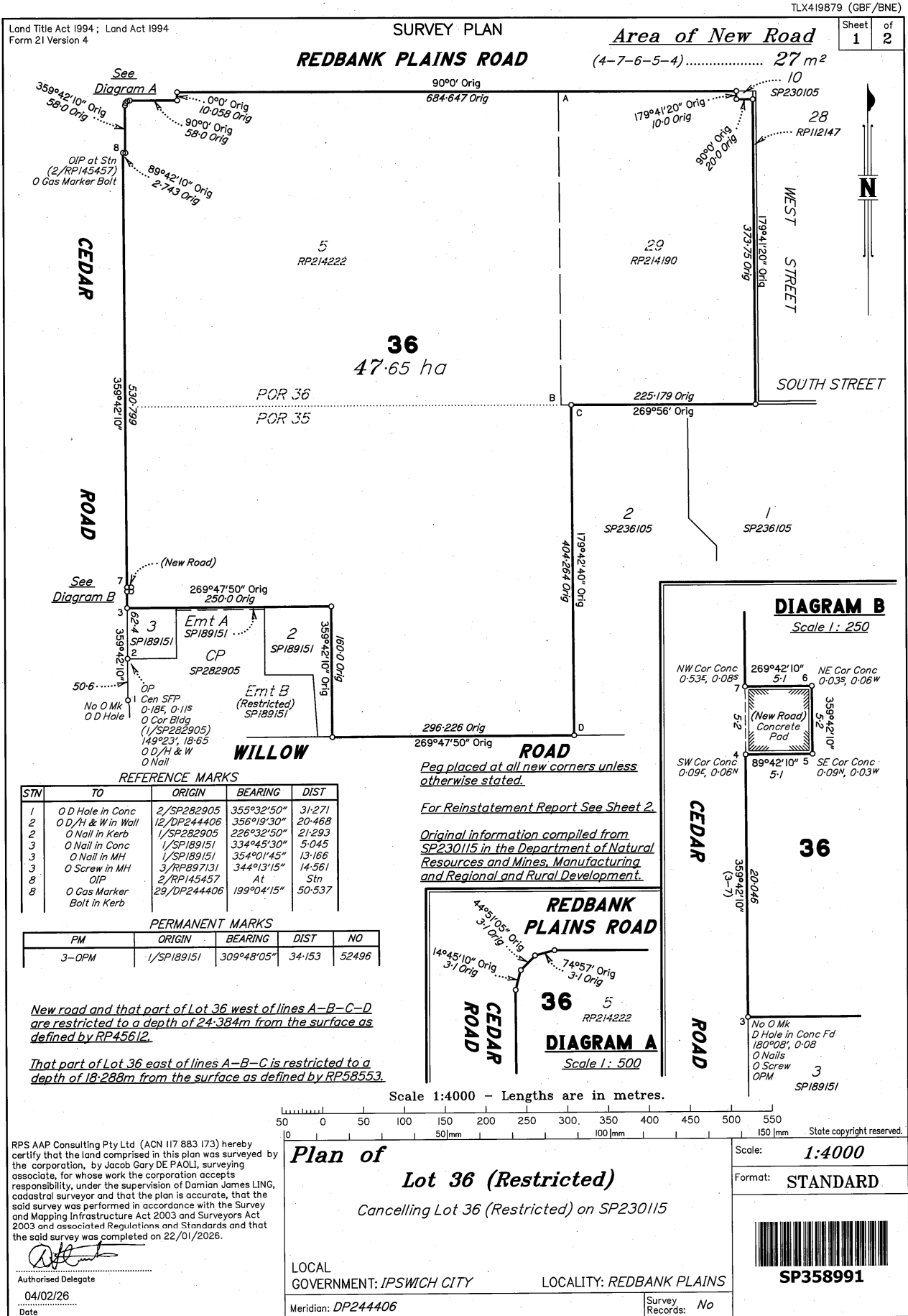
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Property Plan



PROPERTY DETAILS


Address: 79 Columbia Drive Bellbird Park Qld 4300
Owner: Ipswich City Council Program 30
Lot Plan: 903SP250285
Area: 883m²


MAP DETAILS

Scale: 1:444
Metres 10 20



LEGEND

 Selected Property

 23 House Number / Boundary

 Easement

Item 2 / Attachment 9.

