

# MINUTES OF MEETING



## WATER, WASTE AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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| Venue | Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby |
| Date  | Thursday, 13 June 2019                       |
| Time  | 11.30am                                      |



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## Minutes of the Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 13 June 2019

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PRESENT: Cr Richardson and Cr S Ndiaye, Cr C Coorey, Cr M Lyon

Staff: Phil Holloway (Director Infrastructure Services)  
Jason Stanley (System Planning Officer)  
Cameron Clark (Manager Utilities)  
Claudio Germany (Assistant Environment Officer)  
Michael Matthews (Manager Open Spaces)  
Lucy Wilson (Resource Recovery Projects and Education Officer)  
Dominika Tomanek (Minute Taker)

Community: Col Draper, David Fligelman, Madeleine Green, Duncan Dey, and Ben Fawcett

Visitor: Katrina Curran (Australian Wetlands Consulting)

*Cr Ndiaye (Chair) opened the meeting at 11:37am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.*

### APOLOGIES:

MARY GARDNER

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

Madeleine Green declared a non-pecuniary interest. The nature of the interest being that she resides next to the tip.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### Committee Recommendation:

1. That the minutes of the Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting held on 31 January 2019 be confirmed.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2019 were noted, and the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2019 with the changes in Report 4.1 Murtagh Wetlands Report Update:
  5. That Council **consider to** undertake piezometric monitoring along the track in preparation for in depth hydrological studies to determine the possible role or impact of the mining drain in the upper Belongil catchment **as part of an Integrated Belongil Catchment Management Plan.**
  6. That the outcomes of point 5 are reported back to the Waste, water and Sewer Committee for Consideration.

Instead of:

5. That Council undertake piezometric monitoring along the track in preparation for in depth

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*hydrological studies to determine the possible role or impact of the mining drain in the upper Belongil catchment.*

(Dey/Fawcett)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried .*

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Mark Tidswell resigned from Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee.
2. That the committee recognises the contribution of Mark Tidswell as a member of this Committee.

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## STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

That Council change the order of business to deal with Reports 4.3 first on the Agenda.

(Dey/Ndiaye)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

**Report No. 4.3**                      **Items Requested by Duncan Dey**  
**File No:**                              I2019/646

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. acknowledge that management of centralised urban sewage requires periodical assessment with annual reporting of the capacities of its 3 main elements:
  - a) the sewer collection system;
  - b) the sewage treatment plant; and
  - c) receiving environments.
2. acknowledge that receiving environments potentially include:
  - a) waterways,
  - b) wetlands,
  - c) irrigation areas;
  - d) marine environments, and
  - e) recycled water schemes which are generally downstream of the EPA licence point for the STP.
3. receive reports on the capacities of environments that receive effluent from the Byron Bay STP, including the details of modelling parameters.
4. That Committee notes Condition 9 of the development consent for the operation of the STP is that the new load connected from December 2002 onwards is matched by new re-use. The purpose of this Condition as explained in the EIS and its supporting documents was that there would be no increase in flow to the Belongil Catchment and receive the report on the following questions:
  - a) What was the inflow to the STP in December 2002 and what is it now, noting that another consent Condition is that inflow reaching 80% of the plant's capacity (6.95 ML/day) would trigger steps towards the next expansion.
  - b) What was the re-use from the STP in December 2002 and what is it now?
  - c) What is the current inflow to the STP and when is it estimated to reach 5.56 ML/day (80% of capacity)?

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5. That Committee members and staff meet to discuss further.

(Dey/Coorey)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.1**                      **Belongil Catchment Drainage Board Draft Plan of Management**  
**File No:**                              I2019/13

**Committee Recommendation:**

- 1) That ongoing discussion between Council and Belongil Catchment Board (BCDB) continue in respect of producing a memorandum of understanding (MOU).
- 2) That a workshop between representatives of BCDB, Council and NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) be held as soon as possible to discuss management plan comments
- 3) That workshop outcome be reported to the next committee meeting.

(Coorey/Green)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.2**                      **Murthagh Wetlands Report Update**  
**File No:**                              I2019/645

**Notes:**

That Council note that the Committee meeting ran over time and the this item has been not discussed and have been referred to a future meeting of this Committee as the second item in the Agenda.

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**Report No. 4.4**                      **Towards Zero - Byron Shire's Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy**  
**File No:**                              I2019/841

**Notes:**

That Council note that the Committee meeting ran over time and the this item has been referred to a future meeting of this Committee for further discussion.

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**Report No. 4.5**                      **Inflow and Infiltration update**  
**File No:**                              I2019/848

**Notes:**

That Council note that the Committee meeting ran over time and that this item has been not discussed and have been referred to a meeting of this Committee as the first item in the Agenda.

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**Report No. 4.6**                      **Schedule of Extraordinary Meetings of Water, Waste and Sewer Committee in 2019**

**File No:**                              I2019/877

**Committee Recommendation:**

1. That Council ask that the extraordinary meetings of Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee (WWSAC) be scheduled on:-
  - a) Thursday, 29 August 2019 at 9 am; and
  - b) Thursday 14 November 9 am
2. That the constitution for the WWSAC be amended to reflect 5 meetings per year.

(Dey/Ndiaye)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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*There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1:41.*