

# NOTICE OF MEETING



## SUSTAINABILITY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

An Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting of Byron Shire Council will be held as follows:

Venue	<b>Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby</b>
Date	<b>Thursday, 8 August 2019</b>
Time	<b>9.00am</b>

Shannon Burt  
Director Sustainable Environment and Economy

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## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**What is a “Conflict of Interests”** - A conflict of interests can be of two types:

**Pecuniary** - an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

**Non-pecuniary** – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local Government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature).

**Remoteness** – a person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

**Who has a Pecuniary Interest?** - a person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of the person, or another person with whom the person is associated (see below).

**Relatives, Partners** - a person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person’s spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter.

N.B. “Relative”, in relation to a person means any of the following:

(a) the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person’s spouse;

(b) the spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

**No Interest in the Matter** - however, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company or other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council.
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

### Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
  - (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
  - (b) at any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**No Knowledge** - a person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

### Participation in Meetings Despite Pecuniary Interest (S 452 Act)

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

**Non-pecuniary Interests** - Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice-versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

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## RECORDING OF VOTING ON PLANNING MATTERS

### Clause 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 – Recording of voting on planning matters

- (1) In this section, **planning decision** means a decision made in the exercise of a function of a council under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979:
  - (a) including a decision relating to a development application, an environmental planning instrument, a development control plan or a development contribution plan under that Act, but
  - (b) not including the making of an order under Division 2A of Part 6 of that Act.
- (2) The general manager is required to keep a register containing, for each planning decision made at a meeting of the council or a council committee, the names of the councillors who supported the decision and the names of any councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.
- (3) For the purpose of maintaining the register, a division is required to be called whenever a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the council or a council committee.
- (4) Each decision recorded in the register is to be described in the register or identified in a manner that enables the description to be obtained from another publicly available document, and is to include the information required by the regulations.
- (5) This section extends to a meeting that is closed to the public.

**BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL**  
SUSTAINABILITY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**BUSINESS OF MEETING**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 3.1 Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2019
- 3.2 Extraordinary Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 June 2019

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**STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY**

**Report No. 4.1**                    **Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Projects - Update Report**  
**Directorate:**                    Sustainable Environment and Economy  
5 **Report Author:**                Julia Curry, Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer  
**File No:**                            I2019/1093

10 **Summary:**

This report provides a short update on the key sustainability and emissions reduction projects across Council. Project managers will speak to their items.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the report on key projects.**

