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CAIRNSPLAN 2016 10 YEAR REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council having reviewed the CairnsPlan 2016 (the current planning scheme) under Section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* decides to replace the current planning scheme and writes to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to advise of the decision.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Queensland Government
Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act) requires a Local Government to review its planning scheme within 10 years after the planning scheme was made. This requirement ensures planning schemes are well maintained, contemporary, responsive and relevant to informing the future growth and development of the local government area. Based on the review, the Local Government must decide to retain, amend or replace the planning scheme.

CairnsPlan 2016 was adopted on 24 February 2016 and commenced on 1 March 2016 requiring a review to be undertaken this year. Council officers have undertaken a review and considered the alignment of legislative and policy matters against the CairnsPlan 2016.

Based on the findings of the review it is recommended that Council replace the CairnsPlan 2016 and prepare a new planning scheme.

Key factors leading to this conclusion are:

- The scheme was prepared under the former *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and is not structured to function effectively under the requirements of the current *Planning Act 2016*.
- The State Planning Policy 2017 and FNQ Regional Plan 2026 (FNQ Regional Plan) have come into effect since the planning scheme's adoption in 2016.
- There is a need to provide greater alignment with Council's contemporary documents and strategies including the Towards 2050 Growth Strategy (Growth Strategy) which has been informed by an extensive engagement program.
- Population growth, demographic shifts and changing demands require the planning scheme to evolve.

- Ensure integration with updated planning for the Mount Peter Priority Development Area (PDA) and Cairns South State Development Area (SDA).
- Preparing a new planning scheme would be more efficient than an extensive ongoing program of planning scheme amendments.

In summary, while CairnsPlan 2016 remains broadly effective and many policy settings remain contemporary, the review identified a range of structural, legislative and strategic alignment issues that cannot be efficiently addressed through a series of isolated amendments. A new planning scheme provides the opportunity to holistically align the planning framework with contemporary legislation, regional planning policy, Council's Growth Strategy and future infrastructure planning.

The next step is to prepare a scope of works for a new planning scheme and the associated project management documentation to present to Council.

BACKGROUND:

CairnsPlan 2016 was adopted on 24 February 2016 and commenced on 1 March 2016 with the most current version (version 3.1) having commenced on 2 August 2022.

Since its initial commencement the planning scheme has undergone nine amendments to ensure the planning scheme remained contemporary and operating effectively (Attachment 1).

There are currently two amendments underway which relate to:

- ensuring CairnsPlan reflects realistic supply of residential land that responds to the natural hazard risks facing the Cairns region; and
- initiatives to support well designed housing supply and diversity and to improve development assessment efficiency.

Section 25 of the Act states that a Local Government must review its planning scheme within 10 years after the planning scheme was made. This requirement ensures planning schemes are well maintained, contemporary, responsive and relevant to informing the future growth and development of the local government area.

The scope of the review includes the following matters:

- The local government area and its demographic profile;
- The delivery of infrastructure and development;
- The current legislative context;
- The state planning context including delivery and integration of the State Planning Policy and FNQ Regional Plan; and
- The Local Government's strategic directions and community aspirations.

At the completion of the review, the Local Government has three options:

- To decide to replace the planning scheme;
- To decide to make amendments to the planning scheme; or
- To decide to retain the planning scheme without change.

COMMENT:

The below provides a summary of the findings from the review.

1. Demographic profile and infrastructure delivery

The planning scheme was prepared for a significantly different growth context. The Cairns LGA has experienced moderate sustained population growth since the CairnsPlan commenced in 2016. According to the Queensland Government Statistician Office (QGSO) estimated resident population (ERP), the population was approximately 161,600 at commencement (2016) and approximately 169,250 by 2021. The QGSO 2025 preliminary medium series projects a population of approximately 218,200 by 2046, an increase of about 49,000 persons over 2021 figures, reinforcing the need for a contemporary planning framework that can respond to changing housing, infrastructure, environmental and economic requirements.

The demographic profile is also changing with the Growth Strategy identifying:

- One in four people now live alone, with an estimated additional 10,000 lone-person households expected by 2050
- Currently about 12.5% of households are single-parent households, which are projected to grow by 5,400 to around 14% by 2050
- With over-65s reaching about 20% of the population, demand grows for smaller, well-located dwellings, aging in place and for retirement and respite care near services.
- In 2021 about a third of low-income households were already in housing stress and the Growth Strategy notes this is extending to full-time workers in key sectors struggling to secure permanent housing.

