



# NOTICE OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with Section 254C of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* this notice is to advise that a meeting of Council's **Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee** will be held by Microsoft (TEAMS) as follows:

Wednesday, 8 April 2026

(9.00am to 1.00pm)

Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 465 181 785 104 10 | Passcode: ti6ci7qh

The attendance of each Standing Committee Member is requested.

Agenda papers for this meeting are attached and will soon be available on Council's website (except for any Closed Business papers) and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[Documents | Torres Strait Island Regional Council](#)

Please note that this meeting is live streamed on Council's YouTube Channel and a recording following the meeting will be available at the following location:

<https://www.youtube.com/@IslandCouncil/streams>

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James William  
Chief Executive Officer

2 April 2026





**STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE  
GROUP (SARG) STANDING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
8 APRIL 2026**

# AGENDA

**Time:** 9.00am to 1.00pm

**Venue:** *Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 465 181 785 104 10 | Passcode: ti6ci7qh*

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

9.00am	<p>A. WELCOME &amp; QUORUM CONFIRMATION   ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS   OPENING PRAYER   OBSERVANCES</p> <p>B. APOLOGIES</p> <p>C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS</p> <p>D. LIVE STREAM. <a href="#"><u>This meeting is live streamed on Council's YouTube Channel.</u></a></p> <p><b>1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (4 February 2026)</b></p> <p>    1.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings</p> <p><b>2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b>3. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE</b></p> <p>    3.1. Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project Status Update</p> <p>        <i>[Reason for Closed Discussion: This matter pertains to 'legal advice obtained' and 'negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.']</i></p> <p><b>4. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION</b></p> <p><b>6. MAYORAL ITEMS</b> <i>(verbal discussion – items to be tabled at meeting by the Mayor)</i></p> <p><b>7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE</b></p> <p>    7.1. Cape York Regional Plan Review Consultation Program Update</p> <p><b>8. ITEMS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>9. NEXT MEETING –5 August 2026 (VC) – also noting that SARG Workshop to be held on Badu on 7–8 May 2026</b></p>
1.00pm	<b>10. CLOSE OF MEETING &amp; PRAYER</b>



**DIRECTORATE:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Executive Director Corporate Services

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (4 FEBRUARY 2026)**

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

The Standing Committee confirms the Minutes of its meeting held on 4 February 2026.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 254F(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that at each local government meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting must be confirmed by the councillors or committee members present.

### **Interested Parties/Consultation:**

N/A

### **Background / Previous Standing Committee Consideration:**

The previous SARG Standing Committee meeting was held on 4 February 2026.

Section 254F(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a copy of the minutes of each local government must be made publicly available by 5pm on the tenth day after the meeting is held. To meet these compliance requirements, a copy of the draft Minutes from the last meeting were circulated to the Executive Leadership Team for input prior to being posted on the Council website.

Following confirmation of the Minutes by the Standing Committee, the confirmed Minutes will replace the draft Minutes on the Council website.

A copy of the confirmed Minutes will also be submitted to the next Council meeting for noting, as required by the Standing Committee's Terms of Reference (paragraph 7.7).

**COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:**

<b>Statutory:</b>	Section 254F(4) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
<b>Budgetary:</b>	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	N/A
<b>Legal:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
<b>Risk:</b>	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
<b>Links to Strategic Plans:</b>	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ <a href="#">3.1 Provide good governance &amp; leadership</a>
<b><i>Malungu Yangu Wakay   Mirkok   Ikya Malunhumun</i> (The Masig Statement):</b>	<i>In keeping with Article 4 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in exercising our right to self-determination, we have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to our internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.</i>
<b>Standing Committee Consultation:</b>	N/A
<b>Timelines:</b>	Standard Procedure for each Standing Committee Meeting.

