

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
**ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL**

HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026**  
**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

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**ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Jane Pickels, Division Six (Chair)  
Mayor Kelly Ve Ve  
Cr Terry O'Neill, Division One (*via videoconference*)  
Cr Simon West, Division Four  
Cr Alaina Earl, Division Five  
Cr Rachel Anderson, Division Seven  
Cr Viv Coleman, Division Eight

**COMMITTEE**

**APOLOGIES/**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** Nil

**OBSERVERS**

Cr Vern Russell, Division Two  
Cr Melissa Westcott, Division Three (*Via Videoconference*)

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr Cale Dendle, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Rob Perna, Director Infrastructure Services  
Mr Sean Robinson, Manager Engineering Services  
Mr Bob Stephen, Manager Roads and Infrastructure  
Mr Michael Buckley, Manager Parks and Recreation  
Mr Jesse Walker, Acting Manager Corporate Properties  
Mr Malcolm Gardner, Manager Fleet  
Ms Tegan Philpott, Manager Public Affairs  
Mrs Kylie Dowd, Executive Assistant, Engineering and Infrastructure  
Ms Teika Kirkman, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Mayor and CEO  
Mrs Tricia Hughes

Mayor Kelly Ve Ve was not present when the meeting commenced.

## 1. OPENING

The Chair, Cr Jane Pickels declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and paid her respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

## 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

There are no apologies or leave of absences for this meeting.

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests declared this meeting.

### NOTE:

*Council acknowledges that Chapter 5B Councillors' Conflicts of Interest of the Local Government Act 2009 does not apply to a Councillor if the matter to be resolved relates to a corporation or association that arises solely because of a nomination or appointment of the councillor by the local government to be a member of the board of the corporation or association.*

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Engineering and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting of Isaac Regional Council held in Council Chambers, Moranbah, commencing at 9.00am on Wednesday 11 February 2026.

**Resolution No.: INF03/26-0017**

**Moved: Cr Alaina Earl**

**Seconded: Cr Viv Coleman**

**That the minutes from the Engineering and Infrastructure Standing Committee meeting held in Council Chambers, Moranbah on Wednesday 11 February 2026 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

### ATTENDANCE

Mayor Kelly Vea Ve entered the meeting at 9.09am.

Ms Brianna Baggow, Public Affairs and Media Officer entered the meeting at 9.09am.

## 5. OFFICERS REPORTS

### 5.1 Infrastructure Services 2024/2025 Capital Projects Progress Report – February 2026

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update to the Infrastructure Services Standing Committee and Council of the progress in delivery of the Infrastructure Services 2025-2026 Capital Works Program.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. Receives and notes the monthly Infrastructure Services 2025/2026 Capital Projects Progress Summary Report for February 2026.*

Resolution No.: INF03/26-0018

Moved: Cr Viv Coleman

Seconded: Cr Alaina Earl

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the monthly Infrastructure Services 2025/2026 Capital Projects Progress Summary Report for February 2026.**

**Carried**

#### ATTENDANCE

Mayor Kelly Ve a Ve a left the meeting at 9.12am and returned at 9.17am.

Mrs Tricia Huges, Coordinator Executive Support left the meeting at 9.16am

### 5.2 Roads Infrastructure Operational Update – February 2026

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide a monthly update to Council on the current operational status of the Roads Infrastructure Department.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. Notes the Roads Infrastructure Department monthly update for February 2026.*

Resolution No.: INF03/26-0019

Moved: Cr Alaina Earl

Seconded: Cr Terry O'Neill

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. Notes the Roads Infrastructure Department monthly update for February 2026.

Carried

## ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Buckley left the meeting at 9.25am and returned at 9.26am.

Ms Melissa Gunson, Executive Assistant entered the meeting and left at 9.26am.

