

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2025(14)**

**12 AUGUST 2025**

**REPORT**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Pye Augustine, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin, Jim Madden and Jacob Madsen

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Paul Tully

**OFFICERS ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Corporate Service (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Acting General Manager Environment and Sustainability (David McAlister), Manager Strategy, Governance and Performance (Haiden Taylor), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Acting Resource Recovery Manager (Emma Thomson), Waste Infrastructure Coordinator (Karen Field), Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Resource Recovery Operations Manager (John Moss), SEQ Climate Resilient Alliance Coordinator (Sally Jensen), Advocacy Lead (Kate Adams) and Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Julie Huynh (Economic Development Queensland – Development Manager) and Kate Ives (Economic Development Queensland - Senior Development Manager)

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

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **SOUTHERN RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE UPDATE**

A key deliverable in City of Ipswich's Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan is the delivery of a new Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) in the southern suburbs of Ipswich. The delivery of the Southern Resource Recovery Centre (SRRC) project will ensure the city can cater for the significant growth expected in population and the demand from residents for resource recovery and waste services.

City of Ipswich needs an increase in capacity at its network of RRCs to cater for the increasing volume of household generated waste materials, and a long-term ability to manage the increasing volume of waste and visitations to council's RRCs.

This briefing provides an update on SRRC project activities completed in 2024-2025 and activities that are currently underway along with information on the changes to the SRRC layout that are being explored with consideration of the findings of the March to June 2025 geotechnical investigation.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the updated information presented on the Southern Resource Recovery Centre and Councillors raised questions on costings and timelines.

Councillors reiterated the importance of community consultation on design, the stages of development, the timing and the costings.

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#### 2. SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND CLIMATE RESILIENT COUNCIL (SEQCRA) UPDATE AND PROJECTS

Ipswich City Council hosts the South East Queensland Climate Resilient Alliance (SEQCRA), a formal partnership between South East Queensland (SEQ) councils focused on working collaboratively and regionally on climate resilience for local governments in SEQ. This report provides an update on SEQCRA, its membership, achievements to date and priority projects.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the South East Queensland Climate Resilient Council Update and Projects.

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#### 3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This forms part of the regular strategic priorities workshops for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors to meet with the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Leadership Team to discuss strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks.

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**4. BELL STREET BRIEFING FROM EDQ**

Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) will provide an update on the proposed Bell Street development.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented by EDQ on the proposed Bell Street development.

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**5. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GUIDE - APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENT GROUPS**

Following endorsement of Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Guide in December 2024, and approved budget allocation for FY2025-2026, the next step is to establish the Representative Engagement Groups identified in the Engagement Guide. This briefing provides an overview of the proposed approach, timings, and draft Terms of Reference for each Group.

Note: This items is to be rescheduled for a future Councillor Briefing Session/Workshop.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen arrived at the meeting via audio-link at 9.10 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding arrived at the meeting at 9.12 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 9.57 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting via audio-link at 9.57 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.37 am with all councillors in attendance except for Councillor Jacob Madsen.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 10.39 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 10.48 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 10.50 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 11.01 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 11.34 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 11.37 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 12.12 pm.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 12.31 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.39 pm.

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