



City of
Ipswich

AGENDA

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 May 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(04)

19 MAY 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(03) OF 21 APRIL 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **DISPOSAL OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND TO URBAN UTILITIES FOR SEWERAGE PURPOSES (EAST IPSWICH)**

This report concerns the disposal of Council land for an easement in favour of Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities). The Easement will facilitate the installation and ongoing maintenance of upgraded infrastructure for the Chermside Road Pump Station to the Bundamba Sewerage Treatment Plant creating a new sewer line.

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 214 Chermside Road, Basin Pocket, more particularly described as Lot 7 on CP869447, ("the Land"),

by way of Easement agreement for sewerage purpose between Council and Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (Urban Utilities).

- 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 Easement as detailed in Recommendation A, for sewerage purpose.

3. DISPOSAL OF EASEMENTS OVER COUNCIL LAND TO URBAN UTILITIES FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE PURPOSES (ROSEWOOD)

This report concerns the disposal of Council land for two (2) easements in favour of Central Queensland Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities) for Water and Sewer purposes over portion of the land at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood.

The proposed Easements are required to facilitate sewerage and water connections servicing the adjoining approved residential development under development application 3130/2024/CA located at 126 Nielsen Road, Rosewood.

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 interests in Part of Land at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood, more particularly described as Lot 901 on SP143557 (“the Land”), by way of Easement agreements for sewerage and water purposes between Council and Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (Urban Utilities).
- 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 Easement as detailed in Recommendation A, for sewerage and water purposes.

4. 5326 MARIE STREET, GOODNA - BANK STABILISATION WORKS (INCREASED EXPENDITURE)

This report outlines the increased expenditure incurred under Contract 5326 *Embankment Stabilisation Works, Marie Street, Goodna*. The contract had an original value of \$1,144,883.50 (ex GST) and an approved contingency allowance of \$114,488.35 (ex GST).

During delivery of the project, unplanned works and delays primarily resulting from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred required the use of the full contingency and additional expenditure. The total contingency spend reached \$1,098,225.39 (ex GST).

The project was completed in March 2026, and no further variations were required after practical completion.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council receive and note that Contract 5326 – *Marie Street, Goodna, Embankment Stabilisation Works* which had an original contract value of \$1,144,883.50 (ex-GST) and an approved contingency of \$114,488.35 (ex GST), has exceeded the approved contingency, with total contingency expenditure reaching \$1,098,225.39 (ex-GST). This resulted in a total contract value of \$ 2,243,108.89 (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.

5. **PROCUREMENT: ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

This is a report concerning the procurement of Council’s Electronic Document Records Management System and Objective Connect and the recommendation to enter into a new Contractual Arrangement with Objective Corporation Limited.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. 260115-000777 for the provision of Objective EDRMS and Connect to Objective Corporation Limited (Supplier).
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Supplier at an approximate purchase price and contract term as listed 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.

6. UPDATE TO IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

This is a report concerning amendments to the Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference arising from recommendations of the Multicultural Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 23 March 2026. On 30 April 2026, Council resolved as follows:

- B: That the terms of reference for the Multicultural Advisory Committee be updated to include the proposed new section in the Terms of Reference Annexure 3.3 – Multicultural Advisory Committee Section 5. External Advisors and Participants; and
- C: That the amended Terms of Reference be referred to the next Finance and Governance committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised 'Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference' as detailed in Attachment 2 be adopted.

7. PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 2026

This is a report concerning the annual review of Ipswich City Council's (Council) proposed commercial and cost recovery fees and charges, and the recommended pricing to commence with effect 1 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed 2026-2027 Fees and Charges, including all fee policies, as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

(excluding the fees and charges for Animal Management, Public Health, Food Business and Road Regulation licences and associated services adopted in the meeting held, 17 March 2026 contained in the following sections:

- Sections 2 to 7.4, pages 20 to 31
- Sections 2 to 11.1.2, pages 33 to 40
- Section 3 to 3.2.5, pages 107 to 109

8. **RATES CONCESSION REPORT

This is a report concerning a request for a concession for general rates from Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited for a property at 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road, Lanefield Qld 4340.

RECOMMENDATION

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 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road Lanefield Qld 4340, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate from the 17 March 2026, being the date of application.

9. ****QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE 2026 FIRST INTERIM AUDIT REPORT**

This is a report concerning the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) 2026 first interim audit report for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 detailing the results of internal controls testing performed to 28 February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Queensland Audit Office 2026 Interim Audit Report, as detailed in Attachment 1, be received and the contents noted.

10. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL 2026**

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's (**Council**) financial performance for the period ending 30 April 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 30 April 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(03)

21 APRIL 2026

MINUTES

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

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

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Procurement (Tanya Houwen), Goods and Services Category Manager (Tim Steinhardt), Chief Financial Officer (Christina Binoya), Precinct Director (James Hepburn), Manager, General Counsel (Allison Ferres-MacDonald), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles), Coordinator, Communications (Lucy Stone) and Venue Technician (Harrison Cate)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That a leave of absence be granted for Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic for the Finance and Governance Committee of 21 April 2026.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Paul Tully (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Jacob Madsen informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 4 titled Ipswich Trades Hall Parking.

The nature of the declarable conflict of interest is that he was a previous member of the Executive of the Ipswich Trades Hall and Labour Day Committee.

Councillor Jacob Madsen came to the conclusion that because of the nature of the conflict, he will exclude himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NO. 2026(02) OF 17 MARCH 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

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

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **PROCUREMENT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD - PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL CLEANING**

This is a report concerning the establishment of contract arrangements with suitably qualified suppliers for the provision of Commercial Cleaning Services across nine (9) Separable Portions to Ipswich City Council, following the completion of Tender 250318-000084(VP465900).

“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. 250318-000084 (VP465900) for the provision of Commercial Cleaning to the suppliers listed as per Confidential Attachment 1 (Recommendation to Award).**
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Suppliers at an approximate purchase price of \$24,000,000 excluding GST over the entire term, being a term of four (4) years, with an option for extension at the discretion of Council (as purchaser), of an additional three (3) years term.**
- 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, to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Madsen

Harding

Jonic

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. 5554 RECONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO RIVERLINK AND BRADFIELD BRIDGE PROJECT - DRFA FUNDED PROJECT (INCREASED EXPENDITURE)

This is a report concerning increased expenditure under contract 5554 Reconstruction Adjacent to Riverlink and Bradfield Bridge works funded through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) following multiple events impacting this location in both 2022 and 2024.

The original contract value of \$5,651,735.00 was awarded to Cragcorp Pty Ltd t/as Queensland Bridge and Civil (QBC) with an additional provisional sum of \$2,015,417.28 and an allocated contingency amount of \$876,417.28 to a total value of \$8,543,569.56.

This report is to provide notice the provisional sum and contingency expenditure has now reached \$2,667,722.91 (incl. GST) and will require an additional \$2,184,046.54 in contingency to complete the project with known issues at site and in accordance with the approved funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

- A. **That Council receive and note that contract 5554 Reconstruction Adjacent to Riverlink and Bradfield Bridge works for the value of \$5,651,735.00 and additional provisional sum of \$2,015,417.28 and an allocated contingency amount of \$876,417.28 will be exceeded.**
- B. **That Council approve an additional contingency allocation of \$2,200,000.00 to cover potential future variations to ensure completion of works within the required Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) funding timeframes.**
- 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

Antonioli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

ADJOURN MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9.59 am to reconvene at 10.20 am.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Tully	Nil
Madsen	
Harding	
Jonic	
Antonioli	
Madden	

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 10.20 am.

***Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 10.21 am due to a previously declared interest in Item 4.

At the recommencement of the meeting Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Councillor Andrew Antonioli were not present.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Councillor Andrew Antonioli arrived at 10.22 am.

ADJOURN MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the meeting be adjourned at 10.34 am to reconvene at 10.39 am.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Tully	Nil
Harding	
Jonic	
Antonioli	
Madden	

All Councillors except Councillor Jacob Madsen were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 10.39 am.

4. IPSWICH TRADES HALL PARKING

This is a report concerning a request received from the Ipswich Trades Hall and Labour Day Committee (the **ITH**) for Council to provide it with access to five (5) car parking spaces at no cost on a permanent basis.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Paul Tully:

That a general discussion be held in relation to this matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Tully

Harding

Jonic

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

All Councillors except Councillor Jacob Madsen were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

RECOMMENDATION

A. That Council either:

(i) in accordance with the recommendation set out in this report, approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option A, or

(ii) approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option B as set out in this report.

B. If Council gives its approval to proceed in accordance with Option B, that Council be kept informed as to the progress and outcome of that approach.

Mayor Teresa Harding proposed the following motion:

That in accordance with the recommendation set out in this report, approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option A.

The motion lapsed in the absence of a seconder.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli proposed the following motion:

- A. That Council approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option B as set out in this report.
- B. That Council be kept informed as to the progress and outcome of that approach.