**Other Comments:**

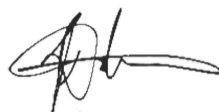
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**Endorsed:**



Vicki Bishop  
Executive Director Corporate Services

**Approved:**



James William  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Minutes of the SARG Standing Committee Meeting held on 4 February 2026



**STRATEGIC ACTION  
REFERENCE GROUP  
(SARG) STANDING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
4 FEBRUARY 2026**

# MINUTES

**Time:** 9.00am to 1.00pm

**Venue:** TSIRC Committee Room, Level 3, 111 Grafton Street, Cairns  
*Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 412 369 619 159 7 | Passcode: iD6Zv968*

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor/Chair**

Deputy Mayor

Chair - Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee

Chair - Economic Growth (EG) Advisory Committee

Chair - Housing, Families and Safe & Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Keith Fell

**OFFICERS:**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services – *joined meeting at 10.20am*

Manager Governance and Risk – *joined meeting at 11.30am*

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor

Preston Law

Acting Head of Financial Services – *left meeting at 10.20am*

Consultant – *Agenda Item 10.2 only*

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Vicki Bishop

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Joanne Bryant

Mr Julian Bodenmann

Mr Frank Barbieri

Mr Anthony Ottaway

Ms Amy Orr

Mr Darryl Brooks

**APOLOGIES:**

Chair - Governance & Leadership (G&L) Advisory Committee

Cr Dimas Toby – *community cultural commitments*

**ABSENT:**

Chair – Environment & Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) Advisory Committee

Cr Kabay Tamu

**A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES**

At 9.05am, the Mayor welcomed Committee Members, Executives and guests to the first meeting of the Standing Committee for 2026, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour upon our lives, our families and our communities across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes; and
- The Traditional Custodians and Elders (past, present and emerging) throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes – from Mer in the East to Boigu in the West and in Gimuy Country and traditional surrounding areas for the TSIRC Cairns Office.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who are observing Sorry Business/Sad News at this time, the collective thoughts and prayers of the Committee.

**Cr Ranetta Wosomo** delivered the opening prayer. This was followed by a minute of silence for reflection purposes.

**B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES**

The Standing Committee noted an apology from the Chair of the G&L Advisory Committee (Cr Dimas Toby) due to community cultural commitments.

**C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

The Mayor advised that no written COI notifications were provided by Members in relation to the SARG Standing Committee Meeting for 4 February 2026.

The Mayor reminded members that Council was recently advised that the process for Councillors moving forward is to review Council meeting papers sent out to them prior to the scheduled meeting to ascertain if any COI declarations were required and if that was the case, then Councillors are required:

- i. to complete the relevant COI forms;
- ii. send them to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting; and
- iii. also declare that COI at the relevant Council meeting.

The Mayor reminded Members to advise of COI declarations as soon as any matters arise during deliberations.

**D. LIVE STREAM**

The Mayor advised that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings.

- *The Chief Executive Officer sought and received agreement from the Mayor to table before the Standing Committee a request to allow for a non-listed late item from the Financial Services Directorate to be considered on the agenda of the SARG Meeting. The late item is a slide presentation to provide the Standing Committee with an update on the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). A motion as such was put to the Standing Committee, resulting in the following decision:*

#SSC24-28/2026-2/0

CR ANIBA / CR WOSOMO

**In accordance with section 254D(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and paragraph 4.2 of the TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy, the Standing Committee agrees to an amendment to the published agenda to allow a presentation (in Closed Business) by the Financial Services Directorate on Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) matters.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

For the purposes of these Minutes, the approved late item is listed as Agenda Item 10.2.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (7 NOVEMBER 2025)**

#SSC24-28/2026-2/1

CR STEPHEN / CR FELL

**The Standing Committee confirms the Minutes of its meeting held on 7 November 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.1. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item. The update was noted by the Standing Committee, with the Chief Executive Officer reminding the Committee that items noted as 'completed' with this update will be removed from future reports.

**2. MAYORAL ITEMS *(verbal discussion)***

The Mayor tabled a Mayoral Minute seeking the Committee's approval to discuss in Closed Business (restricted discussion – SARG members only) a non-listed late item relating to the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review 2025. The Mayor then read a motion to this effect, resulting in the following Committee resolution:

#SSC24-28/2026-2/2

CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA

**The Standing Committee agrees to an amendment to the published agenda for the 4 February 2026 Standing Committee Meeting to include a discussion in Closed Business for SARG Standing Committee members only (no staff) to discuss the Chief Executive Officer's KPIs.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

For the purposes of these Minutes, the approved late item is listed as Agenda Item 10.3.

