

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(07)**

**3 DECEMBER 2024**

REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Antonioli (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Jacob Madsen

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Pye Augustine

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Acting General Manager Infrastructure Strategy, Capital Delivery and Assets (Tony Dileo), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Natural Environment (Phil A Smith), Team Leader (Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning) (Belinda Whelband), Waterway Improvement Officer (Benny Penhallurick), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Senior Communications and Policy Officer (Jodie Richter) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR PYE AUGUSTINE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**That a leave of absence be granted for Councillor Pye Augustine for the Environment and Sustainability Committee.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson) invited Councillor Andrew Antonioli (Deputy Chairperson) to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country

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

Nil

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(06) OF 14 NOVEMBER 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 14 November 2024 be confirmed.**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Councillors:  
Madden  
Antonioli  
Harding  
Jonic  
Madsen

**NEGATIVE**

Councillors:  
Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **NEW OFF-SITE STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT POLICY AND UPDATED VOLUNTARY PAYMENT**

Since 2012, Ipswich City Council (council) has operated the Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program (the Program). The Program enables off-site stormwater quality improvement in the Ipswich local government area. In late 2022, a formal review of the Program was undertaken which identified several issues and recommendations to address them. This included the preparation of a

new council policy to ensure consistent decision-making in the Program and an update to the council's Voluntary Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Payment (the Payment) to ensure environmental, financial, and other risks are controlled.

### RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

**That the policy titled 'Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Policy', as detailed in Attachment 1 be adopted.**

#### AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

#### NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

### 3. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY REVIEW

The Sustainability Policy, adopted by the Ipswich City Council (Council) in 2020, was due for mandatory four-year review on 26 November 2024. The policy has been reviewed and updated to enhance its commitment to sustainability, align with current best practices, and incorporate principles such as climate resilience and sustainable procurement. The updated policy is presented for adoption to ensure it remains relevant and demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

This is a report concerning the update of the Sustainability Policy.

### **\*\*\***RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

**That the revised policy titled 'Sustainability Policy', as detailed in Attachment 3, be adopted.**

#### AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

#### NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Jonic  
Madsen

The motion was put and carried.

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4. WASTE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION DIRECTIVE - QUARTERLY REPORT

This is a report concerning the continuing implementation of the Ipswich City Council Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Policy Directive (the Directive) following the review of the Directive at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 September 2024.

As outlined in the attachment to this report, a significant body of work continues to implement actions against the ten (10) principles of the Directive.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

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

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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5. IPSWICH RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST NOTICE OF ANNUAL PRECEPT FOR 2024 - 2025

This is a report concerning the annual Precept issued to Council under the *Rivers Improvement Trust Act 1940* and the associated program of works for the Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust for 2024 - 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

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

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## AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

## NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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6. ENVIROPLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

This is a report concerning the Ipswich Enviroplan Program and Levy Annual Progress Report for the 2023-2024 Financial Year (Attachment 1). Contained within the report is an overview of project delivery, outcomes and a financial summary including expenditure and revenue and highlights from the past year which include:

- A land acquisition in April 2024 of 93 hectares at Mt. Flinders Road, Peak Crossing
- \$164,778 was provided to the Ipswich community in Nature Conservation Grants
- \$351,324 towards 156 hectares of ongoing fuel-reduced area maintenance for the control of wildfires in Natural Area Estates and protection of life and property

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

**That the report concerning the Enviroplan Annual Report 2023-2024 be received and the contents noted.**

## AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

## NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**7. UPDATED FLYING-FOX ROOST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Council's Flying-fox Roost Management Plan and Statement of Management Intent have undergone a review and update. This update included third party expert input as well as community engagement through Shape Your Ipswich. Attached for consideration and adoption by Council is the final draft of the updated Ipswich City Council Flying Fox Management Plan 2024 (Attachment 1). The Statement of Management Intent (Attachment 2) required a small suite of changes to align it with the newly drafted Flying-fox Roost Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

- A. That Council adopt the new Ipswich City Council Flying-fox Roost Management Plan 2024, as detailed in Attachment 1.**
- B. That Council adopt the updated Flying-fox Statement of Management Intent, as detailed in Attachment 2.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

**QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 1.50 pm.

The meeting closed at 2.07 pm.

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**\*\*\* Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 12 December 2024 for amendment**