The Chief Executive Officer recommended the following wording for Recommendation A:

That Council approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option B as set out in the Options section of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

- A. That Council approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option B as set out in the Options section of the report.
- B. That Council be kept informed as to the progress and outcome of that approach.

Mayor Teresa Harding proposed the following amendment as Recommendation C:

- C. That the lost casual parking revenue could potentially be \$32,500 per year and that this be recorded in the annual report.

The mover and seconder of the current motion did not agree with the proposed amendment.

***RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

- A. That Council approve that council officers proceed in accordance with Option B as set out in the Options section of the report.**
- B. That Council be kept informed as to the progress and outcome of that approach.**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Tully	Harding
Antoniolli	Jonic (Abstain)
Madden	

All Councillors except Councillor Jacob Madsen were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 11.14 am.

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT 2025-2026

This is a report concerning proposed amendment of the 2025-2026 budget, submitted in accordance with Section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That the proposed amended 2025-2026 Budget, including the Long-Term Financial Forecast, the 2025-2026 Revenue Policy, the 2025-2026 Revenue Statement, and the amended Debt Policy, as detailed in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 be adopted.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Tully	Nil
Madsen	
Harding	
Jonic	
Antoniolli	
Madden	

The motion was put and carried.

6. MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT MARCH 2026

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the report on Council's financial performance for the period ending 31 March 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

Antoniolli

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

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 9.50 am.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

***** Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 30 April 2026 for amendment**

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND TO URBAN UTILITIES FOR SEWERAGE PURPOSES (EAST IPSWICH)

AUTHOR: SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS)

DATE: 30 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report concerns the disposal of Council land for an easement in favour of Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities). The Easement will facilitate the installation and ongoing maintenance of upgraded infrastructure for the Chermside Road Pump Station to the Bundamba Sewerage Treatment Plant creating a new sewer line.

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 214 Chermside Road, Basin Pocket, more particularly described as Lot 7 on CP869447, ("the Land"), by way of Easement agreement for sewerage purpose between Council and Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (Urban Utilities).**
- 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 Easement as detailed in Recommendation A, for sewerage purpose.**

RELATED PARTIES

- Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities)
- WSP Australia Pty Limited (Joint Applicant)
- Downer Utilities Australia Pty Ltd (Joint Applicant)
- There is no declaration of conflict of interest

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Urban Utilities are currently upgrading sewer infrastructure through the Ipswich region.

As part of these works, Urban Utilities have advised Council that they will be undertaking works to existing sewerage infrastructure which includes decommissioning and replacing its existing sewer network with a new trunk sewer line that will traverse McLeod Street Park located at 214 Chermiside Road, Basin Pocket.

As part of these works it is proposed the registration of a sewerage easement in favour of Urban Utilities be established to set conditions allowing Urban Utilities to manage, repair, upgrade and service this infrastructure from installation.

Given the broad organisational support for the proposal, granting an easement in this instance is considered appropriate given the sewerage trunk line supports public infrastructure for the local and broader community.

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The establishment of a registered Easement over the sewerage infrastructure will provide Urban Utilities with lawful and ongoing rights of access for operation, maintenance, repair and upgrade purposes. Clearly defined Easement boundaries mitigate operational and asset management risks by preventing uncontrolled access across Council land and reducing the risk of unexpected excavation, damage to land, or conflict with other Council assets.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Urban Utilities will be responsible for all costs associated with facilitating the easement which include, compensation, preparation of the easement documentation, survey plans, the preparation of compensation assessments and Titles Queensland registration fees to register the dealings. Urban Utilities will also be fully responsible for maintaining its infrastructure going forward.

It is recommended that the compensation payable for the diminished value of the land be set at a nominal rate of \$5,000 exclusive of GST. A nominal rate is considered appropriate in this instance as the disposal of land (via easement) is for public infrastructure managed by Urban Utilities.

There are not direct or ongoing costs to Council in relation to this proposal.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred with: **Transport Planning** (No comment, proposal doesn't relate to a current or planned strategic road); **Sport and Recreation** (Support the proposal); **Public Open Space** (Access and Works Licence Agreement to contain Council standard conditions and safe access to the park to remain during works); **City Design** (Support the proposal); **Natural Environment** (site inspection completed, terms provided for inclusion in Access and Work Licence Agreement); **Works and Field Services** (Conditions have been provided for inclusion in the Access and Works Licence Agreement).

Consultation between Council officers and the applicant remains ongoing to progress the Easements process and requirements.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council support the disposal of land (via easement for sewerage purposes) to Urban Utilities on the land located at 214 Chermerside Road, Basin Pocket. It is further recommended that consideration payable to Council for the establishment of the easement on its land be set at \$5,000 exclusive of GST.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Disposal of interest in parts of land for an Easement for sewerage purpose.
(b) What human rights are affected?	Urban Utilities and Council are not individuals only individuals have human rights. End of Assessment
(c) How are the human rights limited?	No 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 - Lot 7 on CP869447  
2.	Easement Locality Plan - Mcleod Street Park  

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.

Lee Prior
MANAGER, PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

“Together, we proudly enhance the quality of life for our community”

INTERNAL CURRENT TITLE SEARCH
QUEENSLAND TITLES REGISTRY PTY LTD

Search Date: 24/12/2024 08:11

Title Reference: 50109637

Date Created: 17/01/1996

Previous Title: 40001783

REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 701090999 04/01/1996

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IPSWICH

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 7 CROWN PLAN 869447

Local Government: IPSWICH

For exclusions / reservations for public purposes refer to
Plan CP 869447

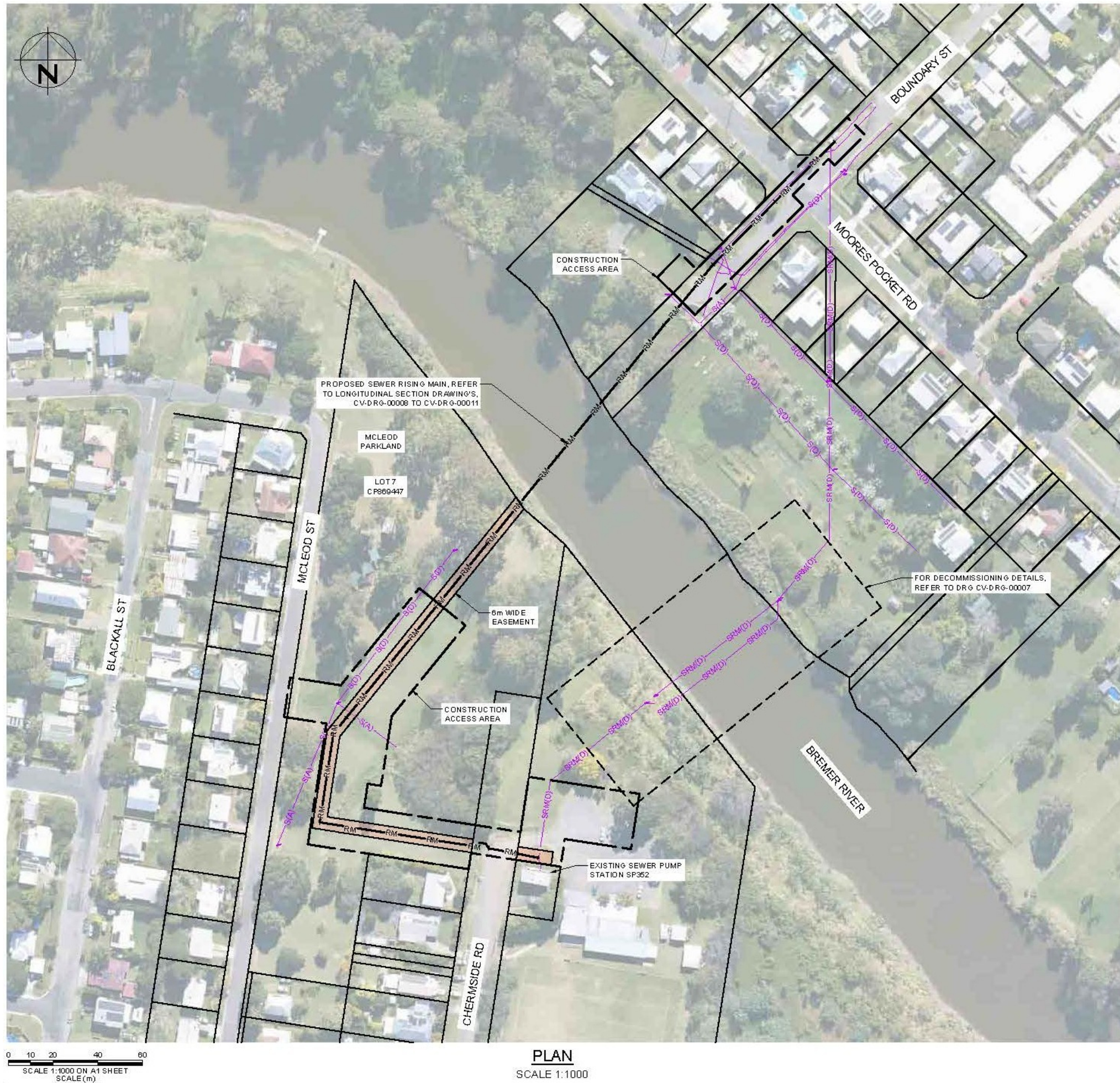
EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by
Deed of Grant No. 40001783 (Lot 7 on CP 869447)

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES - NIL

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS - NIL

** End of Current Title Search **



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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF EASEMENTS OVER COUNCIL LAND TO URBAN UTILITIES FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE PURPOSES (ROSEWOOD)

AUTHOR: SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER (ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS)

DATE: 17 APRIL 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report concerns the disposal of Council land for two (2) easements in favour of Central Queensland Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities) for Water and Sewer purposes over portion of the land at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood.