PROPERTY DETAILS			
Published Date: 05/12/2025			
Address:	79 Columbia Drive Bellbird Park Qld 4300	Suburb:	Bellbird Park
LotPlan:	903SP250285	Postcode:	4300
Area:	883m ²	Division:	Division 2
Tenure:	Tenure: FH Description: FREEHOLD		
RATING DETAILS			
PPN:	156847	Assessment :	173971
Owner:	Ipswich City Council Program 30	Mail Address:	Ipswich City Council Program 30 Ipswich City Council PO Box 191 IPSWICH QLD 4305
Land Use:	Code: 0159 Description: Vacant Land Council Owned	Rates:	Code: 700 - State Govt Emergency & Fire Levy - Group 1
Dogs:	No Registered Dog		
WORK AREA DETAILS			
Census:	SA1: 31004129613 SA2: 31004129 SA3: 31004 SA4: 310 Mesh Block: 30349340000 Block Category: Parkland	Historic Flood:	1974 Affected: False 2011 Affected: False 2022 Affected: false
IE Work Area:	District 2 - Eastern Team 6A	PRS Planning Team Area:	Development - East Team
PRS Engineering Teams Areas:	Team Name: East Technical Officer : Adrian Bulley Team Name: East - Delivery Team A Technical Officer : Mitchell Weatherhead	PRS Regulatory Work Area:	Area 1: PRS Compliance - Development 1 Area 2: PRS Compliance - Local Laws Investigation 5 Area 3: PRS Compliance - Animal Management 1 Area 4: PRS Compliance - Littering and Dumping 2
Waste Work Area:	Zone 1	Catchment:	Catchment: Brisbane River Subcatchment: Woogaroo Creek
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DETAILS			
Zones:	Designation: REC - Recreation and open space Details: Recreation and open space Coverage: 100 Percent	Development Constraints:	OV10 Bushfire Prone Areas OV13 High Pressure Pipelines Buffers OV6 Building Height and Density
Divisions buffered 50m:	Division 2		

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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND TO ENERGEX LIMITED FOR
SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN WILLOWBANK

AUTHOR: SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS)

DATE: 23 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the disposal of an Easement over Council land in favour of Energex Limited. The Easement will facilitate the installation and maintenance of a padmount transformer within the Ipswich Motorsport Precinct in Willowbank.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That Council resolve pursuant to Section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (“the Regulation”) that the exemption referred to in Section 236(1)(b)(i) of the Regulation applies for the disposal of interest in Part of Land at 133 Champions Way, Willowbank, more particularly described as Lot 11 on SP328524 (“the Land”), by way of Easement agreement for supply of electricity purpose between Council and Energex Limited.**
- B. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council resolve to delegate the power to the Chief Executive Officer to be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms of the proposed Easements as detailed in Recommendation A, for electricity works purpose.**

RELATED PARTIES

- Energex Limited (Energex)
- River City Connections Pty Ltd (Applicant)
- Motor Sport Queensland Pty Ltd (Queensland Raceway)
- There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

To support increasing operational demands at Queensland Raceway, the site's electrical capacity will be upgraded. Energex will supply and install a new padmount transformer, which will replace the existing pole-mounted transformer currently servicing the facility.

To enable the transformer upgrade, works will involve site preparation and associated earthworks to establish a compliant foundation and service corridor.

An easement that complies with current Energex standards is required within Lot 11 on SP328524 to accommodate the transformer installation and ongoing access requirements. The total easement area is 112m².

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Land Titles Act 1994

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report and the recommendations contained within are consistent with the *Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy*.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The risk of not approving the recommendation would mean that the Queensland Raceway transformer cannot be upgraded, leaving the facility with an insufficient supply of electricity.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the establishment of the new Easement will be at the expense of the Applicant, including the registration of documents with Titles Queensland.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred between Open Space, Facilities, Road Corridor Management and Property Services. Liaison between Council officers and the Applicant continue over the formalities of the Easement.

The proposed Easement is supported by internal and external stakeholders.





CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council support the disposal of the proposed Easement to Energex, over part of Lot 11 on SP328524 to enable the Queensland Raceway transformer upgrade to progress.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Disposal of Easement over part of Lot 11 on SP328524 to Energex Limited for the supply of electricity purpose.
(b) What human rights are affected?	Energex Limited and Council are not individuals and only individuals have human rights. End of assessment
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not applicable.
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not applicable.
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Property Title Search - Lot 11 on SP328524  
2.	Draft Survey Plan on Easement A - DP354593  

Bianca Gaudry
SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS)

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Alicia Rieck
PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: DELEGATION TO THE CEO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF SMALL CONTESTABLE SITE ELECTRICITY

AUTHOR: CONTRACTS OFFICER

DATE: 23 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the supply of electricity for small contestable sites under Local Buy contract LB333 for anticipated period from 1 September 2026 through to 30 August 2029 (3 years) for an approximate cost of \$3.4 million dollars excluding GST. This report is seeking delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enter into a contract under a Local Buy agreement for the supply of electricity for small contestable sites due to the restricted time frame for consideration and acceptance of an offer related to electricity price.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That Council utilise LGA Arrangement LB333 – Retail Energy (Electricity and Gas), facilitated by Local Buy Pty Ltd, for the procurement of electricity for Council’s small contestable sites (Council File Reference: 260223-000298).
- B. That Council contract with a Supplier who is a party to the LGA Arrangement, for an estimated contract value of \$3.4 million (excl. GST) over a term of approximately 3 years ending 31 August 2029.
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

RELATED PARTIES

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Council has been utilising the Local Buy Arrangement BUS 275-0420 SMALL METERED NMIS for a period of three (3) years. Council currently spends approximately \$940,000 (EX GST) Dollars per annum on the supply of Electricity to its Small Sites, with a total contract value estimated to be valued at \$2,600,000 (Ex GST).

Local Buy will obtain Offers from Electricity Retail providers via a restricted Tender process under its Local Buy Arrangement. Evaluation is scheduled to commence April 2026. Early delegation is sought as it is anticipated that the Electricity Retailers provide a validity period of five (5) to seven (7) business days for Council to respond with acceptance and execution of any proposed contract.

CURRENT CONTRACT:

The current Retail Provider is Origin Energy and their contract is due to expire on the 31 August 2026. Upon completion of the evaluations, Local Buy shall present an evaluation report for review and acceptance by Council within five (5) to seven (7) business days.

PROPOSED CONTRACT:

The new contract will be established for a period of three (3) years with the recommended Retail Provider. Contract commencement shall be from 1 September 2026.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations are consistent with Council's Strategic Contracting Procedures, namely

- Procurement Policy
- Procurement and Contracts Manual.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The non-acceptance or execution of a contract within a timely manner increases the risk of higher retail pricing for Council by not being part of a collective tendering process.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The current forecast cost for the current supply contract to 31 August 2026 is \$2.6M. Based on this figure an estimated cost for the years 2026 to 2029 would be in the vicinity of \$3.4M. This figure may change based on the movements within the Electricity Market and changes to Councils total number of small site accounts.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Consultation took place with representatives of Asset and Infrastructure Services, Environment and Sustainability, and Finance.

CONCLUSION

Offers will be evaluated by Local Buy and then reviewed by Council officers who will recommend an Offer to accept.

As the Offer acceptance period is extremely short, this report seeks delegation to Council’s CEO to accept an appropriate Offer and contract with an appropriate Supplier.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Recommendation Council enter into a contract for the provision of retail electricity
(b) What human rights are affected?	There are no human rights affected by this decision
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not Applicable
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not Applicable
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

John O'Donnell
CONTRACTS OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Tim Steinhardt
GOODS AND SERVICES CATEGORY MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Tanya Houwen
MANAGER, PROCUREMENT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Seren McKenzie
GENERAL MANAGER (ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES)

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 5
SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT - INCREASE TO CONTRACT VALUE FOR ONGOING SERVICES
AUTHOR: ACTING CATEGORY SPECIALIST
DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning a request for Council endorsement to increase the total contract value for Contract 22700 (the Servicing and Maintenance of Volvo Side-Lift Waste Collection and Compaction Trucks) to accommodate for additional trucks and services, and to standardise maintenance and warranties across this fleet of specialised vehicles to ensure continued service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That the contractual arrangement (Council contract 22700) with Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd (Supplier) for the provision of onsite maintenance and servicing of Volvo waste collection vehicles be varied as follows:**
- (i) That Council approve an increase in expenditure from \$9,300,000.00 to approximately \$12,623,000.00 based on the forecasted spend anticipated at contract expiry as detailed in Attachment 1.**
 - (ii) That the current contract expiry date of 31/05/2032 be extended to 30/06/2035.**
- B. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

RELATED PARTIES

Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd (ABN: 27 000 761 259 / ACN: 000 761 259).