## 5.3 2025 – 2026 Annual Operational Plan – Quarterly Report – Second Quarter

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update of Infrastructure Services progress towards achieving the Annual Operational Plan 2025-2026 objectives for the second quarter.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. Receives and notes Infrastructure Services second quarter progress update on the 2025-2026 Annual Operational Plan.*

Resolution No.: INF03/26-0020

Moved: Cr Simon West

Seconded: Cr Alaina Earl

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. Receives and notes Infrastructure Services second quarter progress update on the 2025-2026 Annual Operational Plan.

Carried

# MEETING MINUTES



Carried

**Note: The Director Infrastructure Services will consult with the relevant departments regarding the matters outlined below and provide an update at the next Committee Meeting:**

- **Clermont Administration Building:**
  - Proposed entrance rehabilitation and tidy-up works, including potential future use options for the area.
  - Advice on any future plans for the Clermont admin building space
- **Clermont Civic Centre:**
  - Status of the planned IT upgrades for the supper room and meeting spaces, including progress on internet connectivity and installation of air conditioning (Noting this is part of the CUC upgrade works and managed by another department)

## ATTENDANCE

Mrs Tegan Philpott, Manager Public Affairs left the meeting at 10.00am.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Potholes Near Phillips Creek Bridge

Cr Rachel Anderson advised that she had received multiple reports about the state of the road near Phillips Creek Bridge. After the rain event there are some large potholes that need patching.

The Manager Roads Infrastructure confirmed his team is aware of the potholes and are arranging for them to be patched.

### 6.2 Residential Housing Activation Fund Application

Mayor Kelly Ve a Ve a advised the Committee that the Residential Housing Activation Fund application for the Mills Avenue and Goonyella Road will need to be finalised shortly and submitted soon to be considered in line with the state budget.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that a direct to Council report will be presented to Council in March 2026.

### 6.3 State Government Budget Bid

Mayor Kelly Ve a Ve a advised that the State Government Budget Bid is being finalised, outlining 5 key projects with the intention of bringing coal royalties back into the region.

A public facing campaign to call on State Government will be commencing in April 2026, with deputations to follow.

## **6.4 Public Notice - Heavy Vehicle Industry Update - National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice – Network and Mapping Update - 10MAR2026**

Cr Jane Pickels notified the Committee that she has received a query about the Public Notice that was distributed on the 10 March 2026 - Heavy Vehicle Industry Update - National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice – Network and Mapping Update. Specifically enquiring about the following:

- 'Wattle Tree Road' not being mentioned on the public notice, to avoid confusion about getting road trains to the sale yards.
- Tropic Street being listed for removal from the road train network and concerns around cattle trucks having access to the sale yards.
- East Street being removed and how this will affect local transport businesses located on the street.

Further discussions continued with the Committee around how these changes will impact the agriculture, grazing and grain industries.

The Manager Engineering Services confirmed that:

- Wattle Tree Road intersection upgrade design is in the draft 2026/27 budget and the road will be included in the Heavy vehicle route in the next round of updates if the project is approved. (note that transport companies currently have an as of right access)
- Cattle trucks will still have access to the Clermont Sale Yards, only part of Tropic Street is being removed.
- The traffic counters on East Street indicate that there is limited use of East Street for these regulated vehicles.

The Manager Engineering Services also encourages any constituents that believe they may be negatively impacted to contact the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and lodge their concerns officially so it is captured in the formal national process.

## **6.5 Thank you Mr Robert Perna, Directors Infrastructure Services**

Cr Jane Pickels acknowledged that this meeting would be the final Infrastructure Services Standing Committee Meeting for Mr Robert Perna, Director Infrastructure Services, before he embarks on the next chapter of his career. Cr Pickels expressed her appreciation to Mr Perna for his dedicated service to Isaac Regional Council, recognising the many projects he has delivered during his tenure, as well as his valuable contribution to the Queensland Beef Corridors initiative and the Bowen Basin Regional Roads Group meetings.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.13am.

These minutes will be confirmed by the Committee at the Engineering and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8 April 2026 in Moranbah.