



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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## MINUTES

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Friday 31 January 2025

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE  
COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

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Mayor Cr Scmazzone opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 31 January 2025 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

This Ordinary Meeting of Council is being Live Streamed on Council's Website and will also be available for others to watch at a later time.

Cr Scmazzone acknowledged the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which this meeting is being held and paid respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching this morning.

**DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING  
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025  
10:00 AM  
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## **1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

### **1.1. PRESENT**

Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Mayor), Cr Roy Zammataro (Deputy Mayor), Cr Damian Meadows, Cr Abigail Noli (via Teams), Cr Michael Rees

### **1.2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

### **1.3. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S Osman (Chief Executive Officer), D Langman (Chief Engineer TC Jasper Infrastructure and Recovery), C Brassard (Acting Chief Engineer TC Jasper Infrastructure and Recovery), R Higgins (Acting Manager Governance), S Roberts (Manager Community Services), T Killeen (Chief Financial Officer), N Beck (Acting Manager Environment and Planning), W Kristalyn (Acting Manager Project Office), C Chalmers (Team Leader Asset Management), J Elphinstone (Senior Planning Officer), C Batchelor (Team Leader Property), C Brand (Technical Support Officer Property Services), N Crimmins (Senior Records Management Officer), T Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer)

## **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST**

Cr Zammataro informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 6.7 (*Development Application – Mossman Gorge Cemetery*) as a result of being employed by Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku (BBN) who control the Mossman Gorge Cemetery.

As a result of Cr Zammataro's conflict of interest, Cr Zammataro will leave the meeting room whilst the matter is considered and voted on.

## **3. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **4. MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

### **5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Meadows

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 10 December 2024 be confirmed.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6. OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **6.1. MAYOR'S DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council notes the Mayor's external appointments for the month of December 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's external calendar appointments for the month of December 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.3. NOVEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council notes the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income for November 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.4. DECEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council notes the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income for December 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.5. OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows



That Council notes the progress of the implementation of the Operational Plan 2024-2025.

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6.6. MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE (UNDEFINED USE FOR AND ADMINISTRATION AND WORKS DEPOT WITH ANCILLARY RANGER ACCOMMODATION)**

**Moved** Cr Zammataro

**Seconded** Cr Rees

That Council approves the development application for Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Administration and Works Depot with Ancillary Ranger Accommodation) over land described as Lot 1 on RP732161, subject to the following:

APPROVED DRAWING(S) AND / OR DOCUMENT(S)

The term 'approved drawing(s) and/or document(s) or other similar expressions means:

Drawing or Document	Reference	Date
Cover Sheet	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A100.	July 2024
Site Layout	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A201.	22 July 2024
Planning Overlays	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A202.	July 2024
Office Details	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A203.	July 2024
Cabin Details	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A204.	July 2024
Communal Kitchen	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A205.	July 2024
Minor Building	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A206.	July 2024
Landscape Plan	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A207.	July 2024
Elevations	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A301.	July 2024
3D Images	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A901.	July 2024
Site Photos	Indij Design, Project 2223-140, Drawing A902.	July 2024

### ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS & ADVICES

#### Conditions

1. Carry out the approved development generally in accordance with the approved drawing(s) and/or document(s), and in accordance with:-
  - a. The specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council;
  - b. The following conditions of approval and the requirements of Council's Planning Scheme and the FNQROC Development Manual.

*Except where modified by these conditions of approval*

#### Timing of Effect

2. The conditions of the Development Permit must be effected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

#### Land Use

3. The use of the accommodation is only for the temporary provision for employees, and

*their families, associated with the Ranger Station Program and ancillary uses (office, vehicle maintenance) occurring on the land. No long-term or permanent accommodation is to be provided.*

*A manager or their representative / employee must be available at all times for persons while they are temporarily accommodated on the land.*

#### *Fire Pit*

4. *Use of the fire pit is limited to traditional smoking ceremonies and traditional cooking practices. Any such use must meet the Council's Local Law requirements and must not cause an environmental nuisance.*

#### *Hours of Use*

5. *Other than the temporary occupation of the approved cabins for visiting employees and affiliated Rangers / Trainees and associated activities, operating vehicles associated with use, including the loading and unloading of vehicles, machinery, plant equipment and materials must not occur:*
  - a. *before 6.30 am or after 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;*
  - b. *before 6.30 am or after 1:00 pm Saturdays; or*
  - c. *on Sundays or Public Holidays.*