The proposed Easements are required to facilitate sewerage and water connections servicing the adjoining approved residential development under development application 3130/2024/CA located at 126 Nielsen Road, Rosewood.

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 interests in Part of Land at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood, more particularly described as Lot 901 on SP143557 (“the Land”), by way of Easement agreements for sewerage and water purposes between Council and Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (Urban Utilities).**
- 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 Easement as detailed in Recommendation A, for sewerage and water purposes.**

RELATED PARTIES

- Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as Urban Utilities)
- Atrio Property (Applicant)
- There is no declaration of conflict of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

In April 2025, Ipswich City Council (Council) granted owner's consent for the connection of sewerage and water infrastructure located within Council-owned land at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood, to service the adjoining residential subdivision. The consent was issued subject to conditions imposed under development application 3130/2024/CA.

An Access and Works Licence has since been granted to the applicant, permitting the construction and installation of the required infrastructure within Council land. The final step in this process is for Council to grant two (2) easements in favour of Urban Utilities. These easements are required to enable Urban Utilities to undertake the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure in accordance with its operational requirements and relevant statutory obligations.

An existing manhole is located within the Council land, and the proposed gravity sewer connection will integrate into the existing sewerage network. Any disturbance to the land arising from the installation works will be fully remediated upon completion of the sewer pipeline installation, including the reinstatement of turf.

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The establishment of registered Easements over the water and sewerage infrastructure will provide Urban Utilities with lawful and ongoing rights of access for operation, maintenance, repair and upgrade purposes. Clearly defined Easement boundaries mitigate operational and asset management risks by preventing uncontrolled access across Council land and reducing the risk of unexpected excavation, damage to land, or conflict with other Council assets.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with facilitating the easement which include, compensation, preparation of the easement documentation, survey plans, the preparation of compensation assessments and Titles Queensland registration fees to register the dealings. Urban Utilities will also be fully responsible for maintaining its infrastructure going forward.

It is recommended that the compensation payable for the diminished value of the land be set at a nominal rate of \$5,000 exclusive of GST (for each easement). A nominal rate is

considered appropriate in this instance as the disposal of land (via easement) is for public infrastructure managed by Urban Utilities.

There are not direct or ongoing costs to Council in relation to this proposal.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred with: **Transport Planning** (no comment the proposal doesn't relate to a current or planned strategic road); **Road Corridor Management** (No objections, after work is complete the land is to be rehabilitated to Council specifications); **Public Open Space** (no comments, property is not part of the trunk open space portfolio); **Works and Field Services** (No objections with relevant standard conditions); **Infrastructure Strategy** (Existing open channel to be reinstated after construction and sewer pipe cover to meet Urban Utility standards) and **Natural Environment** (No response).

Consultation between Council officers and the applicant remains ongoing to progress the Easements process and requirements.




CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council support the disposal of land (via easement for water and sewerage purposes) to Urban Utilities on the land located at located at 49 Lacewing Street, Rosewood. It is further recommended consideration payable to Council for the establishment of the two (2) easements on its land bet set at \$5,000 exclusive of GST each.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Disposal of interests in land for water and sewerage purposes.
(b) What human rights are affected?	Urban Utilities and Council are not individuals 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.	Title Search - 901SP143557 - 49 Lacewing Street ROSEWOOD ↓ 
2.	Easement Plan of Survey SP356583 ↓ 
3.	Site Map - 49 Lacewing Street ROSEWOOD ↓ 

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.

Lee Prior

MANAGER, PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith

GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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Local Government: IPSWICH