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

On 12 October 2023, Council resolved to enter into Contract 22700 with Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd for the servicing and maintenance of thirty-eight (38) Volvo FE cab-chassis side-lift waste collection and compaction trucks. This contract ensures continued access to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts, servicing, specialised product expertise, extended warranty-like coverage, and improved fleet uptime.

The total contract value increase is based on three primary cost drivers. The first of these involved an operational change from the servicing and maintenance of the vehicles from a dayshift to a nightshift in late August 2024. Servicing the trucks on the nightshift ensures the availability of more trucks aligned with the collection drivers shift hours.

The second cost driver accounts for the addition of four more trucks to the servicing agreement. The Fleet Services Branch has procured four additional Volvo side-lift waste collection and compaction trucks to account for forecast growth and thus the increased residential collection services required per week. There is a requirement to maintain these additional four trucks to ensure ongoing, safe and reliable operation by incorporating these into Contract 22700 to ensure they receive full scheduled servicing, warranty-aligned support, roadside support and OEM maintenance across their lifecycle.

The third cost driver is of a future contingent nature that will allow for an additional four trucks to be added to the current maintenance agreement. It is forecast that by the end of financial year 2027/2028, Council will require an additional four trucks to account for increased services due to population growth forecasts.

The recommendations incorporate the additional spend associated with these cost drivers and aligns the expiry date with the eighty-four (84) month term of the last delivered vehicle.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Procurement Policy and Procedures.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Failure to incorporate these additional trucks under OEM servicing arrangements may present several potential risks:

- Risk to Council's ability to meet statutory waste collection obligations across the city.
- Reduced fleet uptime and increased operational delays.
- Loss of OEM warranty and parts-availability advantages noted in the original Council report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are set out in the recommendations and represent additional spend associated with a move from dayshift serving to afternoon/evening shifts and inclusion of the additional four assets, currently in the fleet, into the existing contract. Contingency is also factored in for the addition of future Volvo trucks to be added to the existing maintenance contract.

The services proposed under the contract are to be delivered by Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd personnel at the Riverview Depot and poses no significant resource implications.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Consultation was undertaken with relevant internal stakeholders.

- General Manager, Asset and Infrastructure Services.
- General Manager, Corporate Services.
- Manager, Procurement, Corporate Services.
- Goods and Services Category Manager, Corporate Services.
- Manager, Fleet Services, Asset and Infrastructure Services.
- Program Coordinator (Workshop Operations), Asset and Infrastructure Services.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended Council adopt the above recommendations to incorporate the additional spend associated into the existing maintenance contract (22700) as well as extend the current contract expiry date.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Per recommendation A and B of this Report.
(b) What human rights are affected?	The parties involved are companies/corporations and the subject matter of the proposed engagement, act or decision being assessed will not affect human rights and further consideration is unnecessary.
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not applicable.
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights?	Not applicable.

Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

1.	CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 1 - Contract 22700 Spend
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Mark Benson
ACTING CATEGORY SPECIALIST

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Tim Steinhardt
GOODS AND SERVICES CATEGORY MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Tanya Houwen
MANAGER, PROCUREMENT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Darren Scott
MANAGER, FLEET SERVICES

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Seren McKenzie
GENERAL MANAGER (ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES)

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 6
SUBJECT: CONCESSION FOR GENERAL RATES
AUTHOR: TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER
DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning a request for a concession for general rates for the following properties and owners.

- Community Housing (Qld) Ltd
- 2 South Station Road, BOOVAL QLD 4304
- Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated
- ** address withheld **
- West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc (Goodna Neighbourhood House)
- Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at 2 South Station Road, Booval, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.**
- B. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at ** address withheld ** (refer confidential attachment), be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.**
- C. That having satisfied the criteria in s120 of the of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as well as the Rates Concession Policy, the property at Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate and backdated to the relevant date of application.**

RELATED PARTIES

Councillors and Senior Managers should consider Community Housing (QLD) Ltd, Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated and West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc (Goodna Neighbourhood House) for the purpose of related party disclosure.