*Unless otherwise authorised by the Chief Executive Officer for specific projects over limited periods.*

#### *Water Supply and Sewerage Works*

6. *The development must maintain a single internal sewer connection and a single water connection.*

*The applicant must provide a report assessing the water supply and sewerage works external to the site identifying the existing water supply and sewerage infrastructure and:*

- a. *Include any augmentation of the existing water supply infrastructure to the extent necessary such that the development does not adversely affect the water supply to adjacent properties; and*
- b. *Include any augmentation of the existing sewers downstream of the site, to the extent required to accommodate the increased flows generated by the development.*

*The report is to be provided to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Work.*

*Where augmentation is necessary the applicant must undertake the external work prior to the commencement of use. Any required external works outlined above constitute Operational Works. Three (3) copies of a plan of the works at A1 size and one (1) copy at A3 size must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer prior to commencement of such works. Such work must be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plan to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer prior to Commencement of Use.*

#### *On site Vehicle Parking*

7. *The development must provide a minimum of twenty-five (25) car parking spaces including one disability driver car parking space. The car parking layout must comply with the Australian Standard AS2890.1 2004 Parking Facilities – off-street carparking and be constructed in accordance with Austroads and good engineering design. In addition, all parking, driveway and vehicular manoeuvring areas must be imperviously sealed, drained and line marked. The carparking area must be suitably illuminated to provide safe access and use.*



*Wheel stops are to be provided to car parking spaces.*

*Sufficient line marking is to be provided to direct pedestrian traffic from the parking area at the premises entry to the front office door.*

*Provide four (4) secured, on-site bicycle parking in accordance with Table 10-1 of AUSTRROADS Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice Part 14 – Bicycles.*

*The onsite parking must be provided prior to the commencement of use and must be maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*

#### *Wash Down Bay*

8. *The wash down for the boat shed must be bunded and the waste be connected to sewer.*

*This area must be used for vehicle washdown unless a separate, bunded and covered vehicle wash down bay is provided.*

#### *External Lighting*

9. *All outdoor lighting must be designed, installed, operated and maintained to comply with the requirements of the Australian Standard AS4282-1997 Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.*

#### *Landscaping Plan*

10. *Submit a Landscape Plan detailing updated landscaping to existing beds including new fencing (standard height of 1.8m) to the adjacent residential properties. The landscape plan must detail:*
  - a. *Hardy species that have regard to Council's Planning Scheme Policy No.7 Landscaping;*
  - b. *Species that provide an attractive entry to compliment the car parking area off Pringle Street;*
  - c. *Landscaped areas adjoining the parking areas and driveways must be protected by a 150 mm high vertical concrete kerb or similar obstruction; and*
  - c. *Inclusion of new acoustic timber fencing to the northern and eastern boundaries of the site.*

*The landscape plan does not need to be professionally drawn but does need to be of a standard which clearly illustrates those areas to be planted. The approval of the landscaping plan and completion of all works must be undertaken in accordance with the endorsed plan prior to Commencement of Use.*

*The land is to be maintained free of declared pest plants. Declared pest plants include locally declared and State declared pest plants.*

*Landscaped areas must be maintained at all times to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*

#### *Roofed Rubbish Bin Area*

11. *Provide a roofed and bunded refuse bin area and fitted with a bucket trap that connects to the onsite wastewater treatment.*

#### *Fuel storage*

12. *All fuels must be stored in an undercover and secure location at all times.*

*All fuel storage must be secured and bunded and comply with AS1940:2017 Storage and Handling of Flammable and Combustible Materials.*

*Fuel storage in excess of 10,000 litres is not permitted on the site.*

### *Contaminants*

13. *All reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to prevent pollution to the existing open drains, waterways or drainage lines, as a result of silt and sediment run-off from the storage of raw materials, oil and grease spills from any machinery. Wastewater for cleaning equipment must not be discharged or in-directly released to any watercourses or stormwater systems.*

### *Disposal of Garden Waste and Other Waste*

14. *The incineration of garden waste and other waste is not permitted at the development site. All waste must be disposed of in a lawful manner.*

### *Storage of Raw Materials*

15. *All bulk materials held on the site must be contained within the bunded concreted bin areas to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*

