

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 11 AUGUST 2025

Present:	Councillor Alec Taylor (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward) Michael Mathias David Brennan Jill Green Sally Eriksen Valerie Holland Dominic Sivertsen Dr Simon Kean Greg Taylor Greg Kirby (NPWS)
Staff Present:	Jacob Sife (Manager Environment and Sustainability) Sybylla Brown (Environmental Programs Leader) Matthew Drago (Manager Infrastructure Services) Caitlin Gorry (Team Support Officer) Michael Miocic (Director Development and Regulation) Anne Seaton (Manager Regulation and Compliance) Peter Vun (Energy Management and Net Zero Strategy Program Leader) Geoff Bird (Landscape Assessment Officer) Shaun Garland (Manager Development Assessment Services) Christopher Jones (Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy)
Others Present	Mayor Christine Kay (St Ives Ward) Councillor Matthew Devlin (Comenarra Ward)

Apologies: Councillor Kim Wheatley (Deputy Chairperson) (absent without apologies)

The Meeting commenced at 6:30 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

NOTING OF MINUTES

N/A - The Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held 23 June 2025 were confirmed by the Chairperson 30 June 2025, reported to July OMC, and distributed to Committee members 4 August 2025.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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Overview of Council's regulation of trees on private property

File: S14696

Vide: GB.1

To provide the Committee with an overview of Council's regulation of trees on private property.

The Committee Recommends:(Moved: Councillor Taylor)

- A. That the Committee notes the information provided.
- B. That Council staff investigate opportunities to use tree survey data to flag properties containing trees greater than 8m height, and that staff investigate opportunities to support community reporting of breaches of tree replacement requirements on private lands.
- C. That Council staff provide a report to the Committee outlining the tree management functions carried out by the Operations Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EACO
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Information on the Code of Conduct

File: S14696

Vide: GB.2

To provide newly appointed members of the Environment Advisory Committee with information on their duties under Council's Code of Conduct.

The Committee Recommends:(Moved: Councillor Taylor)

- A. That the Committee notes the information provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EACO
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Familiarisation with the Terms of Reference including meeting procedures

File: S14696

Vide: GB.3

To provide newly appointed members of the Environment Advisory Committee with information on the Committee's Terms of Reference.

The Committee Recommends:(Moved: Councillor Taylor)

A. That the Committee notes the information provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Overview of the Green Grid Strategy

File: S14696

Vide: GB.4

To provide the Committee with an overview of the Green Grid Strategy and discuss opportunities for the Committee to contribute to the development of the Implementation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A – Deferred to 10 November 2025 meeting.

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Aligning National Emissions Targets & Policy with the Paris Agreement - Letter to the Australian Government

File: S13127

Vide: GB.5

To recommend Council write to the Australia's Climate Change Minister, Environment Minister and Prime Minister urging for updated national targets and policy that firmly align with the Paris Agreement's emissions reduction objectives.

The Committee Recommends:(Moved: Councillor Taylor)

A. That Council write to Australia's Climate Change Minister, Environment

Minister and Prime Minister urging the adoption of science based and credible national emissions targets and policy, as outlined in this report, that are firmly aligned with the 1.5°C objectives of the Paris Agreement.

- B. That Council issue the letter as soon as possible, noting that it is subject to Council endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Greg Kirby abstained)

Overview of Council's environmental volunteering programs

File: S14696

Vide: GB.6

To provide the Committee with an overview of Council's environmental volunteering programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A – Deferred to 10 November 2025 meeting.

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Determination of priority items for the current term of the Committee

File: S14696

Vide: GB.7

To provide the Committee with the opportunity to discuss and determine priority items to be progressed or dealt with during the current term of the Committee.

The Committee Recommends:(Moved: Councillor Taylor)

- A. That the Committee notes the information provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

The Meeting closed at 8:09 PM