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Council's Rates Concession Policy allows for a 100% concession for general rates on the below properties that meet the criteria outlined in the policy as listed in the recommendation of this report.

Community Housing (Qld) Ltd have requested a concession for general rates on 2 South Station Road, BOOVAL QLD 4304. Community Housing (Qld) Ltd. Community Housing (QLD) Ltd are a national not for profit company delivering 43 social and affordable housing units for vulnerable and low to moderate income people who are unable to secure long-term affordable housing.

The Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated have requested a concession for general rates on ** address withheld **. The Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated is a non-profit community organisation supporting women and children experiencing domestic and family violence across the wider Ipswich region. The address of this property has been suppressed for the safety and security of those persons receiving services at this location. For reference this address is listed in confidential Attachment 2.

The West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc (Goodna Neighbourhood House) have requested a concession for general rates on Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303. West Migrant Resources Service Inc; t/a Goodna Neighbourhood House is a non-profit community centre providing community services, various programs and community development.

For the purposes of granting concession, Council officers are satisfied these properties are being used for an eligible purpose. The activities undertaken on the properties are considered to contribute to 'The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage', accordingly the properties are considered eligible to be granted a rates concession.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the Rates Concession Policy

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Granting of this 100% concession will result in a reduction of general rates revenue of approximately as per below:

- 2 South Station Road, BOOVAL QLD 4304 - \$66,760.00 per annum
- ** address withheld ** - \$1674.60 per annum
- Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303 - \$755.00 per annum

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The contents of this report did not require any community consultation

CONCLUSION

Community Housing (Qld) Ltd have being the owners of 2 South Station Road, BOOVAL QLD 4304. The Women's Crisis Support Service Incorporated being the owners of ** address withheld **. The West Migrant Resources Service Inc; t/a Goodna Neighbourhood House being the lessors of Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road, RIVERVIEW QLD 4303.

All applicants satisfy the requirements of the Rates Concession Policy as an eligible property owner. Further, the properties are being used for purposes that are consistent with the requirements of the Rates Concession Policy, to be eligible for a 100% concession for general rates. The application of the Rates Concession Policy in this instance is consistent with Revenue Policy and the Budget and Rating Resolutions

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	The recommendation proposes a granting of 100% Council remission on the properties listed.
(b) What human rights are affected?	No human rights are affected by this decision.
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not Applicable
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not Applicable
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

1	Rates Concession Request - 2 South Station Road Booval
2	Rates Concession Request - ** address withheld **
3	Rates Concession Request - Part Lot 3 Old Ipswich Road Riverview

Paul Mollenhauer

TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Christina Binoya

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith

GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: 2026-2027 FEES AND CHARGES - EARLY APPROVAL FOR IDENTIFIED LICENCES, PERMITS AND RENEWALS

AUTHOR: TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER

DATE: 3 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the fees for animal management, public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services for the 2026-2027 financial year. It is proposed to adopt this selection of fees and charges ahead of the main budget process for the forthcoming financial year to allow licence, registration and permit renewals to be issued with 30-60 days advanced notice. All other fees will be submitted to Council for approval at the scheduled meeting of 28 May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the proposed fees and charges for animal management, public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services, as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

RELATED PARTIES

This report deals with the adoption of the pricing of fees and charges and does not specifically reference any third party. There have been no conflicts of interest declared as at the date of this report. Councillors should consider where fees and charges may impact on their other interests or activities.

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA) requires Council to maintain a publicly available register of cost recovery fees. Council's current register lists approximately one thousand products and services, encompassing both cost recovery and commercial fees.

The register captures all fees and charges, except for property rates, penalties, levies, grants and commercial leases.

An annual review is undertaken prior to the start of each financial year as part of the budget process. While the annual review is coordinated by the Finance Branch, departments remain

responsible for developing recommendations to Council with regards to the proposed fees and charges.

The outcomes of this annual review are being submitted to Council for consideration via two (2) separate reports; this report addressing regulatory fees which require advanced approval, and a second report is currently planned for May to present all other fee proposals.