### 3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 3.1. SARG Meeting Schedule 2026

#SSC24-28/2026-2/3.1

CR WOSOMO / CR FELL

In accordance with Paragraph 7 of its Terms of Reference (TOR) and in accordance with section 268 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Standing Committee endorses the following schedule of meeting dates:

- Wednesday, 8 April 2026 (VC);
- Thursday & Friday, 7-8 May 2026 (F2F Scrum – Badu);
- Wednesday, 8 July 2026 (VC) **OR** Wednesday, 5 August 2026 (VC)
- Thursday & Friday, 8-9 October 2026 (F2F – Cairns);
- Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (VC).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

#### 5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

#### 6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

#### 7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

#### 8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

#### 9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#SSC24-28/2026-2/9

CR ANIBA / CR FELL

The Standing Committee resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *Ms Joanne Bryant (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor) and Mr Julian Bodenmann (Preston Law) jointly spoke to Agenda Item 10.1 below.*

## 10. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 10.1. Native Title Consent Process for Council's 10-Year Housing Strategy (Social Housing Strategy 2024)

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter relates to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government].*

#SSC24-28/2026-2/10.1

CR FELL / CR WOSOMO

The Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee recommends that Council seek a Trustee resolution on the Native Title options set out in this paper for Council's ten-year social housing strategy.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *Mr Anthony Ottaway (Consultant) joined the meeting at 9.40am to speak to Agenda Item 10.2 below and then left the meeting at 10.10am.*

### 10.2. Financial Services Directorate – Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) Update

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter relates to the local government's budget].*

The Standing Committee noted the update.

- *At 11.00am the Mayor requested that all staff (including the Chief Executive Officer) leave the meeting to enable the Standing Committee to consider Agenda Item 10.3 below (refer to decision taken at Agenda Item 2 above).*
- *Ms Helen Lever (Director Recruitment, LG Services Group) joined the meeting at 11.05am to address the Committee in relation to Agenda Item 10.3 below and left the meeting at 11.20am.*

### 10.3. [\*\*\*\* Restricted Discussion for SARG Members Only \*\*\*\*] Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review 2025

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter relates to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer].*

#SSC24-28/2026-2/10.3

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

The Standing Committee receives and notes the verbal update and recommendation and agrees that a detailed report be provided at the next Council meeting in Closed Business.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *At 11.20am all staff (including the Chief Executive Officer) were invited to rejoin the meeting.*

**11. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION**

#SSC24-28/2026-2/11

CR STEPHEN / ANIBA

**The Standing Committee resolves to move out of closed discussion pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

The Standing Committee formally resolved as indicated in relation to Agenda Items 10-11 above.

**Action Required:**

Chief Executive Officer to schedule a full session on COI (including culturally relevant real life scenario exercises for Councillors) as part of the May 2026 Council Workshop.

**13. ITEMS ARISING**

**13.1. Update on Recent Incursions of Illegal Foreign Fishing Boats in the Torres Strait**

The **Mayor** requested an update from the Chief Executive Officer on actions taken following on from Council's meeting in January 2026 with State and Australian Government agencies in relation to recent incursions of illegal foreign fishing boats in the Torres Strait.

The **Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William)** advised that correspondence has been drafted for the Mayor's signature to the Australian Government Minister for Home Affairs and the Queensland Government Minister for Primary Industries and the Queensland Government Minister for Police and Community Safety on this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer further advised that he will be meeting with Australian Border Force representatives on 5 February 2026 around this matter, as well as advocating Council's call for more work to be undertaken to grow community confidence around communication and community safety.

**Cr Chelsea Aniba** recommended that information be made available for Councillors and Communities on the specific roles and responsibilities for each of the State and Federal agencies in this space.

**Action Required:**

Chief Executive Officer to oversee the development of a management plan/framework (similar to a Disaster Management Plan) with State and Federal Government agencies to enable Councillors and Communities to

effectively escalate responses from communities when illegal foreign incursions occur in the Torres Strait.

### 13.2. Telecommunications Services

The **Mayor** advised that the region has recently experienced significant telecommunication failures which had impacted on productivity, access to health records, school children return to school arrangements, elder welfare check-ups by families and carers and emergency telephone/internet access.

