



MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 8 April 2025

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:01pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Present: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Ring, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor R Smith, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor D Goodwin.

Officers: Matthew Trapp - Executive Manager Water Wastewater & Waste, Nigel Campbell - Waste & Recycling Manager, Ross Gurney General Manger

External - Mike Ritchie - Managing Director of MRA Consulting Group

3. Apologies

All being present, there were no apologies.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

There were no previous minutes as this was an Extra Ordinary WW&W Infrastructure Committee Meeting focusing on the Waste department within the directorate.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no previous minutes as this was an Extra Ordinary WW&W Infrastructure Committee Meeting focusing on the Waste department within the directorate.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Waste Infrastructure Opportunity

The committee received the presentations from both MRA on the state of waste across NSW and nationally. The committee received the presentation on the Lithgow City Council waste and recycling management from administration officers. Discussion held over the potential for a resource recovery precinct if feasibility and land acquisition could be undertaken.

Discussion on committee about the potential benefits for the local area and region as well as the requirements of a new site, issues with the current Blackmans Flat site and a options/concept study to inform the pathway forward.

Information and direction would need to be sought from the NSW government, Forestry Corporation NSW and EPA NSW to inform any future study with these conversations and briefings to be held at a ministerial level as administration has not been able to gain traction or direction on the project and potential inputs/outputs.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Infrastructure Committee:

Recommends that Council endorse the Mayor and General Manger engages with EPA and Forestry Corporation NSW at Ministerial level with regards to a potential Resource Recovery Precinct (including a replacement landfill) at the Pinedale site.

MOVED: Councillor Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor Smith

CARRIED

8. General Business

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

Matters raised in general business included:

- Update on status of Cullen Bullen STP. Estimated 4-week timeline for the discharge study from Council consultants. Following the licensing study and no further EPA requirements, Council should obtain a license and be fully operational
- Common Lines status update requested. Currently still maintained by LCC with a further detailed report of ongoing solution to be provided at Infrastructure Committee Meeting in May.
- Request for the initiation of zero green resource waste for LCC and a call for additional composting solutions.
- Staff shortages in WWW in two management roles as well as in development and project management areas
- Positive Feedback from the community regarding sewer chokes and response times.

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 May at 5:00pm in the Council Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:53pm.