

MINUTES CAIRNS WATER SECURITY (CWS) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 30 JUNE 2026

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v23

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 30 June 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 30 June 2026.

Cairns Water Security Stage 1

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

With improved weather conditions during May, works on site were able to progress with minimal disruption. The drier weather provided the opportunity for the sludge lagoons to be drained (dewatered) in preparation for works to recommence.

Concrete pours for bulkhead supports, to carry the pipe up to the 8ML reservoir, continue. Installation of the pipe will occur progressively as the bulkheads are finalised.

Completion of the following has occurred:

- 8ML reservoir – internal blasting
- Wash Water Tank - internal coatings
- Admin Building – roof sheeting installed
- Jones Road Pit cut-ins (major and minor)

The Bruce Highway on Ramp was opened on 30 June 2026, with the final cut in works now complete.

Progress of the coatings to structures has been slower than expected, with internal humidity levels too high in some locations to progress coating works. With the use of dehumidifiers and drier weather conditions, these levels are gradually reducing.

Planning has commenced for the Installation of the Behana Microtrainers, with installation targeted to start in August.



Reservoir Emergent Works 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 May, significant progress has been achieved for the Bayview and Brinsmead roof replacement program. Demolition of the two roof structures commenced through May with 50% of each roof demolished without incident. Legal and cultural heritage considerations for future works, particularly Mt Peter Reservoir, continue to be actively managed. A cost plan has been submitted through the TIC/TPC framework for the Mt Peter Reservoir, this plan is currently under review.

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 30 June 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 30 June 2026 - #[7906865](#)

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David Stevens
Executive Manager Major Projects

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Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2026

COMMENCED 9:01 AM

**COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
119-114 SPENCE STREET, CAIRNS**

ATTENDEES:

Cr B Moller	Division 1 Councillor (Chairperson / Committee)
Cr M Tickner	Division 2 Councillor (Committee)
Cr B Olds	Division 9 Councillor (Committee)
Cr C Zeiger	Division 3 Councillor

APOLOGIES:

Cr A Eden	Mayor (Committee)
C Vallely	Division 6 Councillor (Committee)
S Abson	Independent Program Assurance Advisor (non-voting advisor role)
L Whitton	Chief Financial Officer

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 Ritchie	Executive Manager Finance
J Smith	Executive Manager Utility Services
D Stevens	Executive Manager Major Projects
K Thoren	Minutes

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mayor Eden, Cr Vallely, Steve Abson, Lisa Whitton.

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 26 MAY 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7885396

MOLLER / TICKNER

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 26 May 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 / 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 | #7715238

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

TICKNER / MOLLER

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

NIL

7. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

NIL

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:33 AM