



# Climate Change Adaptation & Environment Committee Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:**

27 April 2023

**Time:**

3.00pm to 4.30pm

**Venue:**

(VC) VMR 8 – 0299 165 402  
#Guest PIN 6905

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## 1. Welcome (Chair)

The Committee Chairperson, Cr Hilda Mosby, opened the meeting at 3.10pm and welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff.

## 2. Opening Prayer

Cr Dorante delivered the opening prayer.

## 3. Apologies/Attendance

There were no apologies and the following attendances were noted:

### Chairperson & Committee Members

#### Chairperson

Cr Hilda Mosby

#### Member

Cr Seriako Dorante

#### Member

Cr Kabay Tamu

### TSIRC Officers

Executive Director – Engineering Services

Mr David Baldwin

Waste & Sustainability Engineer

Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith

TSIRC Secretariat

Darryl Brooks

### Guests

Alluvium Consulting (Lead Facilitator, Project Team  
for the CHAS Workshop)

Ms Marika Seden (*dial-in at 4.00pm*)

## 4. Conflict of Interest (COI) – Declarable/Prescribed

The Chairperson invited Committee Members to make any relevant conflict of interest declarations. No declarations were made.

## 5. Noting of Ratified Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2023

The Committee noted that the Minutes of the CCA&E Meeting held on 17 January 2023 were ratified at the February 2023 Council meeting.

## 6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding actions from the previous meeting held on 17 January 2023.

[Ratified @ September 2023 Council Ordinary Meeting]

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## 7. Containers for Change: Official launch on Badu (verbal update)

The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) and the Waste and Sustainability Engineer (Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith) provided the Committee with a verbal update on the official opening on 20 April 2023 of the Containers for Change depot on Badu Island.

Participants of the initiative are now eligible to claim a 10-cent refund on Badu.

The Containers for Change Badu Island depot began operating in December 2022 and has already processed more than 100,000 empty drink containers in exchange for more than \$10,000 in refunds – in a community of about 1200 residents.

Containers for Change envisage introducing similar depots throughout the Torres Strait.

The Committee noted the positive environmental benefits of the initiative, as well as the significance of caring for Country.

Further work needs to be undertaken around adequately subsidising freight and transportation costs associated with transferring the collected containers out of the Torres Strait before the Committee can recommend that Council fully support this initiative as an environmentally cost-effective project for implementation across the Torres Strait.

*Cr Dorante excused himself from the meeting temporarily at 3.30pm and returned at 3.40pm.*

*Cr Tamu excused himself from the meeting temporarily at 3.40pm and returned at 3.50pm.*

## 8. Ghost Nets Innovative Solutions Fund – Torres Strait Marine Debris Task Force Project

<b>RESOLUTION:</b>	
<i>Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby</i>	<i>Seconded: Cr Seriako Dorante</i>
<b>That the Committee note the report.</b>	
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

TSIRC has received the largest grant possible. The Committee thanked staff for the work done in preparing and submitting the original application for this grant and looked forward to receiving further updates on the project.

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## 9. SOURCE Hydropanel Technology

<b>RESOLUTION:</b>	
<i>Moved: Cr Seriako Dorante</i>	<i>Seconded: Kabay Tamu</i>
<b>The Committee:</b> (a) notes the proposed SOURCE Hydropanel project in collaboration with Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA); and (b) agrees to provide input into suitable site locations for 2 x Hydropanel arrays.	
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

The Committee notes the proposal for its innovation and the new technology and requests further information be provided in order for the Committee to make an informed decision before consideration of recommending the proposal to Council.

## 10. INFORMATION REPORT: CHAS Workshop Update

*Ms Marika Seden (Alluvium Consulting), Lead Facilitator of the Project Team for the CHAS Workshop, joined the meeting by dial-in at 4.05pm.*

Engineering Services staff and Ms Seden provided the Committee with an update on progress in relation to finalising arrangements for the upcoming CHAS Workshop in Cairns on 11-12 May 2023.

The Committee requested the following actions be finalised as soon as possible:

- Young People/Youth representation at the Workshop. The Committee recognised the importance of encouraging the participation of young people and youth living in the Torres Strait in deliberations at the Workshop. However, the short timeline leading up to the commencement of the Workshop and the logistical arrangements required to secure such representation meant that the Committee had to consider other alternatives. The Committee decided that every effort be made to canvass interest from students (Year 11 and 12) from the Torres Strait who are boarding in Cairns to participate in the Workshop. Committee members agreed to provide the Executive Director Engineering Services **feedback by 2.00pm Friday 28 April 2023** on relevant contact details.
- The Committee recommended that Pastor Colin Messa be approached to take on the role of Lead Facilitator for the Workshop.
- Explore Media opportunities for the last day of the Workshop.
- The Chairperson to seek approval from the Mayor for CCA&E Committee Members to travel to Cairns on 9 May 2023 for a pre-Workshop discussion with the Lead Facilitator and the Workshop Project Team on 10 May 2023.

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## **ACTION:**

1. Committee members to provide the Executive Director Engineering Services feedback by 2.00pm Friday 28 April 2023 on relevant contact details for students/boarding schools in Cairns to canvass Torres Strait Islander young people/youth to participate at the Workshop.
2. Pastor Colin Messa be approached to take on the role of Lead Facilitator for the Workshop.
3. Identify Media opportunities for the last day of the Workshop.
4. Chairperson to seek approval from the Mayor for CCA&E Committee Members to travel to Cairns on 9 May 2023 for a pre-Workshop discussion with the Lead Facilitator and the Workshop Project Team on 10 May 2023.

## **11. General / Other Business (on notice)**

### **11.1 Warraber Seawall Matter**

Cr Kabay Tamu sought clarification from the Executive Director Engineering Services about details regarding a possible meeting on Saturday (29 April 2023) about the Warraber Seawall.

### **11.2 TSIRC Metal Waste Legacy Stockpile Clean-Up Project Update**

The Waste and Sustainability Engineer (Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith) advised the Committee that the project is almost to an end. Ugar and Masig have recently been completed and Erub is almost 80% complete. The clean-up was due to commence on Mer on Saturday (29 April 2023), however, the PBC cancelled accommodation arrangements at the last minute. The project is due to be completed in the first week of June 2023.

## **ACTION:**

Waste and Sustainability Engineer (Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith) to provide an update at the June 2023 Committee meeting.

## **12. Next Meeting Date: 22 June 2023**

The Committee noted the next meeting date of 22 June 2023.

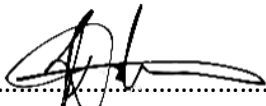
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## 13. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.05pm and Cr Kabay Tamu delivered the closing prayer.



Mr James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 3 October 2023



Cr. Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 3 October 2023

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