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Council considers to solar farm

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COUNCIL will investigate the feasibility of a solar farm at the Killaloe Landfill site. The commitment is listed in Douglas Shire Council's 2018/19 Operational Plan announced at today's Special Budget Meeting in Mossman.

Mayor Julia Leu said this was one of many initiatives designed to boost the region's environmental performance.

"Douglas Shire has an outstanding environmental reputation and it is critical that we harness this to become leaders in this field," she said.

"Council will adopt measures that reduce consumption; more effectively manage waste and achieve reductions in energy and fuel consumption."

Other environmental initiatives include a waste and recycling education program at schools; develop a project plan for achieving Regional Eco Destination Certification and a Coconut Action Plan.

Douglas Shire Council previously committed to six key actions to reduce impacts on Southern Cassowary populations in the Daintree Rainforest.

Council will undertake a pre-feasibility study for a Cassowary Research, Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre.

"Council is firmly dedicated to protecting our cassowaries and we have committed to seeing if this facility would be viable," she said.

"The Far North has two cassowary facilities and I think it is time we at least look at the feasibility of building one in the Daintree Rainforest."

The extensive list of Council initiatives also features economic development strategies, engagement and commitments to improving community well-being.

The full 2018/19 Operational Plan is available on Council's website.

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