

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(04)**19 MAY 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson); Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Councillors Jacob Madsen (via audio-link), Pye Augustine, Marnie Doyle and David Martin (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Andrew Antonioli (Deputy Chairperson) and Mayor Teresa Harding

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Disaster and Natural Hazards Manager (Matt Pinder), Program Coordinator Special Project (Ti Tree) (Cameron Lund), Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Acting Manger Natural Environment (Grant Sorensen), Waterway Health Officer (Jack McCann), Urban Rivers Officer (Ashlie-Rose Connell), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Coordinator Communications (Lucy Stone) and Technical Services Officer (Harrison Cate)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That a leave of absence be granted for Mayor Teresa Harding for the Environment and Sustainability Committee of 19 May 2026.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCERECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That a leave of absence be granted for Councillor Andrew Antonioli for the Environment and Sustainability Committee of 19 May 2026.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Madden

Nil

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

The motion was put and carried.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jim Madden (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 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(03) OF 21 APRIL 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 21 April 2026 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Madden

Nil

Jonic
Madsen
Augustine
Doyle

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **TI TREE BIOENERGY FUND - PROGRAM UPDATE AND PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2026 - 2027 AND BEYOND**

This is a report concerning the Ti Tree Bioenergy Funding program update and presents the proposed projects for commencement in 2026 – 2027 and beyond.

This report highlights the progress to date of the projects approved by Council in the 2025-2026 financial year and prior and recommends for approval by Council the program for commencement in the 2026-2027 financial year and subsequently.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That the progress update on approved projects from 2025-2026 in Attachment A be received and noted.**
- B. That Council approve the projects and program recommended for commencement in the 2026-2027 financial year (and beyond) as detailed in Attachment B.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. SUMMARY OF COMPLETED ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING FIRE SEASON

This is a report to provide an overview of the planned upcoming fire season and fuel reduction/risk mitigation works for this past year.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the report providing a summary of completed activities and planning for the upcoming fire season be received and the contents noted

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - GET READY GRANT FUNDING 2025-2026

This report provides an overview of the activities that council was able to undertake throughout the 2025-2026 financial year as a result of the State Government's Get Ready Queensland funding program.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the report on the activities for the Get Ready Grant Funding for the 2025-2026 financial year be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF THE URBAN RIVERS AND CATCHMENTS PROGRAM

This is a report concerning the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, which is an urban focussed waterway improvement initiative co-funded by the Federal Government and Ipswich City Council. This report provides an update on the current progress of the program and details the outcomes achieved to date. Information will also be provided on upcoming rehabilitation works to be delivered across the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the report providing an update of the progress of Council's delivery of the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program be received and noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

6. MEMBERSHIP TO THE SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND CLIMATE RESILIENT ALLIANCE

This is a report concerning the ongoing membership of the South East Queensland Climate Resilient Alliance (SEQCRA). SEQCRA's existing contract is due for renewal prior to ending on 30 June 2026. A new agreement amongst member councils is proposed for three years from 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029 following a successful three-year alliance in the years prior (2024-2026).

Membership to SEQCRA will rely on financial contributions per participating council and is calculated based on the population of the local government area (LGA). SEQCRA is formalised via a deed, services agreement and Terms of Reference (ToR).

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That Council support continued membership to the South East Queensland Climate Resilient Alliance for a period of three years, at a total of \$66,242 (being: Year 1 \$21,538; Year 2 \$22,076; Year 3 \$22,628) commencing from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

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 10.53 am.

The meeting closed at 11.19 am.