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that these matters will need to be escalated to the Australian Government at Torres Strait regional leadership level, as the current telecommunication issues are a region-wide issue. TSIRC has introduced Starlink across Council offices, but this has limited Wi-Fi range and limited access in order to protect the security of Council's information and only addresses part of the issue. Further work is being undertaken to explore sharing the Wi-Fi access to the community in emergency situations.

The **Deputy Mayor** recommended that any advocacy should reference the recent events in the region with the illegal foreign fishing vessels as evidence that telecommunication coverage and reliability need to be radically upgraded.

#### Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparation of a report to Council on a way forward for strategic advocacy to the Australian Government for urgent telecommunication upgrades across the Torres Strait region.

### 13.3. Food Security

The **Mayor** requested an update be provided for the Standing Committee to consider recommending to Council contingency planning to ensure food security across the region, including agreements/MOUs between TSIRC, Seaswift and Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ).

**Cr Rocky Stephen** added that the long-requested Ugar transportation issues be addressed as a priority, as that vessels also had access issues on this occasion. The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that he would take action on this request.

#### Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparation of a report to Council on contingency planning to ensure food security across the region, including agreements/MOUs between TSIRC, Seaswift and Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ).

### 14. NEXT MEETING – 8 April 2026 (VC)

Noted by the Standing Committee.

### 15. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor thanked Standing Committee members and officers for their attendance and contributions, commitment and participation for this meeting. The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 12.10pm and **Cr Chelsea Aniba** delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 8 April 2026

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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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**STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP  
(SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
ACTION ITEMS**

*[as at 2 April 2026]*

Agenda Item	Expected Completion Date	Action Area	Current Status
<p>Feb 2026 Mtg   AI 12   Consideration of Matters Discussed in Closed Session</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer to schedule a full session on COI (including culturally relevant real life scenario exercises for Councillors) as part of the May 2026 Council Workshop.</p>	<p>May 2026</p>	<p>CEO</p>	<p>Session planned for May 2026 Workshop agenda.</p>
<p>Feb 2026 Mtg   AI 13.1 (Items Arising)   Update on Recent Incursions of Illegal Foreign Fishing Boats in the Torres Strait</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer to oversee the development of a management plan/framework (similar to a Disaster Management Plan) with State and Federal Government agencies to enable Councillors and Communities to effectively escalate responses from communities when illegal foreign incursions occur in the Torres Strait.</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>CEO</p>	

Agenda Item	Expected Completion Date	Action Area	Current Status
<p>Feb 2026 Mtg   AI 13.1 (Items Arising)   Telecommunications Services</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparation of a report to Council on a way forward for strategic advocacy to the Australian Government for urgent telecommunication upgrades across the Torres Strait region.</p>	ASAP	CEO	
<p>Feb 2026 Mtg   AI 13.1 (Items Arising)   Food Security</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparation of a report to Council on contingency planning to ensure food security across the region, including agreements/MOUs between TSIRC, Seaswift and Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ).</p>	ASAP	CEO	
<p>Nov 2025 Mtg   AI 4.1   Mayoral Items (NZY Joint Venture)</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a report to the November 2025 Council Meeting seeking Council decision on the way forward for the Nam Zagethaw Yabugud Pty Ltd (the entity established by Council as a beneficial enterprise to deliver services under the Australian Government's Community Development Program).</p>		ED Corporate Services	In progress. Report presented for Nov 2025 Council meeting, but withdrawn at the request of the Mayor and CEO. Awaiting further legal advice.

<p>Oct 2025 Mtg   AI 5   Consideration of Matters Discussed in Closed Session</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chief Executive Officer and Mr Scott Mason to progress formal engagement with the Queensland State Government (particularly at the Ministerial level) to invest in housing funding requirements by Council for TSIRC staff in the context of aspiring to TAP needs.</li> <li>2. Mayor to raise with the TS&amp;NPAROC the need to ensure that the aspirations of Council's TAP are also pursued with NPARC and TSC in the context of regional governance aspirations for the Torres Strait.</li> <li>3. Chief Executive Officer to distribute to SARG SC members the June 2016 Information Report provided to Council in relation to the location of a TSIRC Head Office in the region to determine the next steps on a way forward.</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CEO</li> <li>2. Mayor</li> <li>3. CEO</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pending/Ongoing.</li> <li>2. Update</li> <li>3. Update</li> </ol>
<p><b>May 2025 Council Workshop</b></p> <p>MOU between TSRA and TSIRC</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>CEO to provide a report to SARG about potential for MoU between TSRA and TSIRC to provide for collaboration of Advisory Committees with aligned portfolio and projects.</p>		<p>CEO</p> <p>(with support from Corporate Services)</p>	<p>To be progressed.</p>

