



City of Ipswich

AGENDA

of the

ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Held in the in the Claremont Room, 8th Floor,
1 Nicholas Street
IPSWICH QLD 4305**

**On Thursday, 8 May 2025
At 2:00 PM**

<u>MEMBERS OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
Mayor Teresa Harding (Chairperson) Councillor Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson)	Councillor Pye Augustine Councillor Jim Madden

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ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(01)

8 MAY 2025

AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(03) OF 21 NOVEMBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 21 November 2024 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION OUTCOMES

This is a report providing a summary of the outcomes of the 2025 Federal Election, held on
3 May 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the report be received, and its contents noted.
 - B. That the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss next steps for Council's advocacy program.
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3. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)
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ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(03)

21 NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Teresa Harding (Chairperson) (via teams); Councillors Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson), Pye Augustine, Jim Madden, Jacob Madsen (Observer), Andrew Antonioli (Observer) and David Martin (Observer)

COUNCILLORS' APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper) (via teams), Acting General Manager Infrastructure Strategy, Capital Delivery and Assets (Tony Dileo), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald) and Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles)

With the Chairperson, Mayor Teresa Harding attending the meeting via teams, Councillor Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson) chaired the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Marnie Doyle (Acting Chairperson) delivered 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 ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NO. 2024(02) OF 3 OCTOBER 2024**

RECOMMENDATION

**That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 3 October 2024
be confirmed.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **WE CAN'T WAIT STATE ELECTION POST CAMPAIGN REPORT**

This is a report providing a summary of the 'We can't wait' advocacy campaign as
it related to the 2024 Queensland Government Election.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the contents noted.

DISCUSSION

The Economic Development Manager provided a summary of the 'We Can't Wait'
campaign.

Committee members and observers discussed and provided their perspectives and
feedback on the effectiveness of the campaign, campaign outcomes and the responses
from particular stakeholders.

3. **FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN**

This is a report concerning the approach to advocate for Council's key advocacy
priority projects in the lead up to the 2025 federal election campaign.

RECOMMENDATION

**That the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss the approach for the 2025
federal election advocacy campaign.**

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed various and differing views on the approach for advocacy, including a potential 2025 federal election advocacy campaign.

Action:

It was agreed that a series of meetings were necessary to determine any approach for a federal election advocacy campaign including:

1. A meeting between the Mayor and Councillors and Federal Members.
2. A meeting between the Mayor and Councillors only to discuss the feedback and options for an advocacy campaign.
3. A meeting between the Mayor and Councillors, Federal Members and candidates, once registered, to discuss their priorities for Ipswich, to then consider what aligns with Ipswich City Council.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be advised.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 1.02 pm.

Councillor David Martin left the meeting at 1.56 pm.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

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ITEM: 2
SUBJECT: 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION OUTCOMES
AUTHOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
DATE: 23 APRIL 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report providing a summary of the outcomes of the 2025 Federal Election, held on 3 May 2025.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- A. That the report be received, and its contents noted.**
- B. That the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss next steps for Council's advocacy program.**

RELATED PARTIES

There are no discernible conflicts of interest in relation to this report.

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

On the 28 March 2025 the Governor-General of Australia issued a proclamation to prorogue the 47th Australian Parliament and dissolve the House of Representatives. This signalled the official start of the 2025 Federal Election campaign, with the Federal Election to be held on Saturday 3 May 2025.

On the 3 March 2025 Mayor Harding wrote to the ALP Member for Blair, the ALP Member for Oxley, LNP Senator Paul Scarr and the LNP Candidate for Blair. In the correspondence, Councils' most critical and catalytic projects that need support were shared along with Council's Federal Budget submission outlining Ipswich City Council's priority infrastructure projects, including:

- Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor
- Critical and Enabling Infrastructure
- Waste and Circular Economy Transformation

- Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)

On the 22nd of April 2025 Mayor Harding wrote to all remaining nominated candidates to seek their support for Council's advocacy priorities.