**Attachments:**

20 1      Confidential - Energy Matrix for Council Projects, E2019/52320

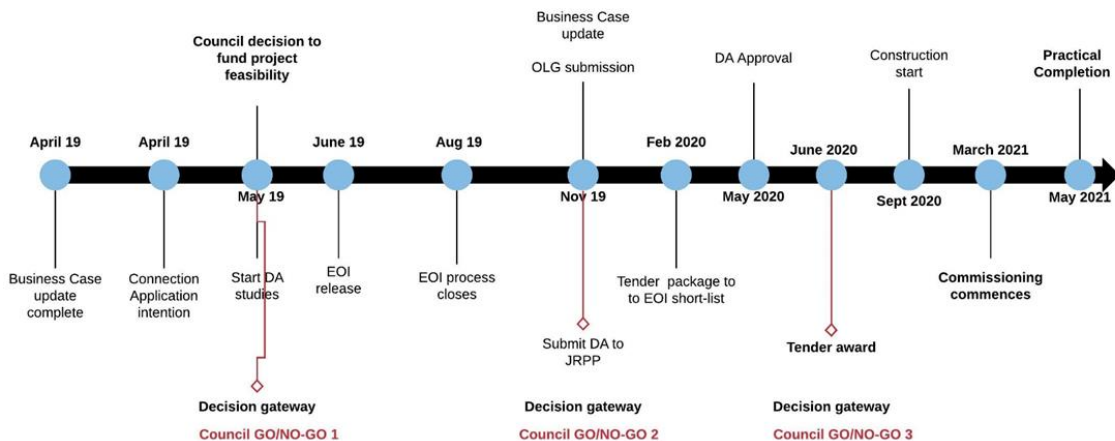
REPORT

**Utilities Key Projects**

5 **Dingo Lane, Myocum Solar Farm project**

- Council Resolved (19-258) at its 23 May 2019 meeting that \$465,000 is allocated to the draft 2019/20 budget from the non-domestic waste reserve to progress the Dingo Lane Solar project to detailed feasibility (pre-build) and procurement phase.
- The project has been allocated to the Utilities portfolio due to synergies as a complex engineering management project to that of the Bioenergy project.
- The timeframe provided below comes with the following qualifications:-
  - The timeframes associate with the assessment of the capital expenditure submission by the OLG are out of the control of Council’s project delivery team – as such this may cause delay to the project delivery
  - The DA process and JRPP approval once submitted is again out of the control of Council’s project delivery team and may cause delay.

As this project is relatively innovative and a new for a NSW local government organisation (only one similar project has been completed in NSW), project delivery timeframes are always best estimates given the information at the time and will be reviewed and reported as the project progresses.



25 **Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant Bioenergy Facility Project**

- A short presentation will be given during the SERAC meeting, in addition to the following update.
- The Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) and Business Case documents have been submitted in initial draft form from the Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) and Bekon (Skala Australasia) teams, and are presently under review by the Council Project Control Group.
- As part of Council’s risk management and due diligence, the Infrastructure Services Utilities Systems Planning Principal Engineer and the Bioenergy Facility Project Manager will conduct technical site inspections at operating facilities overseas for HZI, Bekon and Orgaworld, during August 2019. The Manager Utilities will then provide the Council ET with full reporting for the result of the technical inspections.
- Subsequent to the technical inspections and the review of the final BFS and Business Cases, the Manager Utilities will prepare a revised Bioenergy Facility Project Timeline including identification of key hold points/decision points for ET consideration. This report and the revised Timeline are planned for September 2019.
- To support the Project, Council will identify potential grant opportunities and proceed with preparing grant applications.

**Brunswick Valley Sustainability Centre – Brunswick Valley STP Site Vallances Road**

- This project has resumed subsequent to a meeting of internal Council stakeholders in early July 2019.
- 5 • Because of some of the more complex and large capital projects contemplated for this Project, Council will retain external legal counsel to conduct probity review of various project elements to advise on LGA procurement requirements and to ensure there is no perceived or actual conflict of interest in procurement activities.
- 10 • Furthermore, Council internal Environmental & Economic Planning personnel will review the draft projects identified in the Management Plan report to initially test reasonableness against the LEP permissible land uses and what is the potential for community housing under the LEP.
- The external legal counsel and the internal Environmental & Economic Planning reviews will commence soon, and are expected to be completed by October 2019.
- 15 • Following the probity assessment and tests for reasonableness against the LEP, Council will conduct a Visioning exercise with the Core Project Control Group, a subset of the ET and Councillors and relevant community stakeholders (TBD) to define Council objectives for the site, validate (or refute, as the case may be) project elements defined to date, and define desired outcomes for the broad site. This Visioning exercise will, therefore, take place after the probity and Environmental & Economic Planning reviews, potentially in late October or early November 2019.
- 20 • The detailed Project Execution Plan would then be prepared based on the outcomes of the Visioning exercise.
- In the meantime, Council will continue with the nursery cleaning and rehabilitation work and the existing buildings' structural assessments.

**Solar PV at 3 x Sewage Treatment Plants**

- Contract 2018-0020 – *Design, Construct and Install of Solar PV at 3 Byron Shire Council STP sites namely Bangalow, Byron Bay and Brunswick STP's* was awarded to Photon Energy Australia.
- 30 • Physical works due for completion in September 2019.