The Growth Strategy and the FNQ Regional Plan both identify that this growth can be accommodated within the existing urban footprint, with the majority of the growth to be accommodated in the Mount Peter Priority Development Area. The FNQ Regional Plan identifies an action for Local Governments to work with the Queensland Government to investigate future areas for regionally significant long term land supply outside of the Urban Footprint to accommodate growth beyond 2046.

The FNQ Regional Plan identifies a specific action for Cairns Regional Council to:

- Facilitate infill development to increase the supply of a range of housing typologies to support the implementation of Tropical Urban Villages. This includes increased supply of attached dwellings in and around:

    a. principal, major and district regional activity centres (e.g. Cairns City, Edmonton, Westcourt)
    b. strategic precincts (e.g. James Cook University Nguma-bada, Cairns Health and Innovation Precinct)
    c. public and active transport corridors (e.g. Mulgrave Road, Sheridan Street, Lake Street)

d. established suburbs where there is an acceptable or tolerable natural hazard risk, such as the Cairns inner suburbs, northern beaches (Smithfield to Palm Cove) and the Southern Growth Corridor (Edmonton to Gordonvale).

Infrastructure planning is being undertaken to unlock and support the efficient delivery of housing in the Mount Peter PDA and for industry and employment uses in the Cairns South SDA. The draft Mount Peter Development Scheme includes an infrastructure plan and implementation strategy.

Council completed its most recent statutory review of its Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) in August 2022, and resolved not to amend the LGIP. Concurrently, Council resolved to commence an Interim LGIP Amendment Project to investigate and inform a potential future amendment. This project was placed on hold in July 2025 following the declaration of the Mount Peter PDA. With key planning inputs now more defined, Council is well positioned to align updated population projections, infrastructure planning, growth assumptions and major State planning initiatives, and reinitiate the LGIP Amendment Project. A new LGIP will also be undertaken as part of a new planning scheme to ensure land use and infrastructure planning integration and alignment.

2. Legislative context

CairnsPlan 2016 was prepared under the former and now superseded legislation, the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and followed the structure established under the Queensland Planning Provisions (QPP) which was a requirement at the time.

The Planning Act was introduced in 2016 and introduced a new legislative framework and development decision rules. Some of the changes altered the way in which some parts of the planning scheme could be used in the development assessment process. In some cases, this meant that parts of the planning scheme previously considered in the assessment of an application could no longer be considered in the framework under the Act.

At the time of commencement, Local Governments were able to make ‘alignment amendments’ to support the implementation of the planning scheme under the new legislation. Transitional provisions were included in the Act to further support any areas of misalignment. Council undertook an alignment amendment to the CairnsPlan, however given the scheme had just been adopted the amendments did not extend to structural changes to the planning scheme and were largely focused on operational matters and terminology to achieve consistency with the new legislation.

The 10 year review identified structural issues remain with the CairnsPlan with respect to the operation of the Act including:

- The inability to refer to the Strategic Framework when undertaking code assessment; and
- Strength of wording of code provisions when used in bounded assessment.

Given the structural nature of the changes required to address these matters the review identified that preparing a new planning scheme would be the most efficient and effective approach and allow a new planning scheme to be drafted under the Act.

3. Policy context review

CairnsPlan 2016 was prepared under the former State Planning Policy 2014 and at the time of commencement appropriately integrated all relevant State Interests with the exception of Coastal hazards (erosion prone areas) which was acknowledged in the planning scheme.

The current State Planning Policy came into effect in 2017 and sets the current policy context for State Interests. The SPP 2017 sets out 17 State Interests and guiding principles that are intended to provide support and guidance for the plan making process.

In October 2026, the State Government released a draft State Planning Policy for public consultation. The draft SPP has consolidated the State Interests down to 12 and includes new Strategic Directions which are to be used in balancing competing State Interests. The 10 year review was undertaken against SPP 2017 as this is the instrument in effect at the time of the review.

