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## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**That Council convey its condolences on behalf of the citizens of Ipswich to the family of the late Michael Whiting.**

Michael was the Regional Director of State Development's South East Queensland West office. In that office and in other regional centres, he has worked hard to develop economic opportunities, and present the face of the state government to regional Queensland.

Michael died suddenly, and is survived by his wife and 2 children. Apart from his family, his colleagues and friends, of which I count myself one, will miss his particular brand of humour and his self-deprecating style, just as his contribution to the service of the public will be remembered. He is remembered as decent and kind, and worthy of our praise in this public expression of regret at his passing.



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## ITEM:

TITLE: MAYORAL MINUTE - WASTE &amp; MINING - CLEAN SLATE FOR IPSWICH

AUTHOR: MAYOR TERESA HARDING

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Council:

1. Establish a Waste and Mining Working Group to be chaired by the Mayor, with a standing invitation open to all Councillors to participate as members.
2. Establish a Waste and Mining Industry Representative Group to be chaired by the Mayor, with a standing invitation open to all Councillors to participate as members.
3. Delegate to the CEO the development and implementation of the Terms of Reference for the Working and Industry Representative groups.

**SUMMARY**

Today, the Ipswich City Council local government area receives approximately 58% of all waste disposed of in Queensland (and 73% of waste disposed of in South East Queensland). This is anticipated to rise, based on current market indicators.

The issue of waste treatment and landfills is a considerable challenge for the community of Ipswich and this newly elected Council is committed to addressing this complex problem through a considered and strategic approach to community engagement, stakeholder management, advocacy and policy development.

Ipswich has been the preferred location for these types of activities as a result of a combination of attributes, including the city's geographic location as a growth corridor; the presence of former mining lands and voids; proximity to growing residential and industrial areas; and the existing presence of the waste industry. However, Council is now faced with the complex challenge of navigating and balancing the legislative framework, our planning scheme, community expectations and industry compliance; with the competing needs of thriving city.

Most importantly, this Council recognises that the health and wellbeing of our community, liveability of our city, and vibrancy of our future economy must be protected.

It is well and truly time for this Council act on waste and mining, as the policy context at the regional, State and Commonwealth levels moves into a new phase. The South-East Queensland Council of Mayors is currently considering the future of waste management in our region, with a SEQ Waste Management Plan set for release in 2021. This comes as the State and Commonwealth governments are moving to ensure that all waste forms part of a circular economy. The National Waste Policy will enact export bans on plastic, paper, glass

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and tyres, keeping these materials within Australia's borders, while the State Government has set a number of targets towards becoming a zero-waste society by 2050. Further to this, a Sub-Regional Alliance of Councils (of which Ipswich is a member) is finalising an EOI process for waste solutions across multiple local government areas and Council is commencing a review of our own Materials Recovery Plan in accordance with the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (Qld);.

In this context, it is important for the City of Ipswich to work proactively and strategically to ensure that our views and interests are represented in the broader waste management debate, and that we effectively advocate for policies and investment that align with the expectations of our community now and into the future.

In accordance with my commitment to a Fresh Start for Ipswich, this Mayoral Motion proposes the establishment of Waste and Mining Working Group and a Waste and Mining Industry Representative Group which will provide Council with a formal engagement mechanism to ensure the diverse voices of our community, subject matter experts, key stakeholders and industry is heard.

The Waste and Mining Working and Industry Representatives groups will be established through an Expression of Interest process and formal Terms of Reference and governance arrangements will be developed for each of them.

It is envisaged that the Groups will:

- Develop the "Clean Slate" White Paper to outline the current challenges and opportunities and determine a preferred future state for waste and mining in Ipswich;
- Provide input into the upcoming review of the Council's Materials Recovery Plan;
- Provide input into Council's submission to the development of the CoMSEQ Waste Management Plan;
- Provide input into Council's engagement and submissions on other waste related issues, as determined by the Chair, across the both levels of government.

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## ITEM:

TITLE: MAYORAL MINUTE - GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN PROCUREMENT - PUBLISHING  
DETAILS OF ALL AWARDED CONTRACTS OVER \$10,000 AS OPEN DATA

AUTHOR: MAYOR TERESA HARDING

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- Amend its Procurement Policy to achieve greater transparency in procurement and contribute to rebuilding of trust with the Ipswich Community by including the following statement within its Purpose and Principles section:
  - To achieve greater transparency in procurement and contribute to rebuilding of trust with the Ipswich community, Council will publish basic contract details for all awarded contracts and procurements over \$10,000 (excluding GST). Basic contract details will include:
    - a description of the purpose and goods or services procured
    - contract or arrangement number
    - date of award
    - commencement and end dates
    - value of the contract, standing offering arrangement or purchase
    - name and address including postcode of the awarded supplier.
  - In addition to its legislative obligation under section 237 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to publish the awarded supplier, value and purpose of contractual arrangements worth \$200,000 (excluding GST) or more on Council's website, Council will also publish the details on:
    - suppliers who tendered a response.
  - This information will be published on Council's website and/or as open data including on Council's Transparency and Integrity Hub.

**SUMMARY**

At the first Special Meeting held on 27 April 2020, Council resolved to establish the Transparency and Integrity Hub, a digital portal that enables the publication of financial data displayed as contemporary open data (intuitive, interactive, auditable and downloadable by selection) suitable for public consumption.

The Hub was successfully launched on 1 July 2020 and includes Procurement Data for contracts valued at \$200,000 (excluding GST), in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

To further enhance the transparency in procurement, and in alignment with Queensland Government best practice, this Mayoral Motion proposes an amendment to Council's current Procurement Policy.

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The proposed amendment outlined in the recommendation above will enable Council to publish basic details for awarded contracts over \$10,000 (excluding GST) as open data including on Council's Transparency and Integrity Hub.

Improved transparency in procurement will enable Council to monitor and demonstrate its commitment to increasing the procurement of goods and services through local suppliers; in accordance with the recently adopted Buy Ipswich policy. It will also further contribute to rebuilding of trust with the Ipswich community.