

MINUTES CAIRNS WATER SECURITY (CWS) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 31 MARCH 2026

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v20

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 31 March 2026.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Nil

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the minutes of the CWS Steering Committee meeting held on 31 March 2026.

Cairns Water Security Stage 1

This report provides details of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 (CWSS1) project to the end of February 2026.

Roof sheeting and wall cladding to the 5ML has been completed. Installation of roof sheeting to the 8ML reservoir continues with completion expected early April.

Concrete pours to the Reservoir access road are nearing completion with three pours remaining for panels at the top of the hill.

Installation of pipe up and down the hill ridgeline has recommenced following the finalisation of the construction and safety methodologies (Activity Method Statement).

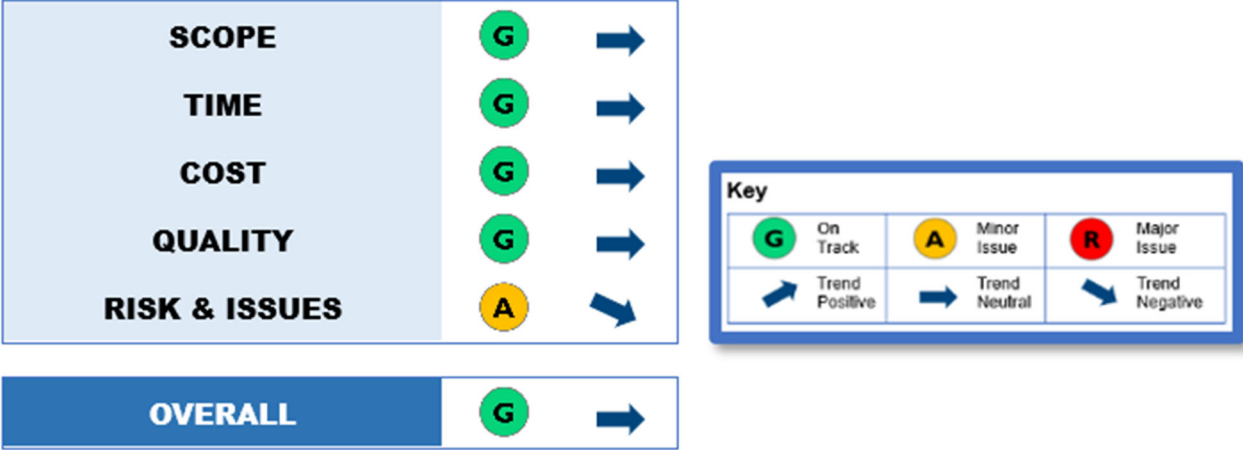
Roof sheeting to the Control / Admin building has been delayed due to completion of the wind trusses. However, services installation continues to progress to the lower level.

The UV building is substantially complete with only minor works remaining. Hydrostatic testing is underway to the UV inlet and outlet channels with positive results so far on the inlet channels

Roof Sheeting to the Consolidated building, Treated Water Pump Station (TWPS) and Transformer Building is progressing.

Approximately 3km of the 30km pipeline remains to be installed. Connection of new pipes to the existing network is underway.

Project progress is maintained and updated on the project webpage through Council's website.



Reservoir Emergency Work Program

The Reservoir Emergent Works Program has been initiated to address critical defects and operational challenges identified across several key reservoirs within the Cairns potable water network. The program ensures continued compliance, operational safety, and water security for the community while long-term remediation and renewal strategies are developed. The Program continues to be a key operational focus for Cairns Regional Council, ensuring the safe return of essential water assets and protecting the integrity of the broader network.

Recent challenges across several reservoirs have required targeted action to maintain service reliability and meet compliance standards.

Emergency works are now finalised. Work is now focussed on roof replacement for Bayview and Brinsmead reservoirs.

Community engagement remains strong. Campaigns, media updates, and stakeholder briefings are underway to keep everyone informed. Industry partners are actively involved, with roundtable discussions finalised and ongoing during events such as those in January.

Risks are present but being managed, and open communication with the community and stakeholders remains a top priority.

OPTIONS:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 31 March 2026.

Or

That Council does not endorse the CWS Steering Committee minutes and requests Council officers provide further details.

ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes of the CWS Steering Committee meeting held 31 March 2026 - #[7852517](#)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Wuth', written in a cursive style.

Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

31 MARCH 2026

COMMENCED 9:08 AM

**MULGRAVE TRAINING ROOM
CWSS1 SITE - JONES ROAD, GORDONVALE**

ATTENDEES:

Cr A Eden*	Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr B Moller	Division 1 Councillor (Committee)
Cr M Tickner	Division 2 Councillor (Committee)
Cr B Olds	Division 9 Councillor (Committee)
S Abson*	Independent Program Assurance Advisor (non-voting advisor role)
Cr Zeiger	Division 3 Councillor

APOLOGIES:

Cr K Vallely	Division 6 Councillor (Committee)
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OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
M Wuth	Director Cairns Infrastructure & Assets
T Veronese	Associate Director Service Delivery, Utility Services
G Kang	Associate Director Infrastructure & Assets
J Smith	Executive Manager, Utility Services
M Cappella	A/- Executive Manager, Major Projects
J Turner	Principal Project Manager, Major Projects
K Thoren	Minutes

**via teams*

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTEREST / DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7826056

OLDS / TICKNER

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 24 February 2026 were endorsed.

carried unanimously

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

4.1. PROJECT UPDATE REPORT – CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT

63/5/3-03 | #7757876V6

MOLLER / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the project update.

carried unanimously

4.2. RESOURCE AND OPERATIONAL READINESS UPDATE – CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7715238V9

EDEN / TICKNER

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Resource and Operational Readiness Update for the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 (CWSS1) Project.

carried unanimously

**4.3. UPDATE TO JOHN HOLLAND QUEENSLAND PURCHASE ORDER
63/5/3-03 | #7622463V5**

OLDS / MOLLER

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the update to John Holland Queensland Purchase Order, with existing delegated authority from Council to the CEO. This update will increase PO00031813 for Contract 75692 with John Holland Queensland Pty Ltd from \$333,106,643.50 to \$335,082,608.14.

carried unanimously

**4.4. STEERING COMMITTEE ASSURANCE ADVISOR HEALTH CHECK REVIEW
REPORT – CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT
63/5/3-03 | #7809851**

MOLLER / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Health Check Review Report.

carried unanimously

**4.5. RESERVOIR EMERGENT WORKS PROGRAM BRIEFING UPDATE #6
CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7817575**

TICKNER / MOLLER

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Reservoir Emergent Works Program Briefing Update #6.

carried unanimously

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

6. BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NIL

7. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

7.1. Health Check Review Action List to be included in the next report

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:12AM