**Sustainability Team Key Projects****Mullumbimby Administration Building Solar Carpark**

- 35 • SAE Group Pty Ltd, a company based at Tweed Heads, was awarded the tender to supply and install the Mullumbimby Administration Building Solar Car Park. Construction is currently underway. It will be a 99kW solar system, made up of 395W panels, with a level 2 electric vehicle charging station.
- 40 • Prior to the major works commencing, there was some minor civil works undertaken in the first week of July by Council in the car park. This included tree removal, solar light removal and pavement works, and was quickly and successfully completed.
- The major construction works began on the 17 July 2019, with the structural footings being installed by the SAE Group sub-contractor.
- The final stage of construction is due to start on 29 July 2019, during which only 50 car spaces will be available for use.
- 45 • Although the SAE Group's subcontractor has pushed out the start of major works construction by one day (from 16 to 17 July 2019), SAE Group has informed Council that this will not affect the completion date.
- The SAE Group have provided a project timeline stating that the project is due for completion on 30 August 2019.

**Emissions Reduction Strategy – *Net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025***

- The final version of the Strategy was adopted at the 27 June 2019 Council Meeting.
- The sustainability team intends to host an official launch event in August, however details are yet to be confirmed.

**Sustainable Events Toolkit**

- Following the success of the March ‘Roundtable’ discussion with relevant stakeholders in the event and waste/sustainability space, a number of future discussions / workshops will be held in the coming six months.
- 5 • Outcomes from the discussion have informed a number of actions which Council staff are pursuing – including water refill stations, bin monitors, sustainability support services and resources.
- Cross-divisional Council teams are working collaboratively on this – events team, sustainability team, resource recovery, as well as key staff from some Council owned venues.
- 10 • The Event Toolkit has included some of these items, and is due for publication in the second half of this year.

**Voluntary Emissions Disclosure and International Reporting**

- 15 • Council voluntarily reports its annual emissions to ICLEI (International Council for Local Environment Initiatives), CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) and GCoM (Global Covenant of Mayors).
- Council’s annual emissions disclosure and reporting to international bodies CDP, ICLEI and GCoM was submitted for review on 10 July 2019. The sustainability team is now waiting for feedback and a score.

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**Energy Matrix**

- The Sustainability Team coordinates the Energy Matrix, a living document that details completed and future energy projects across Council, see Attachment 1.

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**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

***Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan***

<b>CSP Objective</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CSP Strategy</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>DP Action</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>OP Activity</b>
Community Objective 1: We have infrastructure, transport and services which meet our expectations	1.5	Provide continuous urban water and sewerage services within the Shire	1.5.1	Increase the energy efficiency of Sewerage treatment Plants	1.5.1.1	Expand solar farms at Bangalow; Byron and Brunswick Valley Sewage Treatment plants
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero-emissions target	3.2.1.1	Prepare Emissions Reduction Strategy
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero-emissions target	3.2.1.2	Prepare Bioenergy Project Plan
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero-emissions target	3.2.1.3	Build community Solar Farms at Brunswick Valley STP
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero-emissions target	3.2.1.4	Implement actions to achieve zero emissions by 2025
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.2	Support community environmental and sustainability	3.2.2.1	Provide environmental and sustainability information

projects

***Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations***

*Net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025*

**5 *Financial Considerations***

This is a project update report only. Financial considerations for individual projects have been or will be considered on a case by case basis. Sustainability and emissions reduction projects have the potential to either cost or save Council money.

**10 *Consultation and Engagement***

Manager Utilities, Infrastructure Services

Project Engineer, Infrastructure Services

Events and Film Liaison Officer, Sustainable Environment and Economy

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**Report No. 4.2**                    **Byron Shire Climate Emergency Response and Adaptation Implementation Plan - Update**

**Directorate:**                    Sustainable Environment and Economy

**Report Author:**                Julia Curry, Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer

5    **File No:**                         I2019/1094

**Summary:**

10    This Report provides an update on **Resolution 19-341**, made at the ordinary Council meeting of 27 June 2019 regarding Byron Shire’s Climate Emergency Response.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the report Byron Shire Climate Emergency Response and Adaptation Implementation Plan – Update.**

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## REPORT

The following was resolved by Council at its ordinary meeting of 27 June 2019 (**Resolution 19-341**).