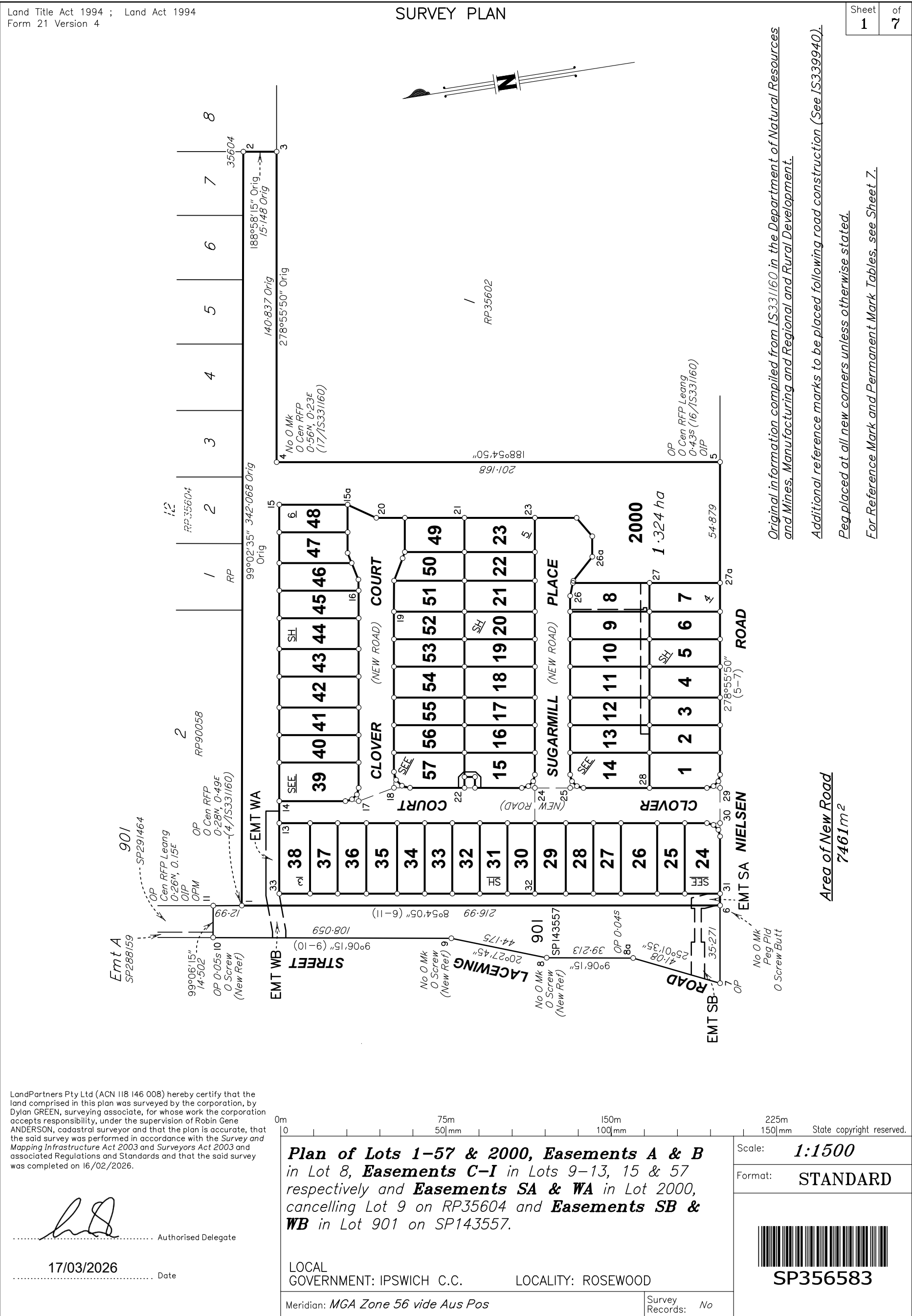
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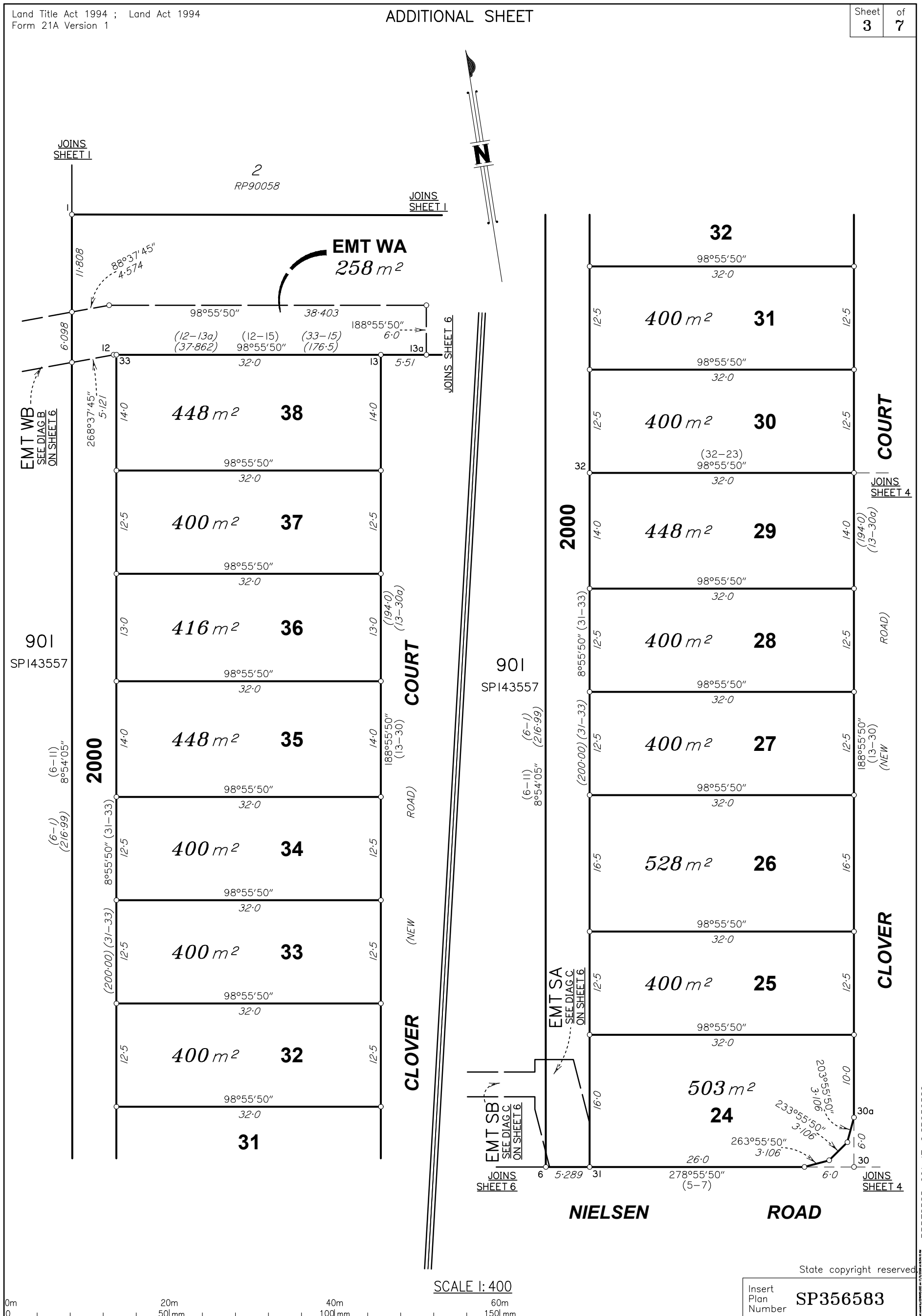
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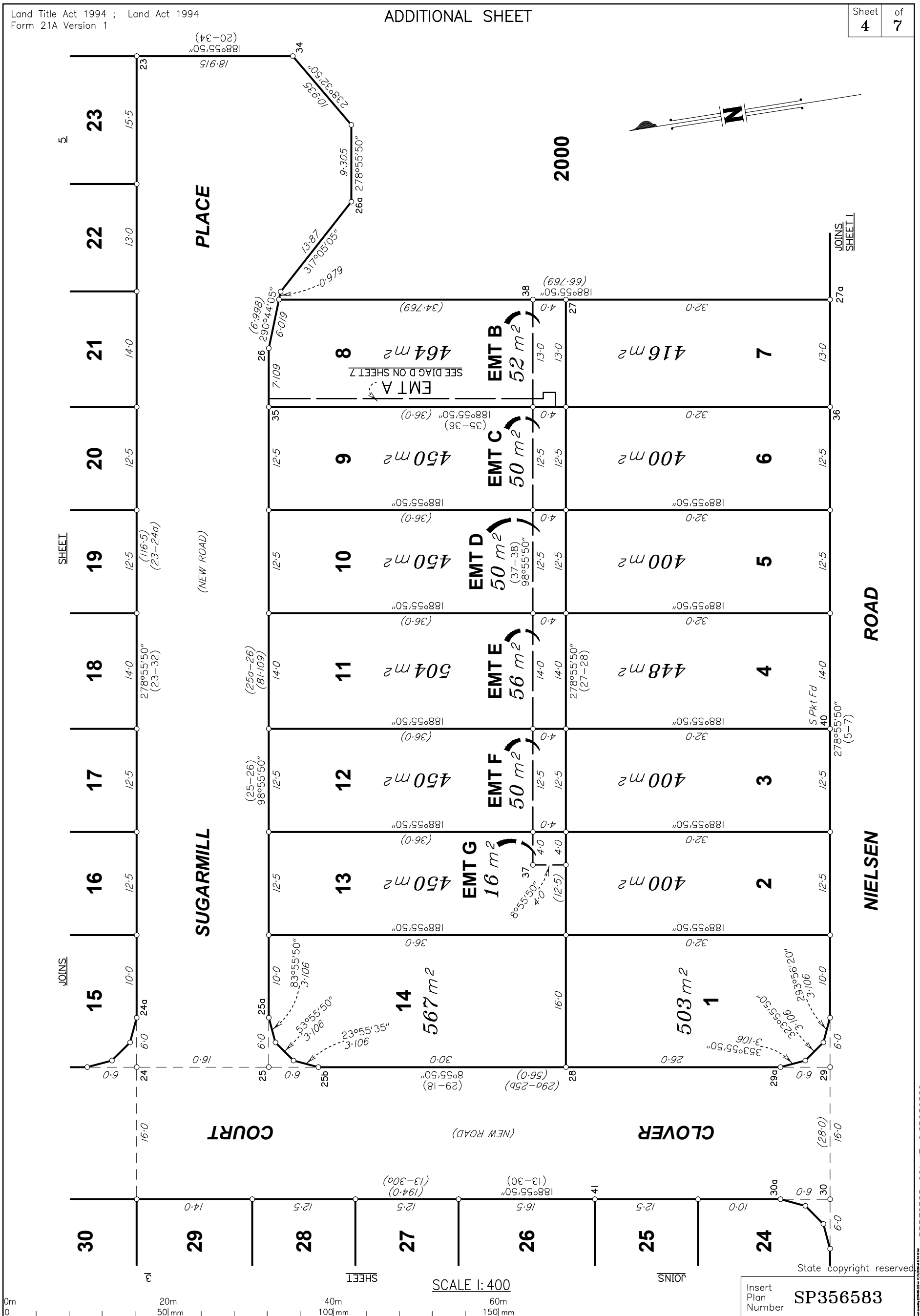
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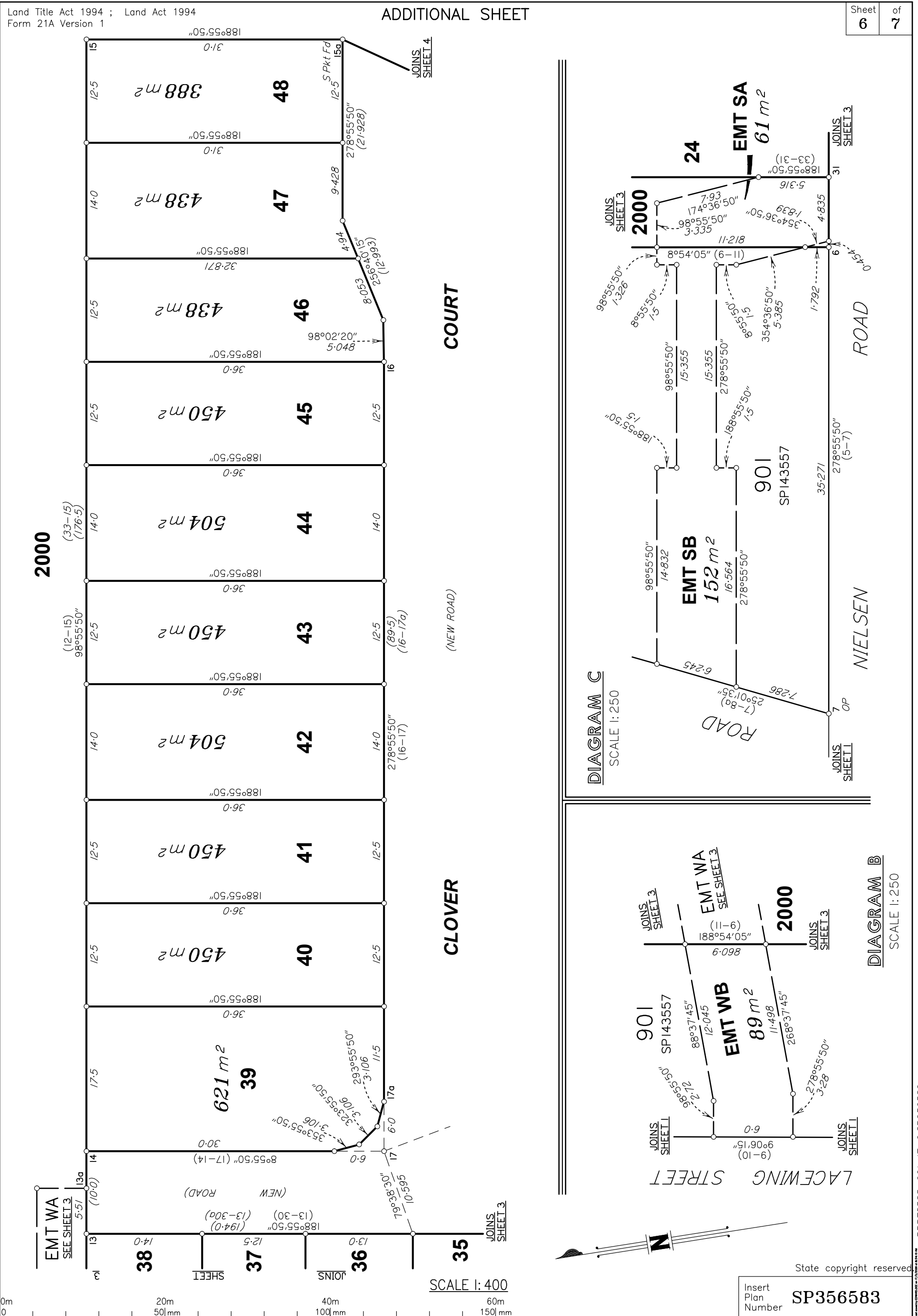
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S Pkt-Stn 15	461229.533	6942170.844	56	0-028	Derived	AUSPOS