Certain annual licence and registration renewals associated with animal management, public health, food businesses, and road regulation require a minimum notice period of 30 or 60 days, as prescribed by regulations, to allow customers adequate time for processing and payment. Additionally, Council must account for internal/external printing and postage timeframes.

For instance, food business licences must be issued at least 60 days before the renewal date (the start of the financial year), while dog registration renewals require at least 14 days. However, as a courtesy, Council has historically issued these notices at least one month in advance.

In reviewing fees and charges, the departments consider increases in the underlying costs of service delivery, consistency of the fees with Council policy and objectives, financial impact analysis and benchmarking of charges. Departments are also requested to undertake analysis of market conditions and stakeholder consultation where appropriate.

Preliminary budget discussions suggest no significant changes to the existing fee structure arising from this year's review, with most fees proposed to be subject to standardised price increases.

Fees will generally be priced as:

- a) full or partial cost recovery (as required for local government approvals such as permits and licences under the *Local Government Act 2009* s97), or
- b) commercial fees (generally based on market rates to not adversely impact competition).

Approximately two thirds of fees are cost recovery fees, which generate most of Council's fees and charges revenue.

Provided there is no material change to the manner of service delivery for a cost recovery fee, the Finance Branch recommends as part of the annual review that cost recovery fees be increased in line with the forecast Council Cost Index (CCI) as a reasonable estimate of the increase in underlying delivery costs.

The CCI is a specific index which is intended to measure the cost of Council's service delivery, calculated based on growth in wages, construction costs and the Consumer Price Index for the relevant financial year.

The forecast CCI for fees from 1 July 2026 is 4.5%. Rounding is applied to fee prices after escalation.

Regulatory Fees subject to early approval

The draft register for fees related to animal management, public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services is contained at Attachment 1. Attachment 2 provides a summary of the proposed 2026-2027 fees and charges in comparison to the existing approved fees.

Most fees are proposed to be escalated in line with the standard council cost index or other specific escalation reflecting underlying delivery cost increases. Rounding is applied to all fees.

Animal management fees (Attachment 2, pages 6 to 21), are typically set at or below cost recovery, balancing considerations regarding community services with the user pays principle.

Introductory dog registrations are proposed to remain unchanged at \$20.00, with the low nominal cost intended to encourage dog registrations and responsible pet ownership.

Standard dog registration fees are proposed to increase by CCI plus rounding for entire dogs, and a slightly lower increase for desexed dogs. Fees for pensioner dogs are proposed to have a lesser increase which is consistent with resolutions from previous years. The most common dog registration categories are outlined below (refer to Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of the proposed common dog registration fees:

	Pay by date fee		Pay after date fee		Increase (\$)
	Current 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Current 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	
Entire Dog - Standard	\$ 193.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 223.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 9.00
Desexed Dog - Standard	\$ 48.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 2.00
Entire Dog - Pensioner	\$ 92.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 5.00
Desexed Dog - Pensioner	\$ 32.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 2.00

Proposed fees for health and regulatory services (Attachment 2, pages 22 to 31), and road regulation licences (Attachment 2, pages 32 and 33) are subject to other specific escalation reflecting underlying delivery cost increases.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Local Government Act 2009 s97 and 98

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

Food Act 2006 (Qld) (Part 5)

Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003 (Qld)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Fees and charges are established in accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.

No proposals for policy amendments have been raised in relation to the fees and charges addressed in this paper, or the services these fees relate to.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to allow early adoption of selected licencing fees is intended to avoid any risk of regulatory timeframes for licence renewals not being met by Council.

The annual escalation of fees in line with cost recovery involves very limited financial risk. Where cost recovery requirements apply, risks associated with this are mitigated through costing exercises and benchmarking (where appropriate) being undertaken by the responsible department as a part of the review process.

Risks associated with individual service offerings are managed operationally by the responsible department.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The fees and charges which are the subject of this paper are set at or below cost recovery, in line with the requirements of the LGA. As such, licensees pay no more than what it costs council to administer the regulatory service in question. The CCI escalation rate applied to fees is smoothed to reflect a medium-term trend to avoid any significant price increases for licensees in any one financial year.

Revenue from these selected animal management, public health, food business and road regulation services constitute a portion of Council's overall fees and charges revenue. As the proposed increases are in line with underlying cost increases, there are no net financial impacts anticipated from the proposed changes.

