

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2025(15)**

**2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**REPORT**

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic; Councillors Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Mayor Teresa Harding

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Acting General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Phil A Smith), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Manager Infrastructure Strategy (Tony Dileo), Manager Capital Program Delivery (Graeme Martin), Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning Manager (Mary Torres), Property Services Manager (Alicia Rieck), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Council Liaison Officer (Paula Watkins), Council Liaison Officer (Emily Collett), Senior Property Officer (Bianca Gaudry), Environmental Advisory Team Leader (Belinda Whelband), Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer (Tina Longford), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Senior Project Manager – Ripley Road and Fischer Road Project (Jason Messado) and Principal Engineer (Transport Planning) (Bradley Freiberg)

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

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **RIPLEY ROAD AND FISCHER ROAD PROJECT UPDATE**

This is a report to update the Councillors on the current status of the Ripley Road and Fischer Road Upgrade project.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Ripley Road and Fischer Road Upgrade project.

## 2. STRATEGIC ROADS WORKSHOP

This is a report concerning a Council resolution to workshop a proposal to consider the transfer of several Council strategic roads to the State Government.

This report discusses the opportunities and implications of Council seeking to transfer roads to become state owned and controlled. Council officers have reviewed the roads proposed to be transferred to the state and have also undertaken a review of the City's road network entirely.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the opportunities and implications of Council seeking to transfer roads to become state owned and controlled, and a notice of motion will be provided to a future Council Ordinary meeting for consideration.

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## 3. 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.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Guide and the approach to establishing Representative Engagement Groups.

### Attachments

1. Presentation 
  2. Draft TOR for Representative Engagement Groups - Native Title and Cultural Heritage 
  3. Draft TOR for Representative Engagement Groups - Indigenous Accord Working Group 
  4. Draft TOR for Representative Engagement Groups - Elders 
  5. Draft TOR for Representative Engagement Groups - Traditional Owners 
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#### 4. PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND/PROPERTY

This briefing is to address proposed disposals of Council-owned land and property assets. Following a review of the Program 43 (Corporate Services) portfolio sites were identified as surplus to Council requirements. It is proposed to put forward a report at September 2025 Finance and Governance Committee to seek a decision of Council for the proposed disposals.

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

##### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the proposed disposal of surplus land/property and a report will be provided to the Finance and Governance Committee for consideration.

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#### 5. UPDATE ON LAND ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS FOR RIPLEY ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 2 AND 3

This briefing is concerning the land requirements to facilitate the Ripley and Fischer Road Upgrade project, specifically Stages 2 and 3. Since the initial report to Council in October 2024, the project design has progressed to 100% detailed design and though the overall alignment remains the same, there have been changes to the areas of interest in land to be acquired.

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

##### MATTERS ARISING:

The councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the update of land acquisition requirements for Ripley Road Upgrade Stage 2 and 3, and a report will be provided to the Finance and Governance committee for consideration.

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#### PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am

The meeting adjourned at 10.21 am

The meeting reconvened at 10.44 am with all councillors in attendance except for Councillor Andrew Antonioli.

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli returned to the meeting at 10.46 am.

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 10.51 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine left the meeting at 11.06 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine returned to the meeting at 11.16 am.

The meeting closed at 11.25 am.

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