PERMANENT MARKS

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REFERENCE MARKS

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9	O Screw in Conc strip Distbd	20/SP143557	320°35'	2.842	New Ref
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39	S Pkt Fd		231°21'05"	26.597	
40	S Pkt Fd		19°42'	17.16	
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(NEW ROAD)
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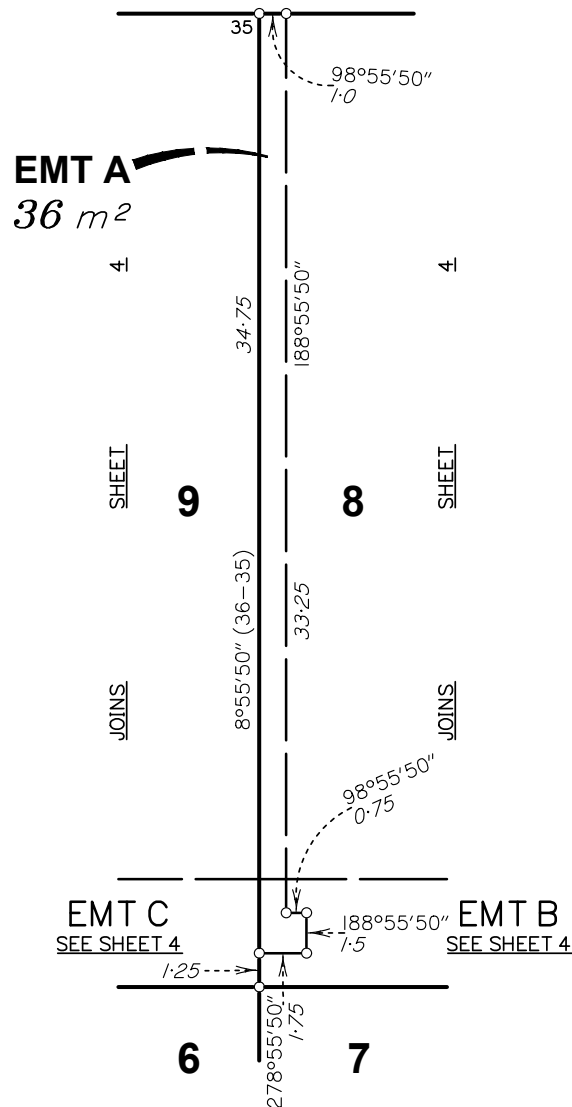
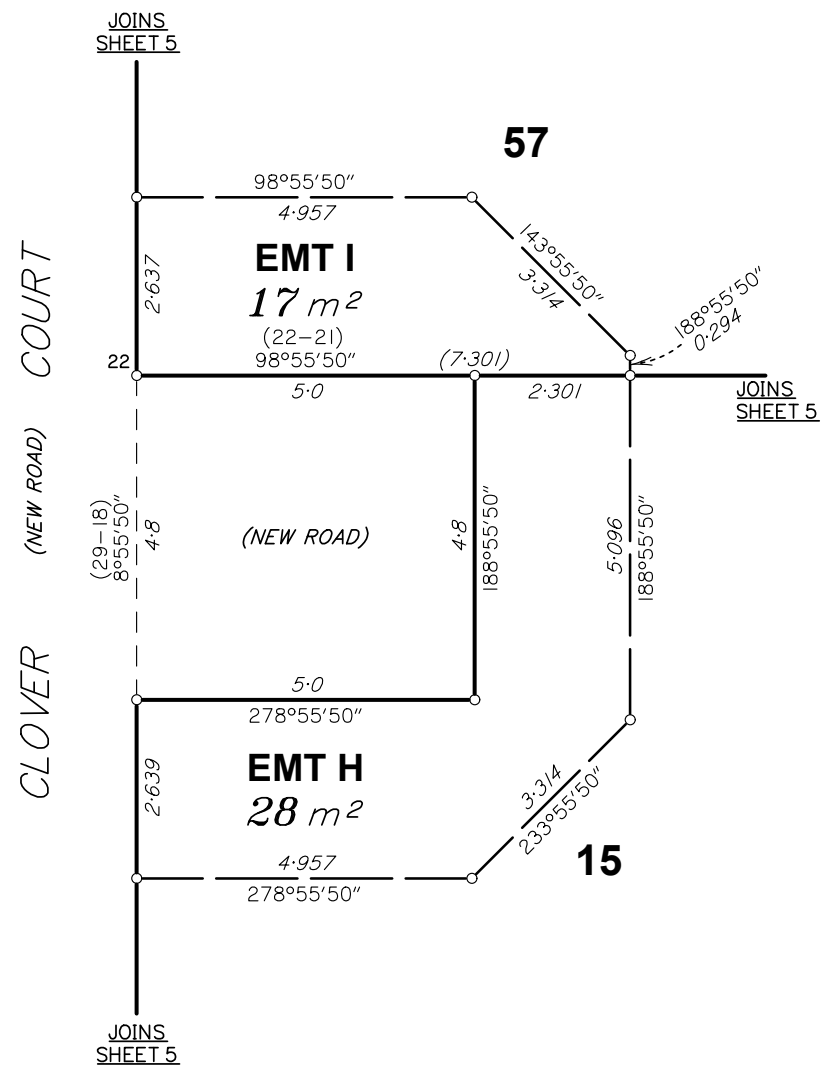


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ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: 5326 MARIE STREET, GOODNA - BANK STABILISATION WORKS (INCREASED EXPENDITURE)

AUTHOR: CATEGORY SPECIALIST

DATE: 13 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the increased expenditure incurred under Contract 5326 *Embankment Stabilisation Works, Marie Street, Goodna*. The contract had an original value of \$1,144,883.50 (ex GST) and an approved contingency allowance of \$114,488.35 (ex GST).

During delivery of the project, unplanned works and delays primarily resulting from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred required the use of the full contingency and additional expenditure. The total contingency spend reached \$1,098,225.39 (ex GST).

The project was completed in March 2026, and no further variations were required after practical completion.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That Council receive and note that Contract 5326 – *Marie Street, Goodna, Embankment Stabilisation Works* which had an original contract value of \$1,144,883.50 (ex-GST) and an approved contingency of \$114,488.35 (ex GST), has exceeded the approved contingency, with total contingency expenditure reaching \$1,098,225.39 (ex-GST). This resulted in a total contract value of \$ 2,243,108.89 (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.

RELATED PARTIES

Ipswich City Council

SUNSTATE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ABN - 24631468669

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the financial outcomes and approved variations associated with Contract 5326, and to provide formal notification that the contingency allowance was exceeded due to emergent conditions encountered during construction.

Contract 5326 was awarded with a contract value of \$1,144,883.50 (ex GST) and a contingency allowance of \$114,488.35 (ex GST), representing 10% of the contract value.

During construction, the site was significantly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Alfred, resulting in major embankment instability, landslip activity, and associated safety risks. These conditions required additional earthworks, redesign activities, and periods of site stand-down while engineering assessments were undertaken. These works exceeded the approved contingency.

The project was completed in March 2026 with no further variations following practical completion.

Variations Summary

The following variations were approved under Contract 5326. These primarily related to emergent works, redesign requirements, and delays arising from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred and subsequent service redesigns.