Below is the full list of candidates for both Federal electorates which cover the Ipswich LGA:

List of Candidates Blair	Party
Carl Mutzelburg	LNP
Anthony Bull	Libertarian
Kathryn Chadwick	Gerard Rennick People First
Angela Lowery	Animal Justice Party
Edward McDonald	Trumpet of Patriots
Shayne Neumann	Australian Labor Party
John Fredrick Purdon	Family First
Paul Toner	The Greens
Anthony Hopkins	Legalise Cannabis Party
Brendan Kross	Pauline Hanson's One Nation

List of Candidates Oxley	Party
Milton Dick	Australian Labor Party
Darren Baker	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
Mike Head	Socialist Equality Party
Mark Maguire	Trumpet of Patriots
Kevin Burns	LNP
Brandan Holt	The Greens
William Tonto	Family First

The following election commitments were made for Blair specific to the Ipswich LGA

Date	Blair Commitment	Candidate/Party	Source
17/04/2025	\$5.5 million towards the House of India for a cultural centre and community space in Greater Springfield*	Shayne Neumann ALP	Facebook
16/04/2025	\$5.5 million towards the House of India to serve as a multicultural hub for Greater Ipswich	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
14/04/2025	\$200 million to upgrade the Amberley Interchange	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
14/04/2025	\$300,000 for new lights at the Ebbw Vale Memorial Oval for the Ipswich Knights	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
14/04/2025	\$1.2 million to expand the Chuwar Koala and Native Fauna Conservation Park	Shayne Neumann ALP	Facebook
13/04/2025	\$5 million for North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct, including \$3 million for a new NRL standard display screen and \$2 million for a modular	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook

	Eastern grandstand providing an additional 900 seats		
11/04/2025	\$200 million to upgrade the Amberley Interchange	Shayne Neumann ALP	Website
10/04/2025	\$250,000 for Limestone Park Netball canteen upgrade	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
10/04/2025	\$5.2 million to tackle youth crime for Village Support Limited	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
09/04/2025	\$1.25 million to upgrade facilities at Blackstone United Football Club	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
09/04/2025	\$330,000 for upgrade lights at Redbank Plains Recreation reserve	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
09/04/2025	\$4.5 million to Ipswich City Council to build a new home for Ripley Rugby League at the Montereia Sports Field	Shayne Neumann ALP	Facebook
08/04/2025	\$200,000 for cricket net facility and lighting upgrade at Springfield Sports Complex	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
08/04/2025	\$1.14 million to upgrade the evacuation centre at Ipswich Showgrounds	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
08/04/2025	New Headspace service in Redbank Plains as part of \$1 billion commitment for public mental healthcare including \$200 million for 58 new or expanded headspace services*	Shayne Neumann ALP	Facebook and ALP website
05/04/2025	\$2.2 million for the Ipswich Knights Football Club to upgrade female facilities	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
04/04/2025	\$700,000 to upgrade YMCA Springfield Central Community Centre facilities	Shayne Neumann ALP	Facebook
03/04/2025	\$325,000 for Ipswich Assist for a food distribution hub	Carl Mutzelburg LNP	Facebook
30/03/2025	\$5 million towards completion of one-court extension at JBS Arena Booval for Ipswich Basketball Stadium	Shayne Neumann ALP	Website

The following election commitments were made for Oxley specific to the Ipswich LGA

Date	Oxley Commitment	Candidate Party	Source
17/04/2025	\$5.5 million towards the House of India for a cultural centre and community space in Greater Springfield*	Milton Dick ALP	Facebook
08/04/2025	New Headspace in Redbank Plains as part of \$1 billion commitment for public mental healthcare including \$200 million for 58 new or expanded headspace services*	Milton Dick ALP	Facebook and ALP website

* Single commitment announced by Labor candidates for Blair and Oxley – at this stage the project could be delivered in either electorate.

Following the conclusion of the 2025 Federal election there is no known State or Federal election until October 2028. This provides Council with an opportunity to review its advocacy approach. Input is sought from Advocacy Advisory Committee members on the next steps.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Not Applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Advocacy for Regionally Significant Project Policy provides the framework for the advocacy program.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Advocating for state and federal funding commitments towards the City of Ipswich's regionally significant projects is considered a critical Council program, particularly in the context of the significant growth of the City of Ipswich over the next 20 years and beyond. Government funding is a highly competitive space with all Councils now strategically advocating for outcomes.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Federal election advocacy was managed within existing departmental budget allocations.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

This report has summarised the commitments made during the 2025 Federal Election.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT
Recommendation A states that the report be received and the contents noted and Recommendation B states that the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss next steps for Council's advocacy program. These decisions do not limit human rights. Therefore, the decision is compatible with human rights.

Dan Heenan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Ben Pole

GENERAL MANAGER (COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

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