

MINUTES CAIRNS WATER SECURITY (CWS) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26 MAY 2026

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v22

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 26 May 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 26 May 2026.

Cairns Water Security Stage 1

This report and associated attachment/s provide details of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 (CWSS1) project to the end of April 2026, detailing costs, funding, progress, risks and issues.

The 8ML reservoir has been handed over to the coating contractor, and blasting works have commenced.

Internal coatings to the DAFF Structure and Wash Water Tank are ongoing, and rendering to the Raw Water Balance Tank is underway.

Trusses for the Administration Building have been delivered to the site, and work to install these has commenced.

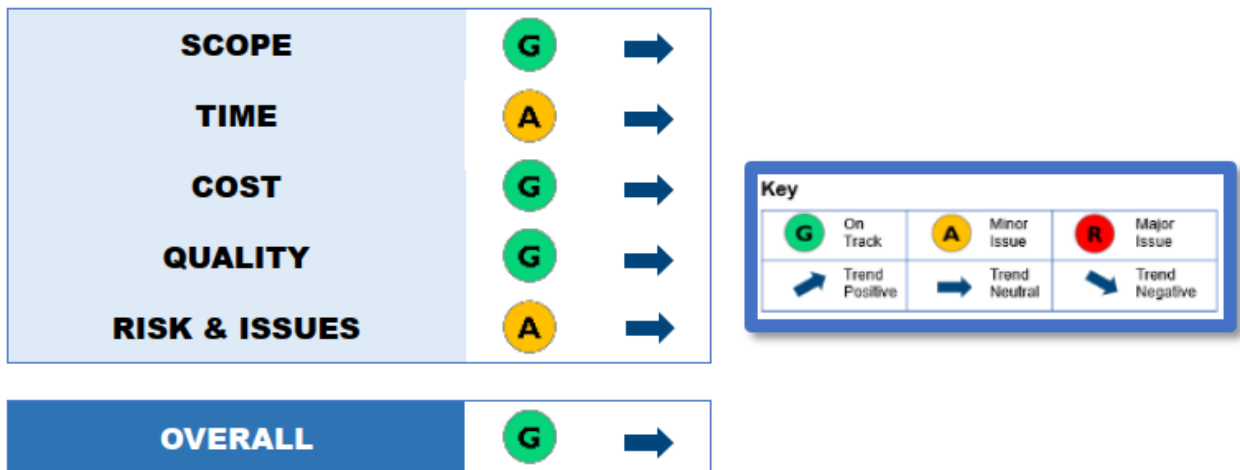
Wet weather has impacted the concrete pours for bulkhead supports, which carry the pipe up the hill to the 8ML reservoir, however, works are progressing when weather permits.

The final major pipe cut-in at Jones Road has been undertaken.

The following are largely complete, with the exception of minor works and tidy up.

- Mulgrave River Raw Water Main

- Behana Raw Water Main Augmentation (tie-ins to occur at Cairns Rd and Disco Lodge)
- Gordonvale to Aloomba
- Gordonvale to Behana Treated Water Pipeline



Reservoir Emergency Work Program

The Reservoir Emergent Works Program remains a priority focus to ensure the safe operation and long-term resilience of Council’s potable water network. Emergency works across affected reservoirs have been completed, with the program now progressing through immediate and intermediate work packages.

During April, key milestones have been achieved, including execution of the TIC–TPC framework and commencement of site works for the Bayview and Brinsmead roof replacement program. Legal and cultural heritage considerations for future works, particularly Mt Peter Reservoir, continue to be actively managed in consultation with ELT.

Overall, the program is progressing as planned, with risks understood and mitigations in place. Governance, contractor engagement and operational coordination remain strong.

OPTIONS:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 26 May 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 26 May 2026 - [#7885396](#)



David Stevens
Executive Manager Major Projects



Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

Attachment - Minutes of the CWSS1 Steering Committee meeting held 26 May 2026 - [#7885396](#)

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

26 MAY 2026

COMMENCED 9:02 AM

COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM 119-114 SPENCE STREET, CAIRNS

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)
Cr K Valley	Division 6 Councillor (Committee)
S Abson*	Independent Program Assurance Advisor (non-voting advisor role)

APOLOGIES:

M Wuth	Director Cairns Infrastructure & Assets
T Veronese	Associate Director Utility Services

OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
L Whitton	Chief Financial Officer
G Kang	Associate Director Infrastructure & Assets
D Stevens	Executive Manager, Major Projects
M Cappella	Senior Project Engineer
K Thoren	Minutes

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mark Wuth and Toni Veronese.

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 28 APRIL 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7867698

OLDS / TICKNER

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 28 April 2026 were endorsed.

carried unanimously

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

63/5/3-03 | #7757876

TICKNER / VALLELY

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 | #7715238

MOLLER / OLDS

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 STEERING COMMITTEE ASSURANCE ADVISOR ADVICE NOTE #17 CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT
63/5/3-03 | #7809851

EDEN / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Assurance Advisor Note #17.

carried unanimously

4.4 CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT – CULTURAL MONITORING PURCHASE ORDER UPDATE #2
63/5/3-03 | #7880000

OLDS / MOLLER

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes required increase to the Purchase Order as per Table 5 of the Report.

carried unanimously

4.5 RESERVOIR EMERGENT WORKS PROGRAM BRIEFING UPDATE #8
CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7841581

OLDS / EDEN

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Reservoir Emergent Works Program Briefing Update #8.

carried unanimously

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

6. BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cr Moller raised the Bama Way and Jones Road intersection, particularly the transition from one to the other. Need to ensure the delineation and signage is clear as the transition from Bama Way to Jones Road occurs a significant distance west of the Bruce Highway and may lead to confusion.

7. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

7.1 NIL

|THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00 AM