- 5           1. *That Council note the report Byron Shire Climate Emergency Response.*
2. *That Council endorse the following actions as the result of the report:*
- i. *Include an action in the Operational Plan FY2019/20 about a 'Climate Emergency Plan';*
- 10           ii. *Hold a facilitated workshop between Councillors and the Executive Team to better understand and articulate what 'climate emergency' means in the Byron Shire context, and available mechanisms and resourcing for stronger action*
- iii. *Establish a Climate Emergency Cluster Group as defined in the body of the report;*
- iv. *Undertake a review of relevant climate policy and literature to establish an overarching framework for attracting grant funding and developing and delivering climate adaptation projects;*
- 15           v. *In concert with item (iv) undertake a review of all Council programs to ensure alignment with our Climate Emergency commitment;*
- vi. *Request ADAPT NSW to deliver Council and community workshops on ADAPT NSW/NCERA workshop outcomes; and*
- 20           vii. *Report to Council on the outcome of actions (i-vi) in December 2019.*
3. *That the Climate Emergency Group continues its role as a subgroup of the SERAC and provides representation to the Climate Emergency Cluster Group.*
- 25    In response to item 1 of the above resolution, this has been noted.
- In response to item 2 of the above resolution,
- i)       An action has been included in the Operational Plan FY2019/20 – 3.2.1.6 Develop a Climate Emergency Plan.
- 30       ii)       Planning for the facilitated workshop is well underway. Two dates have been canvassed with Councillors, a facilitator has been sourced and an agenda is currently being prepared.
- iii)       Membership to the Climate Emergency Cluster Group will be confirmed at the facilitated workshop, referred to above.
- 35       iv)       Work has commenced on a review of internal and external climate policies and literature.
- v)       Work has commenced on a review of internal and external climate policies and literature.
- 40       vi)       A request has been sent to the Regional Preparedness Team within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, with regards to ADAPT NSW/NCERA's workshop outcomes.

vii) Pending the results of actions 2. i-vi.

In response to item 3 of the above resolution, as Councillor Coorey is the chair of the Climate Emergency Group, advice will be sought from Cr Coorey at the workshop (refer to 2.ii) as to which member/s from the Climate Emergency Group will act as representative at the Climate Emergency Cluster Group.

**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

**10 Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan**

CSP Objective	L2	CSP Strategy	L3	DP Action	L4	OP Activity
<b>Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment</b>	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero- emissions target	3.2.1.6	Develop a Climate Emergency Plan

**15 Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations**  
Climate Change Strategic Planning Policy

**Financial Considerations**

This is an implementation update only. Financial considerations were made in the original report to Council.

**Consultation and Engagement**

Senior Project Officer, Regional Preparedness, Climate Resilience Programs, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
25 Manager Environmental and Economic Planning, Sustainable Environment and Economy

**Report No. 4.3**                    **Minutes of previous meeting held 3 June 2019**  
**Directorate:**                    Sustainable Environment and Economy  
**Report Author:**                Kimberley Rogers, Environment Support Officer  
**File No:**                         I2019/1136

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**Summary:**

10    The minutes of the previous Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019 referred to at Item 3 of this meeting's agenda, are attached.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

15    **That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the minutes of the 3 June 2019 meeting.**

**Attachments:**

20    1    Minutes 03/06/2019 Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Extraordinary, I2019/849 , page 14 [↓](#)

**REPORT**

The minutes of the previous extraordinary Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019 are attached and available at

5 [https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/06/SERAC\\_03062019\\_MIN\\_1075\\_EXTRA.PDF](https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/06/SERAC_03062019_MIN_1075_EXTRA.PDF)

The minutes are scheduled to be reported to the 22 August 2019 Council Meeting for noting.

