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MINUTES CAIRNS WATER SECURITY (CWS) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 27 OCTOBER 2026

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v26

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 27 October 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 27 October 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 September 2026, detailing costs, funding, progress, risks and issues.

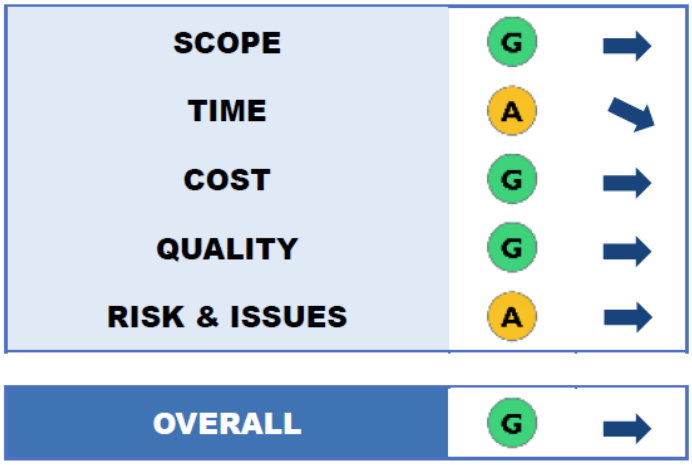
A key achievement during the month was the connection of the main pipeline up the hill to the 8ML tank. This milestone was celebrated with a series of aerial shots and videos of the Project Team and workers on location.

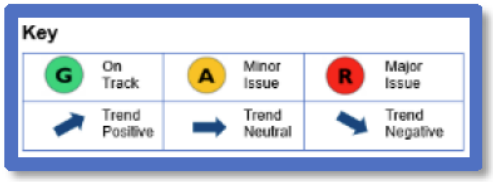
At the Water Treatment Plant, construction remains focused on mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and internal building works. Internal coatings, equipment installation, switchroom fit-out, and process building works continue across the treatment plant, with high-voltage energisation supporting the transition from construction into commissioning readiness.

Internal coatings to the tanks and the DAFF are almost complete with the lower risk structures still to be completed. The transformation of the Administration Building continues with the installation of ceilings and the operable wall now complete with internal trades such as tiling, vinyl flooring and cabinetry are well underway.

All trunk pipelines outside of the plant are now complete, with only minor cut-ins and a couple of house connection branches left to finish the works. Works at the Behana Gorge intake are also underway, with the replacement of microstrainers occurring. Pipelines within the plant are also largely complete, with a testing campaign underway to verify their readiness for commissioning.

Program risks continue to be actively managed, with particular attention on coatings, commissioning readiness, completion of remaining pipeline interfaces, and the coordination of remaining live network cut-ins.





Reservoir Emergent Works Program

This report and the associated attachments provide an update on the Reservoir Emergent Works Program, comprising the Roof Replacements at Bayview and Brinsmead Reservoirs, Mount Peter Reservoir Stage 2 Construction, and University 2 Reservoir Design & Construction, and detail costs, funding, progress, risks and issues, for the month of September 2026.

September saw continued progress across the Roof Replacements Project. At Bayview Reservoir, the majority of the steel framework was installed and concrete pedestal pours were completed, with works subsequently progressing to preparation for coating activities. At Brinsmead Reservoir, installation of the vertical columns continued, alongside the commencement of the remaining steel elements and concrete pedestal pours.

The Mount Peter Reservoir Stage 2 Project remains on hold pending confirmation of external funding arrangements, at time of this report. In the interim, works are progressing with the repurposing of the Coombak Close Pump Station. Regulatory and cultural heritage considerations continue to be actively managed.

The procurement phase for the University 2 Reservoir Project has progressed to the tender phase, with the Request for Tender now issued to the market. The tender is currently scheduled to close in late November.

OPTIONS:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 27 October 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 27 October - #7971721



David Stevens
Executive Manager Major Projects



Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

27 OCTOBER 2026

COMMENCED 9:02 AM

COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
119-114 SPENCE STREET, CAIRNS

ATTENDEES:

Cr A Eden	Mayor (Chairperson / Committee)
Cr B Olds	Division 9 Councillor (Committee)
Cr M Tickner	Division 2 Councillor (Committee)
Cr K Vallely	Division 6 Councillor (Committee)
*S Abson	Independent Program Assurance Advisor *(non-voting advisor role)*

APOLOGIES:

Cr B Moller	Division 1 Councillor (Committee)

OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
L Whitton	Chief Financial Officer
M Wuth	Director, Cairns Infrastructure & Assets
*T Veronese	Associate Director Service Delivery, Utility Services
G Kang	Associate Director Infrastructure & Assets
D Stevens	Executive Manager Major Projects
J Smith	Executive Manager Utility Services
K Thoren	Minutes

**via Teams*

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Moller.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7957158

OLDS / VALLELY

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 29 September 2026 were endorsed.

carried unanimously

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7757876

EDEN / TICKNER

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

carried unanimously

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

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7715238

OLDS / VALLELY

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

3.3 STEERING COMMITTEE ASSURANCE ADVISOR ADVICE NOTE #21 – CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7809851

TICKNER / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes Steering Committee Assurance Advisor Advice Note 21.

carried unanimously

3.4 PROJECT UPDATE REPORT - RESERVOIR EMERGENT WORKS

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7917419

EDEN / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Project Update for the Reservoir Emergent Works Program.

carried unanimously

4. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

5. BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The January meeting currently falls on Australia Day.

6. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Reschedule January Meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:50AM