

ORDINARY MEETING NO. 1/25 WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2025

OPEN AGENDA

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SUPPLEMENTARY

BUSINESS

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ITEMS ORD 16.1.1, ORD 16.1.2 AND ORD 16.2.1

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ORD 16.2.1 Exemption under S235 b) Local Government Regulation 2012 for the Provision of Knowledge Management Software

Section 254J(3) (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

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ITEM NO: ORD 16.1.1

FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING NO. 1/25

WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2025

SUBJECT:	ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2024
DIRECTORATE:	ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DIRECTOR ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES, Keith Parsons
AUTHOR:	CORPORATE OPERATIONS OFFICER, Chaye Selby
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:	Focused Organisation and Leadership. Demonstrate good leadership, and effective and ethical decision-making to foster confidence within our community.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of key performance outcomes, an update on key priority projects and deliverables, as well as the present Council monthly financial reports.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Organisational Performance Report provides an important opportunity to articulate the work that Council has performed to the elected members and the community.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Organisational Performance Report for the period ending 31 December 2024 as per Attachment 1.

4. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation), Council is required to prepare a Corporate Plan for each period of five financial years.

In addition, the Regulation states that a local government must prepare and adopt an Operational Plan for each financial year and that the Chief Executive Officer presents a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan at Council meetings held at regular intervals of not more than three months apart.

Pursuant to the Regulation Council adopted it's Corporate Plan 2023-2028 as part of the 2023-2024 budget deliberations at the Special Meeting No. 1/23 held on 28 June 2023 and the Operational Plan 2024-2025 at the Special Meeting No.1/24 held on 19 June 2024.

Following the release of the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2023 as a response to a recommendation in the Auditor-General's 2021 Report to Parliament which raised concerns

about local government financial sustainability, the number of relevant financial sustainability measures to be reported by Queensland local governments were expanded from three (Operating Surplus Ratio, Asset Sustainability Ratio and Net Financial Liabilities Ratio) to nine to include additional measures of financial capacity, operating performance, liquidity, asset management and debt servicing capacity. The measures are to be calculated and published by every council as part of their annual statutory financial reporting process commencing in the 2024/25 financial year.

- Council Controlled Revenue Ratio
- Population Growth Ratio
- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Operating Cash Ratio
- Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Asset Consumption Ratio
- Asset Renewal Funding Ratio
- Leverage Ratio

Due to information required to calculate some of the ratios may only be readily available or calculable at financial year-end, the following seven ratios will be calculated monthly and reported in the organisational performance report presented to the ordinary meetings of council:

- Council Controlled Revenue Ratio
- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Operating Cash Ratio
- Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Asset Consumption Ratio
- Leverage Ratio

Processes and systems are currently being developed to capture information more regularly in order to enable the intra-year reporting of some of the other ratios.

5. PROPOSAL

The Organisational Performance Report – December 2024 is provided for Council's information.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 204(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* states that the Chief Executive Officer must present the financial report –

- (a) if the local government meets less frequently than monthly at each meeting of the local government; or
- (b) otherwise at a meeting of the local government once a month;
- (c) the financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

8. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

9. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLEMENTATION

N/A

10. CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with Council's Executive Management Team and senior staff in preparation of the monthly Organisational Performance Report.

11. CONCLUSION

The Organisational Performance Report – December 2024 has been prepared with appropriate consultation and in accordance with relevant legislation.

12. ATTACHMENTS

1. Organisational Performance Report - December 2024 👃



Performance Report December 2024





Operating revenue year to date December 2024 is \$6.6m over budget (3.61%). Rates, levies and charges are \$2.6m over budget due to general rates (net of capping) \$1.2m, water consumption \$658k, sewage charges \$250k, water rates \$206k, waste charges \$202k. Fees and charges are over budget \$2.4m due to Caravan Parks \$618k, Waste Operations \$545k, Development Compliance \$408k, Animal Facilities & Rangers \$207k, Financial Revenue Services \$173k. Interest revenue is \$1.6m over budget due to higher than forecast interest rates on investments and cash holdings.

