



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 11 March 2026

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

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.

Clr Mahony acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Present: Clr Ring, Clr Mahony, Julie Favell, Susan Gregory, Trish Kidd, Sharon Riley,

Officers: Shaun Elwood, Galip Kartop, Ailis Chapman

3. Apologies

Jackie Altair, David Peters

4. Confirmation of Minutes

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Meeting held 3 September 2025 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 September 2025.

5. Declaration of Interest

Nil

6. Reports

6.1. Farmers Creek Masterplan Revitalisation Project

It was noted that the Committee was instrumental in the original Farmers Creek Precinct Masterplan and a recommendation given that the history of the document should be put in the updated report.

Once finalised, both documents will be presented to the committee for endorsement.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Committee reviews the draft Farmers Creek Precinct Masterplan and Riparian Corridor Management Plan and provide comments by **29 March 2026**.
2. A cultural workshop be carried out to improve First Nations consultation in relation to Farmers Creek.

6.2. Hassans Walls Crown Reserve Plan of Management

The Draft Plan of Management will be circulated to the committee prior to community consultation for review and an extraordinary meeting will be scheduled to discuss matters arising.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

1. To obtain advice from Councils mutual insurer to address risk associated with nature based recreation that are high risk in nature (e.g. mountain biking). Cllr Mahony will raise this issue with the financial committee also.
2. Committee requests information on the Pony Xpress DA compliance which is to be provided at the next meeting.

MOVED: Cllr Ring

SECONDED: Trish Kidd

CARRIED

6.3. State Mine Gully Mountain Bike Proposal

Noted that the Western Regional Planning Panel is the determining authority on this development application.

Committee notes that DA application is currently with Council.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

1. Details to be provided on nominated planning panel and determination process at next meeting.

MOVED: Clr Ring

SECONDED: Susan Gregory

CARRIED

7. General Business

1. LEG Nomination Lithgow Environment Group has nominated Thomas Ebersoll in Julie Favell's absence.
2. Tidy Towns Representative, Jackie Altair is no longer available to attend the committee. A new representative is yet to be nominated at this time.
3. Monitoring of discharges into waterways by our Treatment Plants, noted that Council tests water quality monthly at treatment plant discharge points which is reported to the EPA.
4. The Council Waste Water team will be invited to provide a report at the next meeting to provide more information. Clr Mahony will bring this issue to the infrastructure committee.
5. Update requested for the status of Councils natural areas asset register. Taken on notice, report to be provided at next meeting.
6. A recommendation was made to reduce the committee quorum to three committee members and one Councillor.
7. Standing Items and tracking items on future agendas. Director People and Places will discuss at the next meeting.
8. Sharon Riley invited to provide and update on the Indigenous Ranger Program at the next meeting.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

1. The Council waste water team will be invited to provide a report at the next meeting to provide more information. Clr Mahony will bring this issue to the infrastructure committee.
2. Reduce committee quorum to three committee members and one councillor.

MOVED: Clr Mahony

SECONDED: Julie Favell

CARRIED

8. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 5.30pm