<p><b>May 2025 Council Workshop</b> TSIRC Advisory Committees &amp; TSC and NPARC (Regional Reform)</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b> CEO to provide update to SARG how Advisory Committees can work with counterparts from TSC and NPARC in driving regional reform.</p>		CEO	To be progressed pending the appointment of the TSNPAROC Executive Officer and further understanding of what advisory committee structures exist within the TSC and NPARC.
<p>May 2025 Mtg   AI 1.1   Action Items from Previous Meetings</p> <p>Advocacy Strategy to State and Australian Governments</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b> Chief Executive Officer to prepare an advocacy strategy to State and Federal Governments to address the priorities identified by Council as soon as possible following the May 2025 Council Workshop.</p> <p>➤ <i>Update 11 July 2025: Mayor requested that the outcomes of the recent visit to Badu Island by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner to be highlighted to support the TSIRC advocacy approach.</i></p>		CEO	<p>SIP Adopted at Sept 2025 Council Meeting and was refreshed at the Nov 2025 Council Workshop.</p> <p>Advocacy strategy to be finalised.</p>
<p>Consideration of Matters Discussed in Closed Session</p> <p><b>Action Required:</b> <b>Mabuiag Sewerage Treatment Plant</b> <b>Action Required:</b> Chief Executive Officer to urgently raise this matter during his meeting with the TSRA CEO (and possibly the TSRA Chairperson) on 6 March 2025.</p>		ED Engineering Services / CEO	ED Engineering Services advised Oct 2025 SARG Meeting that this is #1 on the MIP 7 high priority submission to the TSRA.



**DIRECTORATE:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Executive Director Corporate Services

## **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

The Standing Committee resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Committee to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A local government meeting is open to the public unless the local government or committee has resolved that the meeting is to be closed.

Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows the Council or its Standing Committee to close its meeting to the public to discuss one or more of the following matters:

- (a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;
- (b) industrial matters affecting employees;
- (c) the local government's budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;
- (f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;
- (h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*;
- (i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State;
- (j) an investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act.

Section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* stipulates that a local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

**Interested Parties/Consultation:**

N/A

**Background / Previous Committee Consideration:**

N/A

**COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:**

<b>Statutory:</b>	Section 254J of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
<b>Budgetary:</b>	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<i>TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</i>
<b>Legal:</b>	N/A
<b>Risk / Risk Mitigation:</b>	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
<b>Links to Strategic Plans:</b>	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ <i>3.1 Provide good governance &amp; leadership</i>
<b><i>Malungu Yangu Wakay   Mirkok   Ikya Malunhumun</i> (The Masig Statement):</b>	<i>In keeping with Article 4 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in exercising our right to self-determination, we have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to our internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.</i>
<b>Advisory Committee Consultation:</b>	N/A
<b>Timelines:</b>	Standard Procedure at all Council and Standing Committee Meetings

**Other Comments:**

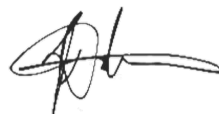
Nil.

**Endorsed:**



Vicki Bishop  
Executive Director Corporate Services

**Approved:**



James William  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil.



# STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 APRIL 2026

Agenda Item

4

**DIRECTORATE:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Executive Director Corporate Services

## RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Committee resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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### Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

### Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

### COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

<b>Statutory:</b>	Section 254I of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
<b>Budgetary:</b>	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<a href="#">TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</a>
<b>Legal:</b>	N/A
<b>Risk:</b>	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
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<b>Advisory Committee Consultation:</b>	N/A
<b>Timelines:</b>	Standard Procedure at each Standing Committee Meeting

**Other Comments:**

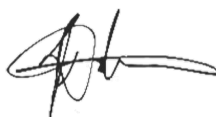
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**Endorsed:**



Vicki Bishop  
Executive Director Corporate Services

**Approved:**



James William  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil.