The State Planning Policy includes mapping layers to support the policy positions. Since the commencement of the CairnsPlan 2016 there are been a number of changes to mapping contained within the State Planning Policy Integrated Mapping System. Mapping updates were made as part of amendment packages and the planning scheme has reflected the most up to date mapping at points in time. The State Mapping layers continue to prevail where there are inconsistencies between them and the planning scheme and this occurs due to the frequency of State mapping changes versus amendment timeframes.

The FNQ Regional Plan was gazetted on 8 May 2026 and sets out the vision and strategic direction for the Far North Queensland region across five themes: housing, thriving economy, ecotourism and biodiversity, healthy liveable communities and infrastructure. The Regional Plan provides the regional context for State Interests and sets the regional growth pattern and policy outcomes and strategies. The Regional Plan also includes regionally and locally refined mapping.

The Growth Strategy provides the locally specific planning context. The growth strategy was endorsed by Council in September 2025 and was developed over four phases with an extensive engagement program.

The growth strategy sets the growth context for the Cairns Local Government area and establishes six foundations for growth which sit within an overarching framework that recognises and prioritises Cairns' blue and green elements which shape the region and its unique tropical identity. The growth foundations include:

- Protect and celebrate our blue and green tropical landscape
- Diverse housing for our changing community
- Proactively plan for natural hazards
- Consolidated and focused growth
- Create great tropical neighbourhoods
- Support a thriving economy

A review and analysis of the alignment of the CairnsPlan 2016 with the policy context of the State Planning Policy (2017), FNQ Regional Plan and the Growth Strategy was undertaken and a summary of the findings is included in Attachment 2.

4. 10 Year Review Outcomes

Based on the findings of the review it is recommended that Council replace CairnsPlan 2016 and prepare a new planning scheme.

Key factors leading to this conclusion are:

- The scheme was prepared under the former *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and is not structured to function effectively under the requirements of the current *Planning Act 2016*.
- The State Planning Policy 2017 and FNQ Regional Plan 2026 (FNQ Regional Plan) have come into effect since the planning scheme's adoption in 2016.
- There is a need to provide greater alignment with Council's contemporary documents and strategies including the Towards 2050 Growth Strategy (Growth Strategy) which has been informed by an extensive engagement program.
- Population growth, demographic shifts and changing demands require the planning scheme to evolve.
- Ensure integration with updated planning for the Mount Peter Priority Development Area (PDA) and Cairns South State Development Area (SDA).

Based on the findings of the review it is considered that preparing a new planning scheme would be more efficient than an ongoing program of updates and amendments and will allow the opportunity to undertake a holistic review of the scheme and its structure to ensure optimal workability and vertical and horizontal alignment of policy.

Preparing a new planning scheme will build on the engagement undertaken for the Growth Strategy and will provide the community with a line of sight between their input and feedback and how this is translated into a statutory context. A program of amendments does not provide the same level of opportunity or engagement integration.

Notwithstanding the recommendation to prepare a new planning scheme, substantial baseline policy settings within CairnsPlan 2016 remain contemporary, fit for purpose and relevant and can be easily integrated into a new planning scheme structure.

The findings of the 10 year review establish the areas that require further review and consideration going forward. The next step is to prepare a scope of works for a new planning scheme and the associated project management documentation to present to Council.

The current amendments to the CairnsPlan 2016 will continue to progress and the findings of the review identified two matters which form priority amendments to the CairnsPlan 2016 and should be commenced in advance of a new planning scheme. These include:

- Rural lands and consideration of the rural lands outcomes in the FNQ Regional Plan; and
- Integrating the outcomes of the short-term accommodation review.

While preparing a new planning scheme is a significant undertaking, Council has already established much of the strategic policy foundation through the Growth Strategy and associated supporting studies. The next step in developing a new planning scheme would be to undertake a scoping study which will be presented to Council at a later date.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (Recommended):

That Council having reviewed the CairnsPlan 2016 (the current planning scheme) under Section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* decides to replace the current planning scheme and writes to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to advise of the decision.

Option 2:

That Council having reviewed the CairnsPlan 2016 (the current planning scheme) under Section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* decides to amend the current planning scheme and writes to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to advise of the decision.

