

## Environment and Community Committee Workshop MINUTES

Minutes of a workshop held on Level 26, Room1, 135 Albert Street on 3 May 2017 at 1.30pm.

### Attendees

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Penny Hulse	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Alf Filipaina	
<b>Members</b>	Deputy Mayor Cashmore	
	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	From 2.04pm until 3.24pm
	Cr Chris Darby	From 1.45pm
	Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	From 1.45pm until 3.00pm
	Cr Richard Hills	Until 3.24pm
	Cr Mike Lee	From 2.10pm
	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr W Walker	From 1.54pm
	Cr John Watson	Until 2.20pm
	IMSB Member Glenn Wilcox	

### Apologies

Mayor Goff	Council business
Cr Casey	
Cr Collins	
Cr Cooper	For lateness on council business
Cr Clow	
Cr Fletcher	For early departure on council business
Cr Darby	For lateness
Cr D Lee	
Cr Newman	
Cr Quax	
Cr Sayers	
Cr Stewart	
Cr Sir John Walker, KNZM, CBE	

**Note:** No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

ITEM	TOPIC
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Apologies were noted.</p>
2	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b> The Chair welcomed staff and members.</p>
3	<p><b>Introduction to Regional Pest Management Plan and workshop</b> Gael Ogilvie, General Manager Environmental Services Dr Imogen Bassett, Environmental Advisory Manager Brett Butland, Biosecurity Manager Rachel Kelleher, Biodiversity Manager</p> <p>Staff described the main topics of change proposed in the working draft of the Regional Pest Management and sought feedback on key draft points to inform the development of the draft Regional Pest Management Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Phasing out sales of new pest plants and animals</li> <li>2) Consulting on multi-species pest mammal eradication for Great Barrier Island</li> <li>3) Managing the impact of cats</li> <li>4) Possum control</li> <li>5) Widespread pest plants</li> <li>6) Marine biosecurity</li> </ol> <p>A summary of the general feedback agreed by the workshop attendees is as per the table below.</p>
Topic	Feedback Agreed
<p><b>Phasing out sale of pest plants and animals</b> <i>Q. In what situations should we phase out sales; based on cost to industry and invasiveness?</i></p>	<p>Generally supportive – officers should use technical expertise to recommend new ban of plants and animals for sale regardless of cost to industry.</p>
<p><b>Great Barrier Island</b> <i>Q. Do we have elected member endorsement to include in Proposed Plan?</i> <i>Q. If yes, is it contingent on first securing external funding?</i></p>	<p>Supportive of including in proposed plan. Obvious issues to be addressed regarding funding, method of management and community engagement.</p>
<p><b>Cats</b> <i>Q. Do we have endorsement to use absence of micro-chip and registration to define pest status across the region?</i>  <i>Q. Do we have endorsement to define all cats as a pest in threatened species hotspots?</i></p>	<p>Generally supportive - will be controversial but have to start somewhere. Need to work up details such as comms, funding etc.</p>
<p><b>Possums</b> <i>Q. Do elected members want a higher level of investment in possum control? e.g. through targeted rate</i></p>	<p>Supportive – work up detail with subcommittee.</p>

<p><b>Widespread pest plants</b></p> <p><i>Q. What approach to managing widespread pest plants is preferred?</i></p> <p><i>Q. Do members support removal of rural boundary rules?</i></p>	<p>Support investment in targeted enforcement in addition to site-led approach on Council land and transport corridors. Further work on areas to target required.</p>
<p><b>Marine biosecurity</b></p> <p><i>Q. Do we have endorsement to commit to an inter-regional pathway plan, enforced alongside Unitary Plan.</i></p>	<p>Support – however need to acknowledge risk of creating expectations that can't be delivered on.</p>
<p>The chair thanked staff and members for their input and attendance.</p> <p>Note: A working party to be convened comprising of Councillors Alf Filipaina, Penny Hulse, Christine Fletcher, Wayne Walker, Bill Cashmore and IMSB Member Glenn Wilcox to further clarify and provide further input to the development of the draft plan over 2017.</p>	

The workshop closed at 4.10pm.