### *Fire Management*

16. *Mulch kept at the premises must be:*
  - a. *Limited to the existing storage bays;*
  - b. *Must be broken-up, turned and sufficiently watered to prevent self-combustion. Mulch must not be mechanically compacted; and*
  - c. *Provided with a hose connection to the water supply.*

### *Off-Site Impacts.*

17. *Noise, odours or airborne particulates must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive receptor. In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994, any emission of noise and dust from activities on site must ensure that the emissions are consistent with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008 and the Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2008.*

*The applicant is responsible for protecting nearby property owners from dust, noise and odour emissions arising from any activities and must comply with any lawful instruction from the Council if in the Chief Executive Officer's opinion a dust, noise or odour nuisance exists.*

### *Storage of Machinery, Plant and Materials*

18. *The storage of any machinery, material and vehicles must not cause a nuisance to surrounding properties, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*

*All loading, unloading and vehicle maintenance must only occur on the land. These activities are not to be undertaken on the adjacent Pringle Street.*

### *Lawful Point of Discharge*

19. *All stormwater from the property must be directed to a lawful point of discharge such that it does not adversely affect surrounding properties or properties downstream from the development, all to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*

### *Details of Development Signage*

20. *The development must provide clear and legible signage incorporating the street number for the benefit of the public.*

### *Construction Signage*

21. *Prior to the commencement of any construction works associated with the development, a sign detailing the project team must be placed on the road frontage of the site and must be located in a prominent position. The sign must detail the relevant project*

*coordinator for the works being undertaken on the site, and must list the following parties (where relevant) including telephone contacts:*

- a. Developer;*
- b. Project Coordinator;*
- c. Architect / Building Designer; and*
- d. Builder;*

#### *Stockpiling and Transportation of Fill Material*

- 22. Soil used for filling or spoil from the excavation is not to be stockpiled in locations that can be viewed from adjoining premises or a road frontage for any longer than one (1) month from the commencement of works.*

*Transportation of fill or spoil to and from the site must not occur within:*

- a. peak traffic times;*
- b. before 7:00 am or after 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;*
- c. before 7:00 am or after 1:00 pm Saturdays; or*
- d. on Sundays or Public Holidays.*

#### *Damage to Council Infrastructure*

- 23. In the event that any part of Council's existing sewer / water or road infrastructure is damaged as a result of construction activities occurring on the site, including but not limited to; mobilisation of heavy construction equipment, stripping and grubbing, the applicant/owner must notify Council immediately of the affected infrastructure and have it repaired or replaced at the developer's/owners/builders cost, prior to the Commencement of Use.*

#### *Advice*

- 1. This approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse six (6) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Planning Act 2016.*
- 2. All building site managers must take all action necessary to ensure building materials and/or machinery on construction sites are secured immediately following the first potential cyclone warning and that relevant emergency telephone contacts are provided to Council officers, prior to commencement of works.*
- 3. The subject site is located within a pest quarantine area declared under section 4(1) of the Plant Protection (Electric Ant) Quarantine Notice 2006. The Plant Protection (Electric Ant) Quarantine Notice 2006 places restrictions on the movement of electric ants and "high risk items" within and out of the pest quarantine area and places certain obligations and restrictions on landowners within the quarantine area. For further information on the Plant Protection (Electric Ant) Quarantine Notice 2006 consult either the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (21-23 Redden Street, Cairns), Council's Land Protection Unit or the following website: [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au)*
- 4. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with relevant Local Laws and statutory requirements. In particular the applicant's attention is directed to the following subordinate Local Law, that may change from time to time, for external fires.*

*Douglas Shire Council Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2020.*