Option 3:

That Council retains the CairnsPlan 2016 (the current planning scheme) and provide written reasons for its decision to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to advise of the decision and undertake notification in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016.*

CONSIDERATIONS:

Risk Management:

The preparation of a new planning scheme provides an opportunity to align and integrate with the current statutory and policy positions of the Act, FNQ Regional Plan, State Planning Policy and local context established through the Growth Strategy and other relevant local planning documents.

Failure to replace the planning scheme may result in increasing divergence between the planning framework and contemporary State, regional and local policy settings. Over time this may reduce the effectiveness and efficiency of development assessment, create greater reliance on amendments and increase the risk of inconsistent planning outcomes.

A risk management plan will be prepared as part of the project management documentation for the new planning scheme.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

Budget to undertake the 10 year review and prepare the scope of works for a new planning scheme is included in the 2026/27 budget and is identified as a current operational plan initiative.

The preparation of a new planning scheme will be a multi-year project and budget forecasting will be undertaken as part of the new planning scheme scoping project with a budget submission to be prepared to inform the development of the 2027/28 budget.

The preparation of a new planning scheme supports the integration of local economy initiatives into a statutory framework and will integrate and advance existing plans including the Economic Development Strategy 2026 – 2030 and initiatives under the Growth Strategy.

Community and Cultural Heritage:

The 10 year review considered the policy position relating to community and cultural heritage as set out in the State Planning Policy, FNQ Regional Plan, Growth Strategy and other Council policy and found that further review and alignment with the policy positions is needed and will be addressed as part of the scope of works for a planning scheme.

Attachment 2 – provides a summary of the review requirements for liveable communities and cultural heritage.

Natural Environment:

The 10 year review considered the policy position relating to the natural environment as set out in the State Planning Policy, FNQ Regional Plan, Growth Strategy and other Council policy and found that further review and alignment with the policy positions is needed and will be addressed as part of the scope of works for a planning scheme.

Attachment 2 – provides a summary of the review requirements for biodiversity, coastal environment and water quality.

Corporate and Operational Plans:

The Corporate Plan 2025 – 2030 was considered as part of the CairnsPlan 10 year review. The recommendation to prepare a new planning scheme will advance the vision and all focus areas of the Corporate Plan.

The Design for Liveability Focus Area makes specific mention about delivering future focused planning that supports our tropical lifestyle.

There is a specific action under the 2026-27 Operational Plan related to: *Continue the review of the current planning scheme and finalise the new planning scheme scoping study.*

The completion of CairnsPlan 10 year review completes the first part of this action. Following the decision by Council, work will commence on preparing a scoping study for the new planning scheme to inform timeframes, resources and scope of work.

Statutory:

Section 25 of the Planning Act 2016 states that a Local Government must review its planning scheme within 10 years after the planning scheme was made.

Based on the review, the Local Government must decide to retain, amend or replace the planning scheme.

If the Local Government decides not to amend or replace the planning scheme it must give written reasons for the decision to the State and public a notice about the decision for a period of at least 40 business days.

Policy:

Section 18 of the Act and the Ministers Guidelines and Rules set out the process for making a new planning scheme. The process will be considered as part of the preparation of the scoping study for the new planning scheme.

The preparation of a new planning scheme will need to have regard to the latest State Planning Policy and other relevant policy and guidance material in effect at the time of drafting.

CONSULTATION:

The 10 year review has been informed by a range of engagement activities. Internal engagement was undertaken with Council staff from across various branches as well as detailed engagement with the Development Services team.

A series of workshops have been held with Councillors during the review process and with the Executive Leadership team.

Local industry representatives were engaged through an online scoping survey in late 2024 and through engagement activities with the Industry Reference Group.

The review also drew upon the extensive engagement undertaken as part of the Growth Strategy, the Cairns City Precincts Urban Regeneration Project and more recently the Housing Typologies engagement. The findings from these engagement activities provide a solid foundation for the review and will be built upon as part of the preparation of a new planning scheme.