- VO01 – Landslip clean-up (TC Alfred): **\$12,934.70**
- VO02 – Fence pillar demolition & make safe (landslip impact): **\$3,509.50**
- VO03 – Additional SW chambers (design discrepancy): **\$11,500.00**
- VO04 – Potholing & watermain location (April 2025): **\$5,734.50**
- VO05 – Potholing & watermain pickup (Marie St alignment – May 2025): **\$2,790.00**
- VO06 – Site stand down (awaiting watermain redesign – May-June 2025): **\$30,225.00**
- VO07 – Slipped embankment remediation & access clearing: **\$33,219.50**
- VO08 – Site stand down (awaiting redesign): **\$19,500.00**
- VO09 – Embankment protection (Geofabric installation): **\$4,708.30**
- VO10 – Project delay costs due to watermain redesign (TC Alfred): **\$91,958.33**
- VO11 – Project delay costs due to watermain redesign (TC Alfred): **\$87,838.33**
- VO12 – Slipped embankment works increase: **\$669,360.40**
- VO13 – Slipped embankment works increase (scope adjustment): **\$116,628.33**
- VO14 – Traffic permit carryover (Dec-Jan continuity): **\$2,500.00**
- VO15 – Additional stormwater pit removal, batter protection, and minor driveway and fencing works: **\$5,818.50**

Variation Documentation (Objective Link): [4.04 Execution/Cost \(fA408261\)](#)

Variation Commentary

The majority of variations were attributable to the landslip and embankment instability caused by Tropical Cyclone Alfred, which required extensive clean-up, make-safe works, and a significant increase in the scope of stabilisation activities.

The cyclone also impacted an existing watermain, necessitating investigation, service location works, and redesign of the alignment. This resulted in stand-down periods, reduced productivity, and resequencing of works until revised designs were issued.

The cumulative value of variations totalled approximately \$1.09 million, primarily driven by the increased scope required for embankment stabilisation and delays associated with the watermain redesign. These factors resulted in the exceedance of the approved contingency allowance.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The matter of this report is consistent with the Procurement Policy. No other policies have been identified that would be impacted.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council minimised procurement risk by undertaking an open tender process and awarding the contract to an experienced and qualified contractor. The contract was administered under AS2124 Major Municipal Works, providing a structured framework for addressing variations, extensions of time, latent conditions, and emergent risks.

Operational risks arising from Tropical Cyclone Alfred, including embankment instability, were managed through engineering assessments, safety controls, and the engagement of the principal contractor to undertake emergent works in accordance with AS2124 provisions. This ensured continuity and compliance with Council's contract management requirements.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Contract 5326 was originally valued at \$1,144,883.50 (ex GST) with an approved contingency of \$114,488.35 (ex GST). Due to emergent works resulting from Tropical Cyclone Alfred, total contingency expenditure reached \$1,098,225.39 (ex GST), increasing the total contract value to \$ 2,243,108.89 (ex GST).

Additional expenditure was funded from the Portfolio Contingency. A funding submission has been made to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, with the outcome pending.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The following internal stakeholders were consulted and support this report:

- Manager, Procurement

- Building Construction and Maintenance Category Manager
- General Manager (Asset and Infrastructure Services)
- Construction Manager, Capital Delivery Branch

CONCLUSION

The use of the principal contractor to undertake emergent works was the most effective approach, given their technical capability and existing mobilisation on site. This ensured continuity of delivery, minimised delays, and supported the safe completion of the embankment stabilisation works at Marie Street, Goodna. All variations have now been finalised, and the project is complete.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Not Applicable
(b) What human rights are affected?	Not Applicable
(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.

Tara Hamilton-Smith
CATEGORY SPECIALIST

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Graeme Martin
MANAGER, CAPITAL PROGRAM DELIVERY

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Seren McKenzie
GENERAL MANAGER (ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT: ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

AUTHOR: ICT CATEGORY MANAGER

DATE: 7 APRIL 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the procurement of Council's Electronic Document Records Management System and Objective Connect and the recommendation to enter into a new Contractual Arrangement with Objective Corporation Limited.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. 260115-000777 for the provision of Objective EDRMS and Connect to Objective Corporation Limited (Supplier).**
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Supplier at an approximate purchase price and contract term as listed 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.**

RELATED PARTIES

- Ipswich City Council
- Objective Corporation Limited (ACN 050 539 350)
- There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Ipswich City Council originally engaged with Objective Corporation Limited (Supplier), for the provision of its Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS) in 2014.

The system has since become a core, business-critical platform, and its continued use is essential to Council operations.

Council's current contract with the Supplier is due to expire on 30 June 2026. In March 2026 a Sourcing Exception Request (Confidential Attachment 2) was approved to engage direct with Objective for a further contract term.

A submission has been requested and received from the Supplier and negotiations have commenced.

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 Procurement and Contract Manual.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The risks have been outlined in Confidential Attachment 2.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are set out in Confidential Attachment 1.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Council's ICT and Strategy, Governance and Performance Branch's. There has been no community consultation undertaken during the procurement process or the preparation of this report.

CONCLUSION

The recommended contractual arrangement with Objective Corporation Limited will ensure continuity of Council's EDRMS and Connect services beyond the current contract term. The proposed approach is compliant with legislative and procurement requirements and supports a value for money outcome while maintaining critical operational capability.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Recommendation states that Council enter into a contract with Objective Corporation for continued use of the EDRMS.
(b) What human rights are affected?	No human rights are affected by this decision. This is because the Supplier is a company (only individuals have human rights).
(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.	Supporting Paper
2.	Sourcing Exception Request

Shyanne Ward
ICT CATEGORY MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Tanya Houwen
MANAGER, PROCUREMENT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

David Armstrong
ACTING CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Haiden Taylor
MANAGER, STRATEGY, GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matt Smith
GENERAL MANAGER (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHOR: SENIOR POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

DATE: 8 MAY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning amendments to the Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference arising from recommendations of the Multicultural Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 23 March 2026. On 30 April 2026, Council resolved as follows:

- B: That the terms of reference for the Multicultural Advisory Committee be updated to include the proposed new section in the Terms of Reference Annexure 3.3 – Multicultural Advisory Committee Section 5. External Advisors and Participants; and
- C: That the amended Terms of Reference be referred to the next Finance and Governance committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the revised 'Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference' as detailed in Attachment 2 be adopted.

RELATED PARTIES

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

On 30 April 2026, Council resolved to add the following new section to the Terms of Reference – Annexure 3.3 – Multicultural Advisory Committee:

5. External Advisors and Participants

The Multicultural Advisory Committee may appoint up to five (5) external advisors for a fixed term, following an expression of interest process approved by Council.

External advisors are appointed to provide cultural, community, or subject-matter expertise and may participate fully in committee discussions at the invitation of the Chairperson.

External advisors are not members of the committee, do not form part of the quorum, and do not vote on committee recommendations.

Participation by external advisors is advisory in nature only and does not affect the committee's responsibility to formulate its advice and recommendations to the Community and Sport Committee.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012, s.265 Advisory Committees

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This recommendation amends the Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

In line with Recommendation D of the Multicultural Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 23 March 2026, and adopted by Council on 30 April 2026, criteria for the appointment of external advisors to the Multicultural Advisory Committee will be incorporated into an expression of interest process.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

No community consultation has been undertaken in relation to the amendment of the Terms of Reference.




CONCLUSION

The recommended amendments to the Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference will enable appointment of external advisors to the Multicultural Advisory Committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Recommendation states that the revised 'Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference' as detailed in Attachment 2 be adopted.
(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.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Ipswich City Council Standing Committees Terms of Reference ORIGINAL ↓ 
2.	Amended Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference TRACK CHANGES ↓ 
3.	Amended Ipswich City Council Standing and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference CLEAN ↓ 

Linda Clayton
SENIOR POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Wade Wilson
MANAGER, EXECUTIVE SERVICES

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ITEM: 7
SUBJECT: PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 2026
AUTHOR: TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER
DATE: 13 APRIL 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the annual review of Ipswich City Council's (Council) proposed commercial and cost recovery fees and charges, and the recommended pricing to commence with effect 1 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the proposed 2026-2027 Fees and Charges, including all fee policies, as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

(excluding the fees and charges for Animal Management, Public Health, Food Business and Road Regulation licences and associated services adopted in the meeting held, 17 March 2026 contained in the following sections:

- **Sections 2 to 7.4, pages 20 to 31**
- **Sections 2 to 11.1.2, pages 33 to 40**
- **Section 3 to 3.2.5, pages 107 to 109**

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 over one thousand service offerings, encompassing cost recovery fees, commercial fees and services Council provides at no cost.

The proposed register is intended to capture all fees and charges, it does not capture or include general rates and charges, penalties, levies 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 regarding the proposed fees and charges.

Annual fees for regulatory licences, permits and renewals (for example, food business licences) require invoices to be issued by Council a minimum of 60 days ahead of the start of a financial year. To ensure that these renewals could be issued to customers in a timely manner in April, the relevant fee sections were approved by Council on 26 March 2026. These fees and charges are included within the attached register for completeness and do not require a further resolution to adopt.

Approval of the remaining fees is sought from Council in advance of 1 July, to give residents advance notice of the cost of the optional services available, and to allow sufficient time for invoices for other licence, permit and registration renewals to be issued ahead of the start of the new financial year.