#### *Schedule 3 Prohibited Fires*

#### *Section 7(2)*

	Column 1	Column 2
	<i>Applicable part of local government's area</i>	<i>Prohibited fire</i>
1.	<i>Entire local government area</i>	<p><i>A person must not light or maintain a fire in the open air (including the use of an incinerator) within 100 metres of a residence unless:</i></p> <p><i>(a) the fire is directly associated with the bona fide use of any appliance or equipment for cooking purposes; or</i></p> <p><i>(b) a Traditional Smoking Ceremony;<sup>2</sup> and</i></p> <p><i>(c) all reasonable and practical measures have been taken by the person in control of the fire to minimise smoke created by the fire.</i></p> <p><i>In this section—</i></p> <p><i>reasonable and practical measures include the selection of a suitable fuel for the burning activity and the maintenance of conditions which promotes efficient combustion of the fuel.</i></p> <p><i>suitable fuel does not include grass cuttings, leaves.</i></p>
2.	<i>Entire local government area</i>	<i>A person must not light or maintain a fire that causes smoke or other products of combustion and is likely in the opinion of an authorised person to cause irritation, annoyance or distress to others.</i>
<p><sup>2</sup><i>Traditional Smoking Ceremony means a cultural or spiritual activity conducted by a Traditional Owner which usually involves the smouldering of native plants to produce smoke which is believed to have cleansing properties and the ability to ward off bad spirits.</i></p>		

5. *Within the Douglas Shire some advertising devices are regulated by the Council's Planning Scheme and others are regulated by the Council's Local Laws. Prior to the display of advertising devices consideration is to be given to the Planning Scheme and the Local Laws and any necessary approval gained.*
6. *For information relating to the Planning Act 2016 log on to [www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au](http://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au). To access the FNQROC Development Manual, Local Laws and other applicable Policies log on to [www.douglas.qld.gov.au](http://www.douglas.qld.gov.au).*

#### *Infrastructure Charges Notice*

7. *A charge levied for the supply of trunk infrastructure is payable to Council towards the provision of trunk infrastructure in accordance with the Infrastructure Charges Notice. The original Infrastructure Charges Notice will be provided under cover of a separate letter.*

*The amount in the Infrastructure Charges Notice has been calculated according to Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution.*

*Please note that this Decision Notice and the Infrastructure Charges Notice are stand-alone documents. The Planning Act 2016 confers rights to make representations and appeal in relation to a Decision Notice and an Infrastructure Charges Notice separately.*

*The amount in the Infrastructure Charges Notice is subject to index adjustments and may be different at the time of payment. Please contact the Development Assessment Team at council for review of the charge amount prior to payment.*

*The time when payment is due is contained in the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice.*

*Note: the land on which the undefined use is being established, is currently vacant and is afforded a credit for a three-bedroom dwelling as per the Planning Act 2016. This infrastructure charges credit has been utilised for this approval.*

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

*The reasons for this decision are:*

- 1. Sections 60, 62 and 63 of the Planning Act 2016:*
  - a. to ensure the development satisfies the benchmarks of the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0; and*
  - b. to ensure compliance with the Planning Act 2016.*
- 2. Findings on material questions of fact:*
  - a. the development application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council on 16 October 2024 under section 51 of the Planning Act 2016 and Part 1 of the Development Assessment Rules;*
  - b. the development application contained information from the applicant which Council reviewed together with Council's own assessment against the 2017 State Planning Policy and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0 in making its assessment manager decision.*
- 3. Evidence or other material on which findings were based:*
  - a. the development triggered assessable development under the Assessment Table associated with the Industry Zone Code;*
  - b. Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of sections 60, 62 and 63 of the Planning Act 2016; and*
  - c. the applicant's reasons have been considered and the following findings are made:*
    - i. The Industry Zone is the only zone that can accommodate the development. Use of land in other zones would not yield the best and highest use of other land. The Planning Scheme does not anticipate this type of development being undertaken.*
    - ii. The proposed development supports the strategic outcomes related to providing for a range of employment opportunities for local Indigenous communities;*
    - iii. The proposed development acknowledges, supports and furthers culture training and learning within the Shire; and*
    - iv Subject to conditions, the site can adequately contain the use and the development satisfactorily meets the Planning Scheme benchmarks.*

### **Assessment Benchmarks**

*The following are the benchmarks applying to the development.*

<i>Benchmarks applying for the development</i>	<i>Benchmark reference</i>
<i>Strategic Framework  Industry Zone Code  Mossman Local Plan Code  Industry Activities Code  Acid sulphate soils overlay Code  Natural areas overlay code  Transport Network Overlay Code  Access, Parking and Servicing Code  Environmental Performance Code  Filling and Excavation Code  Infrastructure Works Code  Landscaping Code  Vegetation Management Code</i>	<i>Douglas Shire Planning Scheme 2018 (V1.0) in effect 2 January 2018</i>

**Carried** Unanimously

## MEETING WITHDRAWAL

Cr Zammataro had a declarable conflict of interest in Item 6.7 (*Development Application – Mossman Gorge Cemetery*) as a result of being employed by Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku (BBN) who control the Mossman Gorge Cemetery and excluded himself from the meeting while the matter was being discussed and voted on.

