

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

CIA | 63/5/3-03 | #7497390v24

RECOMMENDATION:

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

A significant milestone for the project and the community occurred at the end of this month, with the reopening of the on-ramp to the Bruce Highway on 30 June 2026. Both John Holland and Council's Utility Services team worked together through several major cut in works and shutdowns to ensure the ramp reopened as planned.

Structures at the Water Treatment Plant are largely complete and focus continues on mechanical, electrical and internal building works.

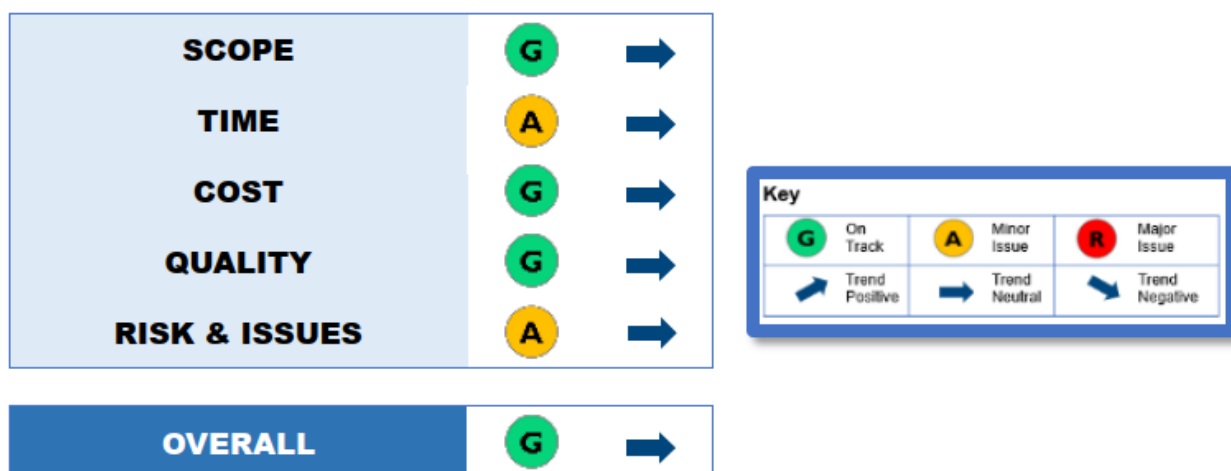
Fitout out works continue to level 1 and 2 of the Admin Control Building and framing up of wet areas are underway.

The main electrical switchboards at the Treated Water Pump Station and consolidated building switchrooms have been installed, marking a milestone towards electrical completion and the future energisation of the Water Treatment Plant.

The pipe up the hill is now visible on entry to the site and is expected to be at the top of the hill towards the end of July.

The Mulgrave intake pipeline and electrical conduits are also substantially complete.

Pipe stock in the laydown area is rapidly reducing as installation of pipework is nearing completion across all locations.



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 Reservoir 2 Design & Construction, to the end of June 2026, and detail costs, funding, progress, risks and issues.

During the month of June, significant progress has been achieved at Bayview and Brinsmead Reservoirs. Demolition of the entire Bayview concrete roof structure and columns and half of Brinsmead roof structure was completed during the month. The balance of demolition works is progressing well at both sites and will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The procurement process for Mt Peter Reservoir has been suspended pending Economic Development Queensland's completion of the Infrastructure Plan and funding allocation program for the Mt Peter PDA.

Council is making preparatory arrangements for the repurposing of the Coombak Close Pump Station to temporarily boost the reticulation network servicing the Mount Peter developments until the construction of the Mount Peter Reservoir is completed.

Regulatory and cultural heritage considerations continue to be actively managed.

Pre-award works continue to progress for University Reservoir 2, with the scoping reference design currently being finalised. Survey works have been completed, and arrangements for geotechnical investigations are continuing, with quotations now received.

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 July 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 July 2026 - #[7919619](#)



David Stevens
Executive Manager Major Projects



Mark Wuth
Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

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CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2026

COMMENCED 9:05 AM

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

ATTENDEES:

Cr A Eden	Mayor (Chairperson / Committee)
Cr B Moller	Division 9 Councillor (Committee)
Cr M Tickner	Division 2 Councillor (Committee)
Cr B Olds	Division 1 Councillor (Committee)
S Abson	Independent Program Assurance Advisor (<i>non-voting advisor role</i>)
Cr K Vallely	Division 6 Councillor

APOLOGIES:

NIL

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
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

NIL

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 30 JUNE 2026

63/5/3-03 | #7906865

OLDS / TICKNER

The Minutes of the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 Project Steering Committee held on 30 June 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

MOLLER / 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

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

4.3 STEERING COMMITTEE ASSURANCE ADVISOR ADVICE NOTE #18 – CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 (CWSS1) PROJECT

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7809851

EDEN / OLDS

It is recommended that the Steering Committee notes Steering Committee Assurance Advisor Advice Note 18

carried unanimously

4.4 UPDATE TO JOHN HOLLAND QUEENSLAND PURCHASE ORDER

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7622463V6

MOLLER / EDEN

It is recommended that the notes the update to John Holland Queensland Purchase Order.

carried unanimously

4.5 PROJECT UPDATE REPORT - RESERVOIR EMERGENT WORKS

CIA 63/5/3-03 | #7917419

TICKNER / OLDS

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

carried unanimously

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

6. BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A brief discussion was held regarding the progress of the Water Efficiency Strategy project and options for potable water substitution (Recycled Water and Raw Water) in the Mt. Peter Priority Development Area.

7. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

NIL

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:05 AM