In reviewing fees and charges, Council's responsible departmental areas 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 take consideration of market conditions and stakeholder consultation where appropriate.

Section 97 of the LGA allows Council to set cost-recovery fees for a range of regulatory functions, specifically:

- a) licences, permits, registration or approvals
- b) change of ownership of land
- c) giving of information kept under a Local Government Act
- d) seizing property or animals under a Local Government Act
- e) performance of certain responsibilities under the Building Act or the Plumbing and Drainage Act.

The LGA requires that a cost-recovery fee be no more than the cost to the local government of taking the action for which the fee is charged. Where the fee is a cost recovery fee, it is identified within the register by the reference to the relevant paragraph of LGA s 97(2), and the head of power under which the service is offered. Approximately 60% of fees listed in the register are cost recovery fees.

In addition to cost recovery fees, there are a small number of fees which are set by, or based on, a pricing approach set by regulation. Such fees will typically relate to Planning and Development matters, or regulated services such as Right to Information charges.

The register also captures the fees and charges for Council's commercially offered range of goods and services, such as venue hire, equipment hire and sporting facility use.

The proposed Fees and Charges register for 2026-2027 is provided at **Attachment 1**.

A comparison of the existing Fees and Charges in place through 2025-2026 and the proposed Fees and Charges for 2026-2027, including details of new and discontinued fees, are listed in **Attachment 2**.

Overall, the service offerings for the 2026-2027 financial year are not proposed to be significantly changed from that of the current year.

The price of most regulatory fees for permits, registrations, licencing and related services is proposed to increase as follows:

- 70% of Animal Management in line with forecast Council Cost Index (**CCI**) at 4.5%, plus rounding
- 80% of Health and Regulatory Services subject to other relevant escalations ranging from 5% to 6%, plus rounding.

The CCI is a specific indexation which reflects forecasted growth in the cost of Council service delivery, calculated based on anticipated growth in wages, construction costs and the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**).

Commercial fees, most of which relate to venue hire, have been reviewed in line with current market conditions and subject to increases were considered appropriate. There are a few new commercial and community-use booking options available for parks, sporting facilities and community facilities.

The fees and charges captured within the register represent standard or 'business as usual' pricing for services. If a significant event prompts consideration of short-term variations to specific fees, such as flooding or other disaster events, Council may resolve to apply discounts, waivers or refunds to these fees.

The fee polices for Animal Management as well as Health and Regulatory Services were inadvertently omitted from the March report which adopted those relevant fees and charges. For completeness these fee policies are include in Attachment 1 for adoption.

Following their adoption, the Fees and Charges may be amended at any time by a resolution of Council.

Summary of notable fee charges and proposed amendments for 2026-2027.

References to page number(s) in this section relate to that of Attachment 2 only, not the page number(s) of the full agenda papers.

Corporate Services and Information

- Right to Information (Attachment 2, pages 20 to 21) – includes some additional new fees to reflect recent changes in legislation, noting that these are set under regulation by the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General. Council is yet to receive confirmation of the 2026-2027 fees.

- Rates Notice Issuance Fee – a new fee of \$1.70 per quarter, applicable from 1 January 2027 for rates payers receiving printed paper copies of rates notice. This fee is to encourage the take-up of electronic rates notices. Not applicable to pensioners.
- Card Surcharges (Attachment 2, page 17) – is noted as being discontinued from 1 October 2026 in line with the recent recommendations of the RBA.
- Request for owner’s consent for projects affecting Council owned or managed land (Attachment 2, page 23) – This fee is proposed to increase from \$250 to \$400 to better reflect the cost of service, and noting that this fee was not increased for 2025-2026.
- Printing and Photocopying Services for Public Access Information Provided Under Regulation (Attachment 2, page 24) – cost recovery fees for “staff supported services” for printing and photocopying have been increased in line with the underlying cost of service.

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase
	2025-2026	2026-2027	(\$)
Printing and Photocopying Services for Public Access Information Provided Under Regulation			
Printing and Photocopying (staff supported service) - Black and White A4	\$1.20	\$1.40	\$0.20
Printing and Photocopying (staff supported service) - Black and White A3	\$1.70	\$1.95	\$0.25
Printing and Photocopying (staff supported service) – Photocopying – Colour A4	\$2.20	\$2.55	\$0.35
Printing and Photocopying (staff supported service) – Colour A3	\$3.20	\$3.65	\$0.45

Parks, Sporting Grounds and Facilities

The majority of these fees have been escalated by CCI or CPI in line with delivery cost increases (Attachment 2, pages 69 to 90).

- Includes several new fees related to “non-grass” sporting grounds. (Attachment 2, pages 73)
- Minor changes to the structure of court hire fees for George Alder Tennis Centre. (Attachment 2, pages 77)

Ipswich Waste Services – Riverview and Rosewood

- General waste (Ipswich Residential) – escalated to reflect increase in underlying costs (Attachment 2, pages 58 to 63)

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase
	2025-2026	2026-2027	(\$)
Domestic Waste (General)			
Riverview: first 500kg	\$ 21.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 3.00
Riverview Pensioner: first 500kg	\$ 17.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 2.00
Rosewood: first 2 cubic metres	\$ 18.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 3.00
Rosewood Pensioner: first 2 cubic meters	\$ 17.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 2.00
Green Waste			
Riverview: first 500kg	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	
Riverview Pensioner: first 500kg	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	
Rosewood: first 2 cubic metres	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	
Rosewood Pensioner: first 2 cubic meters	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	
Non-Ipswich Residents / Commercial / Industrial Waste			
Riverview: first 300kg	\$ 79.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 26.00
Rosewood: first 2 cubic metres	\$ 79.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 26.00

Planning and Development

Planning and Development related fees constitute approximately 54% (\$24.8 million) of fee revenues annually. Development Application fees, Engineering and Environment fees, Building Services, Plumbing and Drainage fees have been benchmarked with increases ranging between 5% and 6%. Developer Contributions that include Voluntary Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Payment, Environmental Offsets and Vegetation Retention Contributions, have been increased by the appropriate CPI or CCI.

The full detail of Planning and Development fees and Charges can be found in, Attachment 2, pages 91 to 158.

Roads, Traffic and Parking

On-street metered parking fees have remained unchanged for 2026-2027, last increased in 2024-2025 (Attachment 2, page 160).

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase (\$)
	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Regulated Parking Meter Charges			
½ Hour	\$0.80	\$0.80	
1 Hour	\$1.60	\$1.60	
2 Hour	\$3.20	\$3.20	
3 Hour	\$4.80	\$4.80	
4 Hour	\$6.40	\$6.40	
9 Hour	\$8.00	\$8.00	

Other Council Services

- Temporary Access to Council Controlled Land – includes a zero fee (and zero related bond) where such access is residential in nature such as: (Attachment 2, pages 168)
 - Access for a trailer, boat, caravan or similar; or
 - Access to deliver maintenance materials, such loam, gravel, building materials; or
 - Access for domestic construction equipment such as a bobcat, excavator or similar
- Mobile Security Patrol callouts resulting from user error (attachment 2, page 172) – A new fee related to callouts stemming from user error, incorrect alarm operation, unsecured doors, or lost access credentials. A fee will apply, comprising the security provider’s costs plus a Council administration charge. Callouts made in good faith for genuine safety or security concerns will not attract a fee. Council will assess each incident to determine whether the callout was avoidable or constituted a legitimate security response.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions: *Local Government Act 2009 s97 and 98.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

Some categories of fees and charges may also be subject to specific Council policies, for example, animal registrations. Where this is the case, the responsible Department will have considered the proposed fee or fee amendments in the context of the relevant policy.

No proposals for policy amendments have been raised as a result of this annual review of fees and charges.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The primary financial risk in relation to fees and charges stems from externally driven demand for services. This is particularly the case for the Planning and Development related fees, which raises approximately \$26 million of fees annually. Commercial offerings such as venue hire also continue to carry a level of vulnerability in the context of economic fluctuations.

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

Where competition policy or 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 this annual review process.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Approximately 60% of Council's services listed within the fees and charges register are subject to pricing at or below cost recovery. Where there has been no material change in the nature of the service or manner of delivery, a percentage increase in the fee each financial year is considered appropriate to apply.

The forecast CCI, which considers the CPI, Wage Growth Index and Construction Cost Index, is in general, a good proxy for average underlying service delivery cost increases. The high-level forecast for the 2026-2027 budget build is approximately \$48.8 million.

Discontinuation of fees has occurred where the service is rarely utilised and of low value, or the service is no longer intended to be offered by Council. The financial impact of discontinued fees is expected to be minimal.

Commercial fees have been reviewed and adjusted in line with market drivers of demand and willingness to pay along with competitive neutrality considerations. Externally driven demand is likely to continue to be the key driver of financial performance with respect to commercial fees.

The proposed fees and charges do not include any specific relief measures, similar to those implemented in previous years, for such circumstances as COVID-19 or flood relief. Such discounts or waivers can be applied by Council resolution during the year should local conditions warrant further assistance packages.

