

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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WATER AND WASTE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
**ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL**

HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024**  
**COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Simon West, Division Four (Chair)  
Mayor Kelly Veava  
Cr Vern Russell, Division Two  
Cr Rachael Anderson, Division Seven

**COMMITTEE  
APOLOGIES**

Cr Viv Coleman, Division Eight

**OBSERVERS**

Cr Alaina Earl, Division Five

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr Cale Dendle, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Scott Casey, Director Water and Waste  
Mrs Lisa Tonkin, Manager Business Services  
Mr Amal Meegahawattage, Manager Planning and Projects  
Mr Jason Grandcourt, Manager Waste Services  
Mrs Tricia Hughes, Coordinator Executive Support, Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs Kristi Thomsen, Executive Assistant, Water and Waste

**1. OPENING**

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 2.10pm and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and paid his respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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## ATTENDANCE

Mayor Kelly Veve and Mr Cale Dendle were not in the meeting room at the commencement of the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

A Leave of Absence has been requested from Cr Viv Coleman, Division Eight due to personal leave commitments.

**Resolution No.: W&W0510**

**Moved: Cr Vern Russell**

**Seconded: Cr Rachel Anderson**

**That the Water and Waste Standing Committee grants a leave of absence for Cr Viv Coleman.**

**Carried**

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflict of interests declared this meeting.

### **NOTE:**

*Council acknowledges that Chapter 5B Councillors' Conflicts of Interest of the Local Government Act 2009 does not apply to a Councillor if the matter to be resolved relates to a corporation or association that arises solely because of a nomination or appointment of the councillor by the local government to be a member of the board of the corporation or association.*

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from Water and Waste Standing Committee Meeting of Isaac Regional Council held at Council Chambers, Moranbah, commencing at 1.00pm on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

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**Resolution No.: W&W0511**

**Moved: Cr Rachel Anderson      Seconded: Cr Vern Russell**

**That the minutes from the Water and Waste Standing Committee meeting held in Council Chambers, Moranbah, commencing at 1.00pm on Wednesday 17 July 2024 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

## 5. OFFICERS REPORTS

### ATTENDANCE

Mr Cale Dendle entered the meeting room at 2.11pm and left the meeting room at 2.11pm.

Mr Cale Dendle entered the meeting room at 2.19pm

Mayor Kelly Veava entered the meeting room at 2.22pm.

### 5.1 Water and Waste Directorate 2023/2024 Capital Projects Progress Report

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update to the Water and Waste Standing Committee and Council on the progress of the delivery of the Water and Waste Directorate 2023/2024 Capital Works Program.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. Receives and notes the monthly Water and Waste 2023/2024 Capital Projects Progress Summary Report.**

**Resolution No.: W&W0512**

**Moved: Cr Vern Russell      Seconded: Cr Rachel Anderson**

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

1. **Receives and notes the monthly Water and Waste 2023/2024 Capital Projects Progress Summary Report.**

**Carried**

## **5.2 Water Quality Investigation Action Plan Update**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Water Quality Reliability Investigation Action Plan Deliverables following the 2021/22 Christmas Period water quality incidents.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

1. ***Receives and notes the Report for the Water Quality Investigation Action Plan Deliverables.***

**Resolution No.: W&W0513**

**Moved: Cr Anderson**

**Seconded: Cr Russell**

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

1. **Receives and notes the Report for the Water Quality Investigation Action Plan Deliverables.**

**Carried**

## **5.3 Materials Recycling Facility Processing Expectations and Deviations**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain ongoing approval to procure services for Processing of Recyclables as an exception to the competitive bidding requirements under s235 (a) and (b) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* for medium or large sized contractual arrangements.

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## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. Resolves it is satisfied that there is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available that requires payment to supply services for processing and recycling of co-mingled recyclable waste due to the absence of other potential providers within reasonable travel distance of the Isaac Region.*
- 2. Resolves that, because of the unique specialised nature of the work involved in operating a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders for an alternative replacement.*
- 3. Endorses the following exception to enter into medium or large sized contractual arrangements as per s235 of the Local Government Regulations (2012) until 30 June 2024:*

<u>Company</u>	<u>Service provided/engaged for delivery of</u>
<i>Re.Cycle Operations (Mackay) Pty Ltd</i>	<i>Supplier of Services for processing of co-mingled recyclable waste in North Queensland</i>

**Resolution No.:** W&W0514

**Moved:** Cr Rachel Anderson

**Seconded:** Cr Vern Russell

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

1. Resolves it is satisfied that there is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available that requires payment to supply services for processing and recycling of co-mingled recyclable waste due to the absence of other potential providers within reasonable travel distance of the Isaac Region.
2. Resolves that, because of the unique specialised nature of the work involved in operating a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders for an alternative replacement.
3. Endorses the following exception to enter into medium or large sized contractual arrangements as per s235 of the *Local Government Regulations (2012)* until 30 June 2024:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Service provided/engaged for delivery of</u>
Re.Cycle Operations (Mackay) Pty Ltd	Supplier of Services for processing of co-mingled recyclable waste in North Queensland

**Carried**

## 5.4 Moranbah Recycled Water Irrigation Scheme

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Environmental Authority (EA) requires that there be no discharge to the environment from Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) except in Moranbah, under specific circumstances. The failure to prevent unauthorised discharges of recycled water could result in Council facing substantial financial penalties.

In Moranbah, demand for recycled water is currently insufficient to prevent unauthorised discharges of recycled effluent to the environment. The Effluent Reuse Strategy prepared by Blich Tanner in 2023 recommended the construction of additional irrigation and the use of mechanical evaporators as a hybrid solution to meet the dual objectives of providing community benefit and preventing unauthorised discharges to the environment.

This report recommends extension of the recycled water network in Moranbah, construction of additional irrigation and purchase of a mechanical evaporator to help control the effluent level in Council's Effluent Storage Dams and prevent release of recycled water to the environment.



## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

1. **Endorses the construction of an extension to the Moranbah Recycled Water Network including:**
  - a. **Separable Portion 1 (SP1) – Sarchedon Drive Recycled Water Main.**
  - b. **Separable Portion 1a (SP1a) – Stage 1a Irrigation Scheme.**
2. **Endorses the purchase of a mechanical evaporator.**

**Resolution No.: W&W0515**

**Moved: Cr Vern Russell**

**Seconded: Cr Rachel Anderson**

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

1. **Endorses the construction of an extension to the Moranbah Recycled Water Network including:**
  - a. **Separable Portion 1 (SP1) – Sarchedon Drive Recycled Water Main.**
  - b. **Separable Portion 1a (SP1a) – Stage 1a Irrigation Scheme.**
2. **Endorses the purchase of a mechanical evaporator.**

**Carried**

## 6. INFORMATION BULLETIN REPORTS

### 6.1 Water and Waste Information Bulletin – July 2024

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Water and Waste Directorate Information Bulletin for July 2024 is provided for Committee review.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

1. **Notes the Water and Waste Directorate Information Bulletin for July 2024.**

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Resolution No.: W&W0516

Moved: Cr Rachel Anderson

Seconded: Cr Vern Russell

That the Committee:

1. Notes the Water and Waste Directorate Information Bulletin for July 2024.

Carried

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Sale of Anglo-American Assets – Impact on Community Infrastructure

Cr Rachel Anderson enquired about the commitment from Anglo American to set up a Working Group with Isaac Regional Council and Anglo American to discuss and work through the infrastructure impacted by the sale of their assets. Can an update on the timing of this be provided.

**ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## 8. CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.13pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by the Committee at the Water and Waste Standing Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 in Moranbah.

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CHAIR

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DATE