Operating Expenses



Operating expenses are under budget \$1.4m (0.96%) to December 2024. Materials and services are under budget \$3.2m due to Road Operations - North (\$1.1m), Road Operations - South (\$600k), Information Technology (\$534k), Waste Contracts (\$521k), Engineering Services - Drainage (\$445k), Fleet (\$348k). Employee costs are under budget \$644k due to oncost recoveries (\$949k). Depreciation expense is over budget \$2.4m as a result of the higher than anticipated asset revaluation outcome at 30 June 2024.



Cash Balance



Rates Receivables



Current Ratio





Operating Cash Ratio



Council Controlled Revenue Ratio









Capital revenue is over budget year to date to December 2024 by \$7.1m (22.22\$) due to developer cash contributions \$5.5m and an adjustment for previously unrecognised assets \$2.4m.

Safety











60%.

Service Performance



Complaints







Environmental Performance

Environmentally Relevant Activity Breaches

The Fraser Coast experienced an extremely wet December with rainfall totals up to and in excess of three times the long term median. The wet weather resulted in several exceedances at Councils Waste facilities and Sewage Treatment Plants. Operational teams responded to the events in consultation with Regulatory agencies.



120%



Recycled water usage was at 92% of Average Dry Weather Flow. This result is due to higher usage in the first half of December and increases in storage levels in the second half of December.





904 MW Hours of energy was extracted from the Maryborough Landfill for the month of November. LGI achieved this volume of extraction whilst experiencing 5.83 hours of downtime due to planned outages. LGI will install 3 leachate extraction pumps in the new test wells on the eastern batter of the landfill. LGI will provide a report to Council of the effectiveness of the pumps on leachate in that area mid 2025.

*statistics and commentary provided a month in arrears due to Organisational Performance Report cut off timeframes.



Statement of Comprehensive Income - Month ended 31 December 2024

	2023-2024	2024-2025		2024-2	2025	
	Audited	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Income						
Revenue						
Recurrent revenue						
Rates, levies and charges	215,607,527	234,903,355	152,342,295	154,892,534	2,550,238	1.679
Fees and charges	28,806,572	29,374,291	15,159,066	17,510,611	2,351,546	15.519
Rental income	1,214,949	1,318,944	659,480	625,461	(34,019)	(5.16%
Interest revenue	9,843,706	6,617,165	3,316,854	4,943,534	1,626,680	49.04%
Sales revenue	4,790,431	2,215,000	980,000	990,187	10,187	1.049
Other income	5,611,178	6,367,929	3,255,961	3,408,967	153,006	4.70%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3,805,957	5,963,623	5,591,741	5,486,460	(105,281)	(1.88%
Total recurrent revenue	269,680,320	286,760,307	181,305,397	187,857,753	6,552,356	3.619
Expenses						
Recurrent expenses						
Employee benefits	87,923,124	94,254,051	47,330,012	46,686,368	643,644	1.369
Materials and services	108,829,360	109,503,286	55,111,072	51,912,604	3,198,468	5.80%
Finance costs	4,270,839	4,857,643	1,499,058	1,529,397	(30,339)	(2.02%
Depreciation and amortisation	73,772,889	77,907,989	39,274,164	41,710,613	(2,436,449)	(6.20%
Total recurrent expenses	274,796,211	286,522,969	143,214,307	141,838,982	1,375,325	0.96%
Operating Result	(5,115,891)	237,339	38,091,090	46,018,771	7,927,681	20.819
Capital revenue						
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	114,165,908	86,484,293	31,644,968	35,696,025	4,051,057	12.80%
Capital income	3,337,522	795,053	397,527	3,467,613	3,070,086	772.30%
Total capital revenue	117,503,429	87,279,347	32,042,494	39,163,638	7,121,144	22.229
Capital expenses	26,957,682	19,425,277	9,712,639	3,131,447	6,581,192	67.769
Net result	85,429,857	68,091,408	60,420,946	82,050,962	21,630,016	35.80%
Other comprehensive income						
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	250,658,495	39,015,112	-	-	-	0.009
Total comprehensive income	336,088,351	107,106,520	60,420,946	82,050,962	21,630,016	35.80%