The revenue and delivery cost forecasts associated with priced services will be subject to more detailed articulation through the budget development process.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Where applicable, the Planning and Regulatory Services Department has undertaken stakeholder consultation regarding the pricing of fees and scope of available services.



CONCLUSION

Early approval of the fees and charges applicable for selected public health, food business and road regulation licences and associated services is being sought to ensure licensees have an adequate notice period – of at least 60 days – within which to complete their annual renewals.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Recommendation A seeks Council approval for selected 2026-2027 Fees and Charges, as detailed in Attachment 1 to the report, to be adopted with an effective date of 1 July 2026.
(b) What human rights are affected?	This decision has the potential to impact human rights in relation to: - Recognition and equality before the law, and - Taking part in public life.
(c) How are the human rights limited?	The application of fees and charges has potential to disadvantage some members of the community by limiting their ability to access Council services.
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	The proposed fees and charges do not apply to core Council services or public goods. Fees and charges apply to services and goods which are optional to take up and benefit an individual or a business. For regulatory fees, Council is required to charge not more than cost recovery for these services. Where genuine hardship or equity considerations exist, there is provision in the fees and charges for discounts and waivers to ensure access to services is made as broadly available as possible, whilst balancing the regulatory pricing requirements noted above, and other social policy objectives such as the user pays principle.
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026-2027 ↓ 
2	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026-2027 compared to 2025-2026 ↓ 

Paul Mollenhauer
TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Christina Binoya
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER AND CLOSING REPORT

AUTHOR: PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This a report concerning Ipswich City Council's controlled entity, Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust's 2024-2025 annual financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust annual financial statements as detailed in Attachment 1 be received and the contents noted.
- B. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust management representation letter as detailed in Attachment 2 be received and the contents noted.
- C. That the 2024-2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust closing report as detailed in Attachment 3 be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust is considered a related party of Ipswich City Council for the purpose of financial reporting disclosures.

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust (IAFT) 2024-2025 annual financial statements are presented for noting by council. The statements are presented for completeness as well as for the information of council and the community. The statements are prepared and developed under the guidance of council's Finance Branch and audited by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO). The Auditor's Independence Declaration is included in the financial statements. They are signed by the director of the Trustee of IAFT. Refer to Attachment 1.

Under Section 213 (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the mayor must present the financial statements of a controlled entity with a copy of the auditor-generals observation report to Council.

QAO has completed the final audit of IAFT for the 2024-2025 financial year. This final audit included the assessment of the design and implementation of internal controls relevant to the financial report, and whether they are operating effectively. Refer to Attachment 2.

The closing report details there was one (1) new deficiency raised during the audit. QAO identified instances where expenses were recorded in the incorrect accounting period. IAFT will work with Finance to ensure that expenses are recorded in the correct accounting periods. Refer to Attachment 3.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Australian Accounting Standards

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications related to this report and the attached financial statements are provided for information only.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications related to this report and the attached financial statements are provided for information only.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications related to this report.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Community consultation has not been undertaken in relation to this report. Whilst its content will be of interest to the community, it is matter of statutory financial reporting for relevant controlled entities.




CONCLUSION

The 2024-2025 annual financial statements and management representation letter for the controlled entities listed in this report be noted.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT
The Recommendation states that the report be received and the contents noted. The decision to receive and note the report does not limit human rights. Therefore, the decision is compatible with human rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust - Annual Financial Statement ↓ 
2.	2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust - Financial Management Report ↓ 
3.	2025 Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust - Closing report ↓ 

Barbara Watson

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Debra Hampson

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Christina Binoya

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith

GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 9
SUBJECT: MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026
AUTHOR: PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
DATE: 16 FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's (**Council**) financial performance for the period ending 28 February 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report on Council's financial performance for the period ending 28 February 2026, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be considered and noted by Council.

RELATED PARTIES

Not applicable

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

This report outlines the financial results for Ipswich City Council as of 28 February 2026.

The total net result (including capital revenue) for Council as of 28 February 2026 is a surplus of \$111.8 million compared to the year to date (YTD) budget surplus of \$102.5 million.

Council's YTD operating surplus excluding infrastructure levy is \$4.5 million compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1.3 million. The explanations are outlined further in the report.

