



# MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 8 July 2025

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:02pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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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**

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Present: Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor E Mahoney, Councillor T Evangelidis

Officers: Matthew Trapp – Director - Water Wastewater & Waste,  
Ross Gurney - General Manager,  
Rebecca Hodgson - Minute Taker

## **3. Apologies**

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Apologies: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodwin

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

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The Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 May were confirmed by resolution of Council at the Ordinary meeting of Council 26 May 2025

## **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

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The issue of highway median maintenance was raised; however, it was noted as resolved at the most recent Council Meeting. Therefore, there were no matters arising from previous minutes.

## **6. Declaration of Interest**

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## **7. Staff Reports**

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### **7.1. Development Servicing Plans - Water and Sewer**

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The committee received the report on the Water and sewerage Development Servicing Plans. It was discussed about their application and what they seek to achieve. An information session was announced for Monday 21 July for further information and presentation of the DSP plans and background to the full Council. Previous issues such as those with a development at the Black Gold Motel, Wallerawang was discussed.

### **ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the committee note the report on water and sewer development servicing plans.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor Ray Smith

**CARRIED**

## 7.2. Standing Item - Water Resourcing and Security Program

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### Recommendation

THAT the committee receive the report on the water resourcing and security program.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Smith

**CARRIED**

## 7.3. Standing Item - Sewerage systems

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The committee discussed at length the cost and ownership of common joint sewerage lines. Suggestions such as co-contribution of costs, discounted charges, and payment plans were raised and remain open for further discussion.

### ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

- That the committee note the report
- That Council continue to maintain common sewer lines until the extent of the issues is understood via the infrastructure mapping program and that a Sewer Fix Program be investigated and determined for a way forward..

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahoney

**SECONDED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

## 7.4. Standing Item - Waste Management

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The committee received the report on waste management matters. The Pinedale Project is now ready for presentation to the Mayor and General Manager, who will present it to high-level government bodies to seek support in acquiring the land. The pros and cons of a variation to kerbside collection frequency were discussed. This matter is currently under community consultation. Waste management for primitive and serviced campsites was also discussed.

### ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

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- THAT the Infrastructure Committee note the report on waste management matters.
- THAT a report be presented at the next Committee meeting to assess the potential removal of bins at Lake Wallace and Capertee (noting that no immediate action is proposed due to the sensitivity and timing of matters involving Greenspot).
- That education and signage for current and potential campsite users is to be investigated..

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahoney

**CARRIED**

### **7.5. Standing Item - Tech Talk and Education**

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#### **ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Infrastructure Committee receive the report.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahoney

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Smith

**CARRIED**

### **7.6. Strategic Project Report**

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Status updates were provided on various strategic projects. Also, a budget update was discussed noting a 10% flexibility (wiggle room) in the budget forecast.

#### **ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

- THAT the Infrastructure Committee receive the report
- THAT an Energy review of the Water and Sewer assets Report to come to the next meeting

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahoney

**SECONDED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

### **7.7. Review of Engagement with Energy and Water Ombudsman**

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Customer complaints vs Customer education was discussed and focus on customer education to be further researched and provided. Fluoridation and costs were also discussed.

**ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the committee receive the report and recommend to not apply for membership with Energy and Water Ombudsman and continue referring complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman NSW

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahoney

**CARRIED**

## **8. General Business**

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**Discussion items:**

- Concerns were raised regarding turbid water in the dam. Several possible explanations were offered with reassurance provided that the water is safe.

**ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

THAT a site visit be organised to the dam, Water Treatment Plant, and Sewer Treatment Plant to provide committee members with a better understanding of the operation of the Water and Wastewater infrastructure.

## **9. Meeting Close**

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Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 September at 5:00pm in the Council Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm.