

CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

PORT HINCHINBROOK RATEPAYERS' MEETING SUMMARY

Part A – Meeting Details

Location	Cardwell Community Hall		
Date	30 July 2024	Start Time	5:05pm

Part B – Attendance Record

Present at Meeting
CEO, Mayor, Member for Hinchinbrook Nick Dametto, Council Officers, Port Hinchinbrook ratepayers and other interested stakeholders

Apologies	
Name	Position
Jeff Baines	Councillor
Trudy Tschui	Councillor
Bob Katter	Federal Minister
Nicholas Pervan	Councillor

Definitions

CCRC - Cassowary Coast Regional Council
 PH – Port Hinchinbrook
 CEO – Chief Executive Officer
 STP – Sewerage Treatment Plant
 EP – Environmental Protection
 BAMAL – Building Area Maintenance Levy
 NFP – Not for Profit Organisation
 PA – Equivalent Person's

Attendees provided with Meeting Agenda and FAQs

Item	Meeting
1	Welcome and introductions – Mayor
2	Mr. Nick Dametto, Member for Hinchinbrook • Working with State government to relieve the burden for \$7m or part thereof • Over last couple of months working with Minister Megan Scanlon and Premier Miles and both indicated that they are supportive of finding a way to fix shortfall • This morning notified by Minister that she is supportive to try and find a grant available and given instructions that state government is looking forward to an application from Council to LGGSP and open to 9 Aug. • Last chance to apply for funding and interested to assist before go to October State election
3	Andrew Graffen (CEO presentation) • Council's YourSay platform provides information about the project including project updates • Conformed Deed between the Council of the Shire of Cardwell, State of Queensland and Commonwealth of Australia established the operation of Port Hinchinbrook infrastructure as a private development • The failure of Port Hinchinbrook Estate (2013 in liquidation) and Passage Holdings (2017 in liquidation) has led to critical infrastructure failures within Port Hinchinbrook. This has been apparent in the developments Sewerage System. • Federal government has committed \$6m to the normalisation project and State government has committed \$6.3m (excluding the dredging of One Mile Creek) and this has been acknowledged and insufficient to cover the full costs • Council, along with the Member for Kennedy and the Member for Hinchinbrook has undertaken extensive advocacy at State and Federal levels regarding the issues at Port Hinchinbrook which were caused due to failed private developers/investors – refer https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/. This includes funding for the \$7m shortfall for construction of the new STP. • Extensive normalisation works have been undertaken on the Port Hinchinbrook roads, bridges, culverts and STP • Contract for the construction of the new STP awarded to Haslin Constructions by resolution of Council on 22 June 2023. Council also endorsed the principal of “user payers” through the identified benefit area of the Port Hinchinbrook Sewerage Scheme to meet full cost recovery • Normalisation. STP costs and PH Sewerage Scheme Charges – refer YourSay • Floor open to Q&A

4	Q & A primary themes • The area the PH Sewerage Scheme cover – PH and/or Cardwell • The number of Equivalent Persons the scheme is designed for • The construction cost and design of the STP • Allocation of PH STP costs to the ratepayers • Breakdown of the funding and costs attributed to normalisation vs the STP • Other funding opportunities • Charging for future works as and if the sewerage scheme expands • Outstanding rates and fees and charges including arrears and unpaid BAMAL • Public amenities and the RV Dump Point inclusion in the scheme • Investment opportunities for Port Hinchinbrook including de-risk through the essential infrastructure being owned and operated by Council • Issues (including environmental) if STP was not replaced • Queries regarding specific application to LGGSP which Council committed to lodge • Hardship with payment of rates – contact Council Information regarding the topics of discussion at the meeting can be found in the FAQ's document on YourSay. Please sign up to the YourSay page to receive project updates.
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Meeting Closed	7:05pm
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