An engagement plan will be prepared as part of the project management documentation for the new planning scheme.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Summary of CairnsPlan 2016 amendments
Attachment 2 – Summary of the State, Regional and Local Interest review (#7936229)



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Attachment 1 – Summary of CairnsPlan 2016 amendments

Date of adoption and commencement	Planning scheme version number	Amendment title and type	Summary of amendments
Adopted on 28 June 2017 Commenced on 1 July 2017	Version 1.1	Amendment 1 of 2017 - Administrative	The amendment integrates the Cairns Local Government Infrastructure Plan and corrects formatting, numbering, cross-referencing, outdated terms and factual matters incorrectly stated in the planning scheme.
Adopted on 6 December 2017 Commenced on 11 December 2017	Version 1.2	Amendment 2 of 2017 - Administrative	The amendment removes Schedule 6 from the planning scheme and corrects formatting, numbering, cross-referencing, outdated terms and factual matters incorrectly stated in the planning scheme.
Adopted on 10 April 2019 Commenced on 15 April 2019	Version 1.3	Amendment 1 of 2018 – Local Government Infrastructure Plan Interim Amendment; and Amendment 1 of 2019 – Administrative.	The amendment integrates the Cairns Local Government Infrastructure Plan Interim Amendment and corrects formatting, numbering and cross-referencing stated in the planning scheme.
Adopted 28 August 2019 Commenced 9 September 2019	Version 2.0	Amendment 2 of 2019 – Qualified State Interest Amendment	This amendment integrates the outcomes of the Advertising Devices Policy Review 2019 and amends the types of advertising devices regulated under the planning scheme.
Adopted 23 October 2019 Commenced 11 November 2019	Version 2.1	Amendment 3 of 2019 – Minor Amendment	This amendment updates Table 8.2.7.3.b — Minimum immunity (floor levels) for development in the flood and inundation risk category to be consistent with the applicability of the Building Assessment Provisions to Building Works
Adopted 13 October 2021 Commenced 26 October 2021	Version 3.0	Amendment 1 of 2021 – Major	This amendment improves the efficiency of the planning scheme, addresses feedback from the community and development industry, removes unnecessary triggers for development applications and ensures the planning scheme is contemporary and complies with the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Date of adoption and commencement	Planning scheme version number	Amendment title and type	Summary of amendments
Adopted 13 October 2021 Commenced 26 October 2021	Version 3.0	Amendment 2 of 2021 - Minor	This amendment integrates updated Matters of Environmental Significance (MSES) mapping and updated State Heritage Places mapping into the planning scheme.
Adopted 13 July 2022 Commenced 2 August 2022	Version 3.1	Amendment 1 of 2022 – Minor Local Government Infrastructure Plan Amendment 1 of 2022 - Administrative	This amendment acknowledges the Cairns South State Development Area. This amendment clarifies the Cairns South State Development Area within the Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

Attachment 2 – Summary of the State, Regional and Local Interest review (#7936229)

Topic	Review recommendation
SPP generally	CairnsPlan 2016 was prepared and drafted under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and an alignment amendment was undertaken to ensure consistency with operational matters and terminology of the Planning Act, structural issues remained which require review to ensure the effective operation of the Act and development assessment rules. CairnsPlan 2016 was prepared in accordance with State Planning Policy (SPP) 2014 and at the time of commencement in 2016 appropriately integrated all relevant State Interests with the exception of Coastal Hazards (erosion prone areas). The current SPP came into effect in 2017 and the below assessment is based on alignment with this version.
Housing supply and diversity	Requires review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan & associated mapping (e.g. updated urban footprint mapping) • Growth Strategy - consolidated focused growth, diverse housing for our changing community and great tropical neighbourhoods • Reflect infill strategy centred around safe growth • Review the suite of residential zones • Provide for emerging housing forms • A targeted and consolidated Housing Study and updated dwelling-location modelling (applying the QGSO 2025 projections or most current projections at the time of development) are required to demonstrate achievement of the Regional Plan housing targets.
Liveable communities	Requires review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan • Growth Strategy - create great tropical neighbourhoods and diverse housing for our changing community • Local policy around extreme heat, urban greening, vegetation management • Reflect infill strategy centred around safe growth • Opportunity for placed based planning outcomes to reflect local character and place identity • Opportunity to take a design led approach and promote high quality urban design outcomes • Integrate Cairns Placemaking Strategy (draft) and open space planning • Integrate Cairns City Precincts Urban Regeneration Project Outcomes • Integrate outcomes of active travel planning • Scenic Amenity outcomes – finalise work commenced under the Growth Strategy
Agriculture	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan • Growth Strategy - consolidated focused growth and supporting a thriving economy (rural economy)