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**DIRECTORATE:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Executive Director Corporate Services

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

*For the Standing Committee to formally resolve on the matters discussed in its Closed Session.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* stipulates that a local government or a committee of local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

The open meeting must resume to pass a resolution if any decisions are necessary following the closed-meeting discussion.

**Interested Parties/Consultation:**

N/A

**Background / Previous Committee Consideration:**

N/A

**COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:**

<b>Statutory:</b>	Section 254J(6) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
<b>Budgetary:</b>	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<i>TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</i>
<b>Legal:</b>	N/A
<b>Risk / Risk Mitigation:</b>	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
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<b>Timelines:</b>	Standard Procedure at each Standing Committee Meeting

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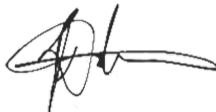
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**Endorsed:**



Vicki Bishop  
Executive Director Corporate Services

**Approved:**



James William  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil.



**DIRECTORATE:** *Corporate Services*

**AUTHOR:** *Manager Governance and Risk*

## **CAPE YORK REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **The Standing Committee:**

- 1. Notes the presentation on the Cape York Regional Plan Review Consultation Program update by the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Regional Planning Division Team; and**
- 2. Recommends that Council extends an invitation to the Cape York Regional Plan Review Project Team to conduct a Councillor workshop at the bi-annual Councillor workshop being held on Badu from 11—15 May 2026.**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to receive a presentation update on the Cape York Regional Plan (CYRP) 2014 Review Consultation Program and to recommend Council extends an invitation to the Regional Plan Review Project Team to conduct a 2hr Councillor workshop at its bi-annual Councillor workshop being held on Badu from 11-15 May 2026.

### **Interested Parties/Consultation:**

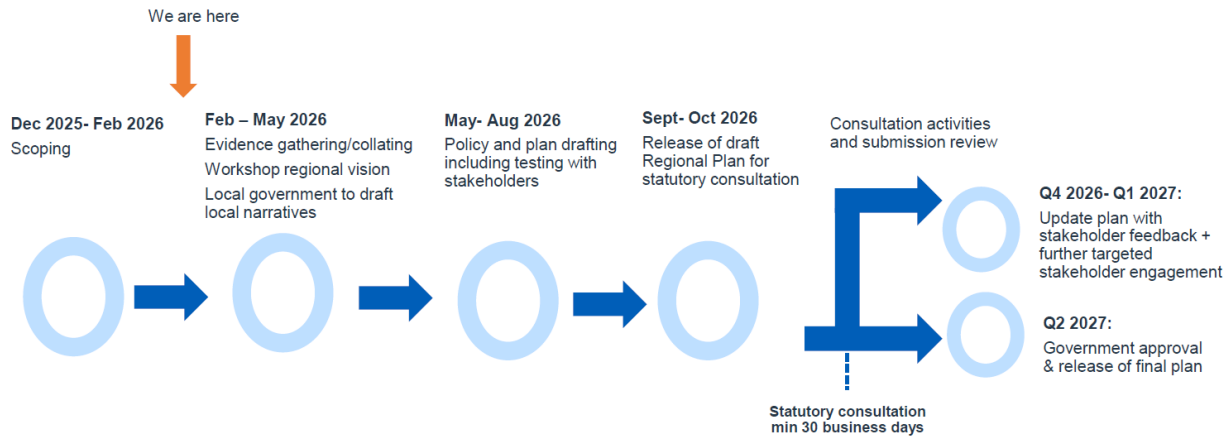
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
- Mayor and Councillors
- Executive Leadership Team
- Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of Councils (TSNPAROC)

### **Previous Council Consideration/ Background**

The State Government has committed to deliver new regional plans, with supporting infrastructure plans, across every region in Queensland within this term of Government. The Cape York Regional Plan Review includes the Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Torres Shire Council local government areas which were not part of the region covered by the current regional plan.

Council, at its meeting of 26 November 2025, resolved to be involved in the regional planning process for the review of the Cape York Regional Plan 2014 and Cape York and Torres Strait Region Infrastructure Plan. Since then, the Regional Planning Team has secured confirmation from the other local governments in the region to participate in the review and commenced discussions with some Councils.

The following extracts of the 2026/27 workplan and 'What's next' set out a high level update on the program. A presentation specific to TSIRC will be presented at this meeting.