Capital expenditure year-to-date, excluding asset donations and disaster recovery, is \$6.2 million below budget.

Revenue

Operating revenue is \$5 million above the year-to-date budget, primarily due to higher than budgeted interest revenue (\$3.6m), UU Tax revenue (\$1.9m), Roads, Traffic and Parking fees (\$1.2m) and town planning and development fees (\$983k) and grant funds for TC Alfred

\$900k being higher than expected. This is partially offset by \$4.1 million of the Financial Assistance Grant being recognised in the prior financial year.

Expenses

Overall operating expenses were \$1.7 million above the YTD budget.

Employee expenses (including labour contracts) are over budget by \$2.5 million YTD. This is largely contributed by the EBA increase on estimated leave balances being higher than forecasted during budget development, higher spending on overtime, workers compensation higher than budgeted and the labour efficiency targets not yet fully achieved. In addition, less labour has been charged to capital projects which continues to be reviewed. Labour contracts continue to be over budget as contingent workers are utilised to fill specialist roles across councils or as medium term backfill.

Materials and services (excluding labour contracts) are currently \$3.6 million under budget, mainly due to the timing of expenditure in the Nicholas Street Precinct and Community and Cultural Economic Development Department, as well as lower domestic disposal costs in Resource Recovery.

Depreciation, which is a non-cash item, is over budget by \$3.8 million YTD. This is mainly due to the capitalisation of donated assets, and catch-up depreciation from assets capitalised in the last six months.

Capital

The total full year capital expenditure (excluding Asset donations, the Voluntary Home Buy Back and Disaster Recovery) is \$82.8 million compared to the full year budget of \$89 million.

The Nicholas Street Precinct is below the YTD budget by approximately \$2.9 million, predominantly due to timing associated with property leasing.

Asset and Infrastructure Services Infrastructure Program YTD capital expenditure (excluding Disaster Recovery) is \$61.5 million compared to budget of \$54.5 million. For Asset Rehabilitation, overspends were mainly due to Drainage Rehabilitation on East Ipswich Stage 1 and Champions Way. This is due to timing of budget over financial years. Gravel Road Rehabilitation projects are currently and are forecast to be overspent. Park facilities are overspent mainly on Softfall replacement programs commencing earlier than planned due to contractor availability, and unbudgeted works on John Williams, and Henry Lawson Bicentennial Parks. Strategic transport overspends include Springfield Greenbank Arterial Stg 3 and Springfield Parkway Stage 2 due to current timing issues; however, the projects are forecast to be on budget.

Cash Balances

Council's cash and cash equivalents balance as at 28 February 2026 was \$249.3 million. In line with reporting from previous months, Council's cash balance remains above forecast due to the early receipt of grants funds and will continue to be monitored.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's financial position is managed in accordance with the Financial Management Policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The operating result of a \$4.5 million surplus against a budgeted surplus of \$1.3 million is mainly driven by higher interest income, greater Urban Utilities tax revenue, greater town planning and development fee revenue, and unbudgeted funding received from QRA relating to the TC Alfred event. The favourable result is partly offset by overspends on employee expenses and increased depreciation as well as funding from the Financial Assistance Grant being recognised in the prior financial year. Underspends in materials and services expenditure will continue to be monitored.

The higher than budgeted spending on employee expenses represents an ongoing risk for the 2025-2026 financial year. Employee expenses will continue to be monitored and reported on with actions being implemented to address.

In coming months, accounting adjustments will be processed which will result in the transfer of capital expenditure to operating expenditure primarily related to Software as a Service which was budgeted in the capital works program. Under the accounting standards definitions the work delivered should be classified as an operating expense. These adjustments will be noted in the report when they are processed.

The regular review of council's financial reports on a monthly basis will continue to be an important part of council's governance processes.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications as a result of this report.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The contents of this report did not require any community consultation. Analysis and explanations of the variances are undertaken in conjunction with the various departments.


CONCLUSION

Regular reporting and monitoring of Council's financial position will continue during the financial year as part of Council's regular governance and reporting process.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT
The Recommendation states that the report be received and the contents noted. The decision to receive and note the report does not limit human rights. Therefore, the decision is compatible with human rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Monthly Financial Performance Report - February 2026 ↓ 
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Barbara Watson
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Christina Binoya
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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