Cr Zammataro withdrew from the meeting at 10:08am.

## 6.7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - MOSSMAN GORGE CEMETERY

**Moved** Cr Meadows

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council resolves to:*

- 1. Act as the Applicant in relation to the Development Application for reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots) over land described as Lot 6 SP343110.*
- 2. Undertake the reconfiguration of Lot 6 SP343110 (Stage 1), as defined in the aforementioned Development Application, to enable the transfer of the indigenous cemetery from Mango Park Canefarming COY Pty Ltd to Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Aboriginal Corporation.*
- 3. Meet the reasonable costs associated with these processes relevant to Stage 1 only.*
- 4. Delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with the application.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## MEETING RE-ATTENDANCE

Cr Zammataro re-entered the meeting at 10:10am.

## **6.8. APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE UNMADE SECTION OF KARNAK ROAD WHYANBEEL**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council resolves to:*

1. *Support the proposed permanent road closure of part of an unmade section of Karnak Road, Whyanbeel, that intersects Lot 2 SP190474 and as more clearly defined as 'Option 2' on the 'Plan of Proposed Road Closure'; and*
2. *Advise the applicant that all dealings in relation to this application for road closure are to be at no cost to Council; and*
3. *Delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with this application for road closure.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6.9. RENEWAL OF TERM LEASE OVER LOT 115 SR632 SPINNAKER CLOSE PORT DOUGLAS**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council:*

1. *Resolves to advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it does not object to the renewal of Term Lease 0/222252 issued by the State of Queensland over Lot 115 Crown Plan SR632 located off Spinnaker Drive, Port Douglas.*
2. *Delegates authority under section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with this tenure dealing.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6.10. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council receives and notes the progress of the Capital Works Program for the period October 2024 to December 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously



### **6.11. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY UPDATE DECEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Zammataro

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council receives and notes the Daintree River Ferry financial information and tender progress for the period of December 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.12. QUARTERLY UPDATE DRFA PROGRAM**

**Moved** Cr Meadows

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council receive and note the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets report.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.13. ACTIVE TRANSPORT FUND - PORT DOUGLAS CYCLEWAY PROJECT**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That:*

- 1. Council retrospectively endorse the Port Douglas Road Principle Cycle Network upgrade project to the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure for the funding under the Active Transport Fund; and*
- 2. Council acknowledge the requirement to allocate funds within future operational and capital budgets, if successful, for delivery of the nominated Australian Government Active Transport Fund project.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **6.14. REVISED ACCEPTABLE REQUESTS GUIDELINES**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council:*

- 1. Adopts the Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy*
- 2. Delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any administrative matters in relation to publishing this policy.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6.15. REVISED AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE POLICY AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council:*

- 1. Adopts the Revised Audit and Risk Committee Policy and Terms of Reference*
- 2. Delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any administrative matters in relation to publishing this policy.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6.16. REPORT ON AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That council note the report on the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 November 2024.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **9. PETITIONS**

### **9.1. PETITION – LET SLEEPING DINGOES LIVE ... OPPOSE CAPTURING AND KILLING**

A petition dated 15 December 2024 was received at Council by email dated 3 January 2025 regarding the Douglas Shire Council's policy relating to dingoes.

The petition calls for:

1. The immediate removal of traps targeting dingoes in Port Douglas.
2. A shift in Council policy away from automatic baiting and killing - a strategy of relocation if they are invading public spaces

3. Increased public education on safely coexisting with dingoes.

The petition has also been sent to the Queensland Department of Environment and Science and the Parliament of Queensland.

**Recommendation:**

That Council receives the petition "Let Sleeping Dingoes Live ... Oppose Capturing and Killing" and it be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration, investigation and a future report to council.

**Moved** Cr Noli

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council receives the petition "Let Sleeping Dingoes Live ... Oppose Capturing and Killing" and it be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration, investigation and a future report to council.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil

## **11. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 10:30am

**CONFIRMED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

  
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MAYOR/CHAIR