## What's next?

- Ongoing discussions with key stakeholder partners - Councils, State Agencies, TCICA, peak industry groups
- Engagement on Strategic intent, local government narratives, policy framework and infrastructure challenges/opportunities
- Establish project working groups if appropriate
- In region workshops with LGAs Q2 2026 : Focus on strategic intent, narratives, policy framework
- Statutory consultation mid-late 2026

Currently Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Torres Shire Council are the only two councils in Queensland not covered by a regional plan under Queensland's planning framework. The CYRP review presents an opportunity for Council to be included within a new expanded Cape and Torres region in a collaborative and coordinated approach designed to achieve optimal outcomes for all regions across the State.

The scope of the new regional plans is to provide direction on the housing and economic State interests, developing a blueprint for the region's growth, housing and infrastructure over the next two decades; specifically housing supply, agriculture, development and construction, mining and extractive resources, and tourism. The regional plan will be backed by a dedicated infrastructure plan aligning housing and growth with the services and investment needed to support it.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning is lead agency for delivery of the new regional plans and has advised it has commenced the CYPR review and will be undertaking more detailed scoping which will include confirmation of boundaries working in partnership with councils and communities.

## COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

<b>Statutory:</b>	<p><i>Planning Act 2016 section 4 – the systems to facilitate the achievement of ecological sustainability includes-</i></p> <p><i>(b) regional plans setting out integrated planning and development assessment policies about matters of State interest for particular regions of the State; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) planning schemes setting out integrated planning and development assessment policies about matters of State interest for particular regions of the State</i></p>
<b>Budgetary:</b>	Participation within approved operational budget
<b>Policy:</b>	Council's statutory land use and infrastructure planning policy is expressed through the Zenadth Kes Planning Scheme which is a comprehensive policy framework designed to guide sustainable development in the Torres Strait Island Regional Council area. The Zenadth Kes Planning Scheme reflects state, regional, and local policies while considering the unique cultural and environmental context of the region.
<b>Legal:</b>	Regional Plans are statutory documents under Queensland's Planning Framework. They include dedicated regional infrastructure plans which align regional investment through a rolling program to support regional housing and economic priorities. The CYPR will ensure State Planning Policy interests are aligned in the Zenadth Kes Planning Scheme which under s25(1)(a) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> must be reviewed by 2028.
<b>Risk / Risk Mitigation:</b>	Participation in the CYPR review can mitigate misalignment between the housing and economic needs of the TSIRC local government area and the necessary investment by the Qld Government through a statutory planning process.
<b>Links to Strategic Plans:</b>	<p>Corporate Plan 2025-2030</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening our communities             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 – Provide suitable public housing</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Maintaining and renewing our infrastructure             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.2 Provide reliable and sustainable infrastructure and assets</li> <li>2.3 Keep our communities connected by road, sea and air</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A proactive and responsible Council             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 – Provide good governance and leadership</li> <li>3.2- Advocate on behalf of our communities</li> <li>3.4 – Support and grow our local economy and employment opportunities.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Protecting our natural environment             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Respond to climate change environmental impacts</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Malungu Yangu Wakay   Mirkok   Ikya Malunhumun (The Masig Statement):</b>	N/A
<b>Advisory Committee Consultation:</b>	N/A
<b>Timelines:</b>	The Department has scheduled to complete its evidence gathering/engagement phase by May 2026

**Other Comments:**

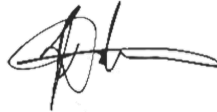
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**Recommended:**



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**Approved:**



James William  
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## ITEMS ARISING

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

*For the Standing Committee to formally resolve to consider items arising after the agenda or the meeting is made public.*

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 254D(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows for a local government or a committee of local government to discuss or deal with (at any meeting) items arising after the agenda for the meeting is made available to Councillors.

Standard practice is that business not on the published agenda, or not fairly arising from the agenda, should not be considered at any local government meeting unless permission for that purpose is given by the local government at the meeting (*Source: TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024*).

The Standing Committee will need to make a formal resolution to consider/discuss any items nominated for this agenda item.

### Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

### Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

**COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:**

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<b>Budgetary:</b>	N/A
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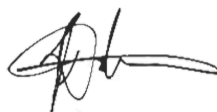
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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