	• Growth Strategy Rural Lands Study and Rural Land Use Audit and Research Report (2021 and 2025 update) • State Planning Policy and associated mapping Recommended pathway – Undertake an amendment to CairnsPlan 2016 in advance of the preparation of a new planning scheme to focus on rural lands and consideration of the rural lands outcomes in the FNQ Regional Plan.
Development and construction	Requires a review with respect to: • Growth Strategy - consolidated focused growth outcomes and supporting a thriving economy • Ensure alignment and integration with the Mount Peter Priority Development Area (PDA) and Cairns South State Development Area (SDA) • Reflect infill strategy centred around safe growth • Integrate the Economic Development Strategy 2026 – 2030 • Review the centres and employment provisions to remove unnecessary barriers and ensure a well-functioning centres hierarchy • Advance the intent of the Small Business Friendly Council charter
Mining and extractive resources	The Extractive Resources Overlay identifies and protects extractive resource areas consistent with SPP requirements. Separation distances and assessment requirements are in place. Requires minor review with respect to: • Mapping and terminology updates • Alignment with FNQ Regional Plan
Tourism	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan requirements including consideration of enabling provisions for eco-tourism • Growth Strategy - supporting a thriving economy (tourism) • Tourist accommodation use definitions and assessment provisions (e.g. Airbnb) • Alignment with TNQ Tourism Strategy and Economic Development Strategy 2026 – 2030 Undertake an amendment to CairnsPlan 2016 in advance of the preparation of a new planning scheme to focus on the outcomes of the short term accommodation review.
Biodiversity	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan – biodiversity and urban canopy provisions • Growth Strategy - protect and celebrate our blue, green tropical landscape and delivering a blue and green framework • Prepare a MLES study • Local policy around urban greening and vegetation management
Coastal environment	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional plan • Growth Strategy - proactively plan for natural hazards and protect and celebrate our blue, green tropical landscape • Queensland Coastal Plan, Coastal Management Plan and Coastal scenic amenity provisions • Integration of the CHAS outcomes

	Requires a minor review with respect to integrating the policy position for the coastal environment from the natural hazards amendment package into a proposed new scheme structure and mapping.
Cultural heritage	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan • Growth Strategy - Diverse cultures and heritage outcomes • State guidance – Advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island interests in land use planning • Traditional housing outcomes – require further investigation into traditional housing precincts, especially in areas proposed for infill housing (progress work commenced under the Growth Strategy) • Ensure local heritage provisions are contemporary and align with State outcomes as part of the development of the Queensland Heritage Strategy Requires a minor review to ensure mapping of State and Local heritage places is up to date.
Water quality	Requires a review with respect to: • FNQ Regional Plan • Growth Strategy - protect and celebrate our blue, green tropical landscape
Emissions and hazardous activities	Requires a minor review to update state mapping and terminology to maintain alignment.
Natural hazards, risk and resilience	The Natural Hazards amendment package under the Scheme Supply Fund will address the requirements of the SPP, FNQ Regional Plan and the Growth Strategy. Requires a minor review with respect to integrating the policy position from the current amendment package into a proposed new scheme structure and mapping.
Energy and water supply	Requires a minor review with respect to: • Renewable energy land use provisions • Reflect local policy with respect to water supply
Infrastructure integration	Requires a review with respect to • FNQ Regional Plan policy and infrastructure plan outcomes • Growth Strategy - supporting thriving economy and delivering sustainable infrastructure • Integrated land use and infrastructure planning via a new LGIP • Integration of contemporary provisions for telecommunications • Ensuring integration with Mount Peter PDA and Cairns South SDA
Transport infrastructure	Requires a review with respect to • FNQ Regional Plan policy and infrastructure plan outcomes • Growth Strategy - delivering sustainable infrastructure • Cairns Transport Study 2026 and active transport planning
Other land use plans (Strategic airport, Strategic port, PDA and SDA)	Requires a review with respect to: • Reflecting the most up to date land use plan for the Cairns Airport and Port land • Integration with the Mount Peter PDA and Cairns South SDA planning outcomes • Integration with Strategic Economic Precincts (Economic Development Strategy 2026 - 2030)