Other waivers of fees and charges or discounted prices for certain users, for example, community groups are as indicated in the relevant sections of the fees and charges.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Where applicable, departments have undertaken stakeholder consultation regarding the pricing of fees and scope of available services. The preparation of this report has been undertaken with input from all responsible areas of Council.

CONCLUSION

Council's suite of fees and charges have been subject to review, with a revised register to take effect from 1 July 2026 provided at Attachment 1 for approval.

The range of fee-based services Council offers is not proposed to be subject to any significant changes as of 1 July.

The price of most regulatory fees is proposed to increase in line with a forecast CCI at 4.5% plus rounding and adjusted as appropriate for relevant benchmarking.

The overall revenue budget for fees and charges for the 2026-2027 financial year is forecast to be \$48.8 million. This is reflective of the combined effect of price growth, the availability of some new service offerings, and increased demand. As many Council fees are at or below cost recovery, price increases are reflective of an increase in the cost of delivery.



Commercial fees have been maintained consistent with industry benchmarks with moderate increases.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	Recommendation 1 seeks Council approval for the proposed 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. Where charges are applied, this is enabled by and governed by legislative provisions. For services which can be provided by a Local Government only, Council is required to charge not more than cost recovery. For market- based services, customers can

	utilise alternative providers if desired, and pricing is set to ensure there is no adverse impact on market competition. 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 Register of Fees and Charges 2026-2027 <i>(under separate cover)</i> 
2	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026-2027 comparison to 2025-2026 <i>(under separate cover)</i> 

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: RATES CONCESSION REPORT
AUTHOR: TREASURY ACCOUNTING MANAGER
DATE: 25 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning a request for a concession for general rates from Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited for a property at 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road, Lanefield Qld 4340.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road Lanefield Qld 4340, be granted a 100% concession on the differential general rate from the 17 March 2026, being the date of application

RELATED PARTIES

Councillors and Senior Managers should consider Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited 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 properties that meet the criteria outlined in the policy. Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited have requested a concession for general rates on 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road Lanefield as listed in the recommendation of this report. The organisation's charitable purpose is focused on environmental protection, conservation of biodiversity, and the preservation and restoration of natural ecosystems for the benefit of the community.

For the purposes of granting concession, Council officers are satisfied the property is being used for an eligible purpose. The activities undertaken on the property are considered to contribute to 'The preservation, restoration or maintenance of structures or places of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the Ipswich City Council local government area', accordingly the property is 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 \$5319.20 per annum.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The contents of this report did not require any community consultation

CONCLUSION

Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited being the owner of 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road, Lanefield, satisfy the requirements of the Rates Concession Policy as an eligible property owner. Further, the property is 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 property at 442 Rosewood-Laidley Road, Lanefield QLD 4340
(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?	Not applicable

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

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

1	Rates Concession Request
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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: 9
SUBJECT: QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE 2026 FIRST INTERIM AUDIT REPORT
AUTHOR: PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
DATE: 7 MAY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) 2026 first interim audit report for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 detailing the results of internal controls testing performed to 28 February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Queensland Audit Office 2026 Interim Audit Report, as detailed in Attachment 1, be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

Queensland Audit Office

IFUTURE THEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

QAO have completed the initial phase of the interim audit of Ipswich City Council for the 2025-2026 financial year. This phase included the assessment of the design and implementation of internal controls relevant to the financial report, and whether they are operating effectively.

QAO are still undertaking the general IT controls testing. Should any deficiencies be identified, these will be reported in the second interim report.

The Auditor-General has written to the Mayor to provide a copy of the first interim management report comprising issues formally reported to management. Under Section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Mayor must present a copy of the auditor-general's observation report at the next ordinary meeting of the local government.

QAO has raised two (2) new deficiencies in council's internal controls and one (1) other matter, as follows:

- A deficiency related to inconsistencies between the finance system generated vendor master data report of supplier changes and an ICC customised report used to perform an independent review of changes made to the vendor Masterfile.
- A deficiency related to monitoring of capital work in progress as the current custom report does not balance to the general ledger balance.
- The other matter related to revenue not accrued for in the prior financial year. As the amount was immaterial this is a recommendation to improve internal controls.

The report also notes and summarises the status of matters previously reported from the prior year. Council resolved one (1) deficiency, while there was one (1) significant, sixteen (16) deficiencies and three (3) other matters not fully resolved.

Management's initial responses and actions to the issues raised are included in the report and will continue to be monitored through regular updates to Internal Audit and the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

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 as a result of this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Management will continue to action internal control issues raised by QAO to ensure effective governance and controls are maintained to minimise the risk of errors or misstatement in the financial statements, ensure the safeguarding of assets and avoid non-compliance with policies and procedures.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications as a result of this report.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

No community consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

The Queensland Audit Office 2026 first interim audit report be received and the contents noted by council. Council is currently in the process of implementing corrective action that complies with QAO's recommendations by the deadlines detailed in Attachment 1.

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.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

1.	QAO 2026 Interim Audit Report
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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: 10

SUBJECT: MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL 2026

AUTHOR: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING MANAGER

DATE: 1 MAY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's (**Council**) financial performance for the period ending 30 April 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 30 April 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 30 April 2026. Actual outcomes are reported against the amended budget which was adopted by Council in April 2026.

The total net result (including capital revenue) for Council as of 30 April 2026 is \$7.3m favourable to budget with a surplus of \$127.7 million compared to the year to date (YTD) budget surplus of \$120.3 million.

Council's YTD operating surplus excluding infrastructure levy is \$8.5m favourable to budget at \$2.6 million compared to a budgeted deficit of \$5.9m. The explanations are outlined further in the report.

Capital expenditure year-to-date (excluding asset donations and disaster recovery) is \$102.4m which is \$19.7 million below budget.

Revenue

Operating revenue is \$7.7 million above the year-to-date budget of \$374.9m. This is primarily due 24/25 Ti-Tree Community Contribution (\$2.3m), town planning and development fees (\$2.3m), Roads, Traffic and Parking fees (\$1.0m) interest revenue (\$0.7m) and UU Tax revenue (\$0.6m).

Expenses

Overall operating expenses were \$0.9m below the YTD budget.

Employee expenses (including labour contracts) are over budget by \$0.5m YTD. This is due to higher spending on overtime within some departments than budgeted. Labour efficiency targets are being met within some departments. In addition, less labour has been charged to capital projects which continues to be reviewed.

Materials and services (excluding labour contracts) are currently \$2.1 million under budget, mainly due to the timing of expenditure in the Environment and Conservation Section projects, Nicholas Street Precinct and Community and Cultural Economic Development Department, as well as lower domestic disposal costs in Resource Recovery.

During the month additional expenditure related to the increasing fuel price was incurred and can be seen in the monthly and YTD variances now tracking ahead of budget. The additional expenditure is evident in council's fuel expenditure, cost of some services, and cost of council's capital works program. This expenditure will continue to be monitored each month.

Depreciation, which is a non-cash item, is over budget by \$0.8m YTD.

Capital

The total full year capital expenditure (excluding Asset donations, the Voluntary Home Buy Back and Disaster Recovery) is \$102.4 million compared to the full year budget of \$122 million.

The Nicholas Street Precinct is below the YTD budget by approximately \$5.0 million, predominantly due to timing associated with property leasing.

Asset and Infrastructure Services Infrastructure Program YTD capital expenditure (excluding Disaster Recovery) is \$74.9 million compared to budget of \$75.7 million. For Asset Rehabilitation, overspends were mainly due to advanced procurement on Lowry Ln and Colvin St and overspend on emergent works on St Augustines Dr Sediment Forebay Replacement. Partially offset by delayed commencement on East Ipswich Stage 2, and underspend on Woodend Catchment Stage 3 and Moffat Street. Gravel Road Rehabilitation projects are currently forecast to be overspent. Park facilities are overspent mainly on unbudgeted works on Henry Lawson Bicentennial Park playground arson replacement, and works completed ahead of schedule on Rex Hawke Park fencing. Strategic transport overspends are mostly due to works carried over from 2024-25 on Springfield Greenbank Arterial Stg 3, higher service relocation costs on Springfield Parkway Stage 2, and advanced works on the Ripley and Fischer Roads upgrade projects with the latter also experiencing

some scope increases in the design process. This is partially offset by delayed commencement related to service relocations on Ripley Reif intersection upgrade and Augusta Parkway Road upgrade being put on hold.

Cash Balances

Council's cash and cash equivalents balance as at 30 April 2026 was \$201 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 \$2.6 million surplus against a budgeted deficit of \$5.9m is mainly driven by greater town planning and development fee revenue and Roads, Traffic and Parking fee revenue, higher 24/25 Ti-Tree Community Contribution, higher interest income and greater Urban Utilities tax revenue. The favourable result is partly offset by overspends on employee expenses and depreciation. Underspends in materials and services expenditure will continue to be monitored.

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. The accounting standards definitions the work delivered should be classified as an operating expense. These adjustments are due to occur in Jun-26 and 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 - April 2026 ↓ 

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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