

MINUTES CAIRNS WATER SECURITY (CWS) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 APRIL 2026

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v21

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the minutes of the Cairns Water Security (CWS) Steering Committee meeting held 28 April 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 28 April 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 March 2026, detailing costs, funding, progress, risks and issues.

Roof sheeting to the 8ML reservoir is nearing completion and will be handed over to the coating contractor to commence blasting works (preparation works prior to coating application).

Blasting activities to the 5ML reservoir have been completed and coating works will follow.

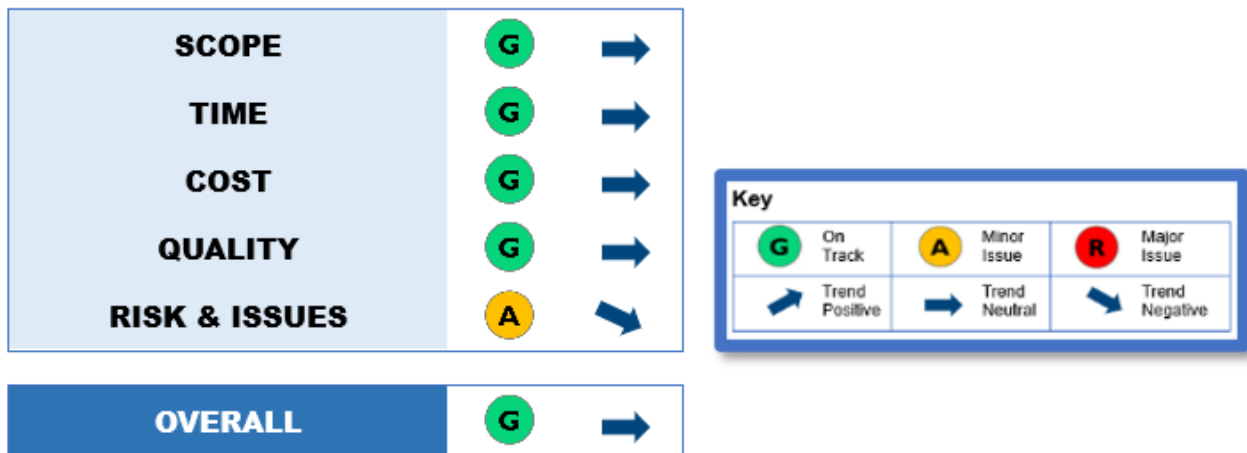
Internal coatings to the DAFF Structure and Washwater Tank are ongoing. Coatings will commence on the Raw Water Balance Tank upon completion of blasting.

Installation of pipelines up and down the hill ridgeline continues, with concrete pours for bulkhead supports are scheduled for mid-April. These bulkheads will provide support to the pipelines uphill to the 8ML reservoir.

Several activities have also been completed. Of note, completion of concrete pours to the reservoir access road, installation of the lift to the Admin/ Control Building and a new water connection to Greenpatch campground.

Final major pipe cut-in at Jones Road is scheduled for late April.

Installation of remaining pipework continues and all remaining pipework, including pipelines up the hill are anticipated to be completed by the end of June.



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 28 April 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 28 April 2026 - #[7867698](#)

Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

28 APRIL 2026

COMMENCED 9:05 AM

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

ATTENDEES:

Cr A Eden	Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr M Tickner	Division 2 Councillor (Committee) <i>(joined the meeting at 9:06am)</i>
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:

Cr B Moller	Division 3 Councillor (Committee)
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OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
M Wuth	Director Cairns Infrastructure & Assets
G Kang	Associate Director Infrastructure & Assets
J Ritchie	Executive Manager, Finance
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

An apology was received from Cr Brett Moller.

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 31 MARCH 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7852517

OLDS / VALLELY

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 31 March 2026 were endorsed.

carried unanimously

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

63/5/3-03 | #7757876V7

EDEN / 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 | #7715238V10

OLDS / 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. STEERING COMMITTEE ASSURANCE ADVISOR ADVICE NOTE #16 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 #16.

carried unanimously

**4.4. RESERVOIR EMERGENT WORKS PROGRAM BRIEFING UPDATE #7
CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7841581**

OLDS / TICKNER

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes the Reservoir Emergent Works Program Briefing Update #7.

carried unanimously

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

6. BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NIL

7. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

7.1. NIL

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:01 AM