

environment committee minutes

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Councillor Amanda Kotlash, Hawkesbury City Council (Chairperson)

Councillor Patrick Conolly Hawkesbury City Council (Mayor)

Councillor Sarah Richards, Hawkesbury City Council Councillor Nathan Zamprogno, Hawkesbury City Council

Apologies: Nil.

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Kearns, Hawkesbury City Council

Mr Justin Murphy, Hawkesbury City Council Ms Linda Perrine, Hawkesbury City Council Ms Amy Birks, Hawkesbury City Council Ms Melissa Simpson, Hawkesbury City Council

Ms Tracey Easterbrook - Minute Secretary, Hawkesbury City Council

Attendance Register of Environment Committee

Member	13/04/2021	6/07/2021
Councillor Patrick Conolly (Mayor)	✓	✓
Councillor Amanda Kotlash (Chairperson)	√	✓
Councillor Sarah Richards	✓	✓
Councillor Nathan Zamprogno	✓	✓

Key: $A = Formal Apology \checkmark = Present X = Absent - no apology$

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interests made.

CONFIDMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Zamprogno that the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 13 April 2021, be confirmed.

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SECTION 2 - Reports for Determination

Item: 1 Natural Environment Conservation and Restoration Strategy - Options Report

- (151938)

Previous Item: 113, Ordinary (15 June 2021)

Directorate: City Planning

Mr Eric Brocken and Mr Bill Sneddon addressed the committee, speaking for the recommendation in the Business Paper.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment Committee consider the options outlined in this report, and provide a recommendation and advice to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Zamprogno.

That the Environment Committee receive a report characterising our natural environment. The report may include sub catchments, and should include a desktop analysis of our natural environment, including considerations such as:

- Koala habitat (SEPP)
- High-risk weed pathways
- Ecological endangered communities
- Biodiversity offset sites
- Riparian vegetation
- Remnant native vegetation
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Wetlands
- Platypus habitat
- Environmental groups
- Bushcare sites
- Frogwatch groups
- Bird watchers
- Indian Myna eradication sites
- Bee programs
- Natural environment monitoring by other agencies
- Zero litter to oceans work.

For the Motion: Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Absent: Nil.

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Item: 2 EC - Zero Litter to Ocean Policy - (151938)

Previous Item: 004, Environment Committee (13 April 2021)

Directorate: City Planning

Mr Jarryd Faint and Mr Bill Sneddon addressed the committee speaking for the recommendation in the Business Paper.

Councillor Wheeler addressed the committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment Committee:

- 1. Receive and note this report.
- 2. Recommend to Council that any new grant programs and funding opportunities in terms of litter reduction and prevention be explored, and if appropriate grant applications submitted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Richards.

That this item be deferred to the next Environment Committee Meeting to allow Council staff to consult the community on this matter as per the resolution from the 13 April 2021 Meeting, namely:

- a) What Council might have the capacity to do in the future to prevent litter going into our rivers and oceans.
- b) What future opportunities Council might have to partner with others to combat this problem.

For the Motion: Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Absent: Nil.

The meeting terminated at 5:45 pm.

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