**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

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***Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan***

CSP Objective	L2	CSP Strategy	L3	DP Action
<b>Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment</b>	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.1	Work towards Council's zero-emissions target
<b>Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment</b>	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.2	Support community environmental and sustainability projects

15 ***Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations***

Nil

***Financial Considerations***

Nil

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***Consultation and Engagement***

Not applicable

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**EXTRAORDINARY SUSTAINABILITY AND  
EMISSIONS REDUCTION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Monday, 3 June 2019
Time	3:30pm

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 3 June 2019**

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PRESENT: Cr M Lyon, Cr S Ndiaye

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Staff: Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)

Tania Crosbie (Economy and Sustainability Coordinator)  
Coral Latella (Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer)  
Julia Curry (Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer)  
Cameron Clark (Manager, Utilities)  
Lucy Wilson (Resource Recovery Education Officer)  
Chloe Dowsett (Coastal and Biodiversity Coordinator)

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Community: Luke McConell  
Chris Sanderson  
Anthony Pangallo  
Vicki Brooke (ZEB representative)

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*Cr S Ndiaye (Chair) opened the meeting at 3.38pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.*

APOLOGIES:

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Cr S Richardson, Sharyn French (Manager Environmental and Economic Planning), John Taberner (ZEB representative), Bryan Green (Systems Environment Officer), Joanna Immig (Community), Dave Rawlins / Ella Goninan (COREM representative)

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of interest.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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**Recommendation:**

The minutes of the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2019 are confirmed at Report 4.4 on this Agenda.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

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**STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY**

**Report No. 4.1                      Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Projects - Update Report**  
**File No:                                I2019/702**

**Committee Recommendation:**

1. That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the report on key projects and;



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2. The Utilities Team refer the Bioenergy Report to the Water Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee at their next meeting for review, and circulate data on energy efficiency and output to next meeting of SERAC.

(Lyon/Ndiaye)

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

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**Report No. 4.2**                      **Council's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan - Update**  
**File No:**                              I2019/734

**Committee Recommendation:**

1. That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note part 3 of the Resolution made by Council at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Council Meeting that staff (Finance) present a report to Council outlining possible ways to fund the Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan listed at \$80,000 and;
2. That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee acknowledge a Report outlining a response to 1 and the details of the 2019/20 budget will be provided to Council at the Council meeting on 27 June 2019.
3. That SERAC endorses the seeking of \$80,000 to develop the Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan for Council Operations.

(Ndiaye/McConell)

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

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**Report No. 4.3**                      **Updates from Zero Emissions Byron, COREM and the Climate**  
**File No:**                              **Emergency Working Group**  
I2019/745

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the updates from Zero Emissions Byron, COREM and the Climate Emergency Working Group.

(Ndiaye/Lyon)

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

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**Report No. 4.4**                      **Minutes of previous meeting held 14 March 2019**  
**File No:**                              I2019/746

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the minutes of 14 March 2019 meeting which were reported to 18 April 2019 Council meeting.

(Ndiaye/Lyon)

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

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*There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.05pm.*

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**Report No. 4.4            Updates from Zero Emissions Byron, COREM and the Climate  
Emergency Working Group**

**Directorate:** Sustainable Environment and Economy

**Report Author:** Kimberley Rogers, Environment Support Officer

5 **File No:** I2019/1151

**Theme:** Sustainable Environment and Economy  
Planning Policy and Natural Environment

10 **Summary:**

At this Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee (SERAC) meeting, representatives from Zero Emissions Byron, COREM and the Climate Emergency Working Group will provide an update to SERAC from their organisations.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee note the updates from Zero Emissions Byron, COREM and the Climate Emergency Working Group.**

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**Report**

Representatives from the groups outlined below will provide verbal updates to the committee from their respective organisations.

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1. Zero Emissions Byron;
2. COREM; and
3. The Climate Emergency Working Group

10 **STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

***Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan***

<b>CSP Objective</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CSP Strategy</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>DP Action</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>OP Activity</b>
Community Objective 3: We protect and enhance our natural environment	3.2	Strive to become a sustainable community	3.2.2	Support community environmental and sustainability projects	3.2.2.2	Encourage and support environmental and sustainable community activities and groups

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***Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations***

Draft *Net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025*

***Financial Considerations***

20 Nil

***Consultation and Engagement***

N/A