Statement of Financial Position - as at 31 December 2024

	2023-2024			2024-2		
	Audited	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	172,381,275	125,672,447	171,017,356	207,385,190	36,367,834	21.27%
Trade and other receivables	13,164,139	6,816,130	14,540,360	17,623,114	3,082,754	21.20%
Other assets	21,586,667	16,024,686	14,580,290	20,282,582	5,702,291	39.11%
Inventories	3,202,178	3,217,000	3,209,588	3,449,282	239,694	7.47%
Total Current Assets	210,334,258	151,730,263	203,347,594	248,740,168	45,392,574	22.32%
Non-Current Assets						
Trade and other receivables	4,066,380	4,307,000	4,066,380	4,120,608	54,228	1.33%
Property, plant and equipment	3,390,873,987	3,537,990,034	3,446,911,013	3,427,223,464	(19,687,550)	(0.57%)
Right of use assets	904,649	538,806	720,550	723,257	2,707	0.38%
Intangible assets	451,161	1,905,326	403,324	418,223	14,900	3.69%
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Biological assets	227,741	923,000	227,741	227,741	-	0.00%
Total Non-Current Assets	3,396,523,917	3,545,664,167	3,452,329,008	3,432,713,293	(19,615,715)	(0.57%)
Total Assets	3,606,858,175	3,697,394,429	3,655,676,602	3,681,453,461	25,776,859	0.71%
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Trade and other payables	51,421,977	41,704,438	33,282,331	26,989,094	6,293,237	18.91%
Contract liabilities	8,472,394	8,833,000	8,652,700	29,878,765	(21,226,065)	(245.31%)
Borrowings	5,248,154	5,071,168	5,248,154	5,248,154	-	0.00%
Lease liabilities	356,339	294,000	184,632	182,860	1,772	0.96%
Provisions	16,385,345	16,941,701	16,065,329	16,538,083	(472,754)	(2.94%)
Other liabilities	7,787,686	6,961,000	5,819,254	5,804,138	15,115	0.26%
Total Current Liabilities	89,671,894	79,805,307	69,252,399	84,641,094	(15,388,695)	(22.22%)
Non-Current Liabilities						
Borrowings	33,906,236	28,331,220	31,316,925	31,365,688	(48,764)	(0.16%)
Lease liabilities	563,119	284,696	563,119	563,119	-	0.00%
Other liabilities	5,394,452	5,342,320	5,394,452	5,394,452	-	0.00%
Provisions	35,728,044	43,607,006	34,808,202	35,843,791	(1,035,589)	(2.98%)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	75,591,851	77,565,242	72,082,698	73,167,050	(1,084,352)	(1.50%)
Total Liabilities	165,263,746	157,370,548	141,335,097	157,808,144	(16,473,047)	(11.66%)
Total Liabilities	105,205,740	157,570,548	141,555,097	157,808,144	(10,473,047)	(11.00%)
Net Community Assets	3,441,594,430	3,540,023,881	3,514,341,505	3,523,645,317	9,303,811	0.26%
Community Equity						
Asset revaluation surplus	1,310,755,304	1,346,924,112	1,310,755,229	1,310,755,229	-	0.00%
Retained surplus	2,130,839,126	2,193,099,769	2,203,586,277	2,212,890,088	(9,303,811)	(0.42%)
Total Community Equity	3,441,594,430	3,540,023,881	3,514,341,505	3,523,645,317	9,303,811	0.26%



Statement of Cash Flows as at 31 December 2024

			2024-2025		
	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Operating Activities					
Receipts from customers	272,577,756	170,506,143	166,991,541	(3,514,602)	(2.06%)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(205,100,161)	(116,408,246)	(123,558,296)	(7,150,049)	6.14%
Interest received	6,617,147	3,287,917	6,198,870	2,910,953	88.53%
Rental	1,391,135	659,480	625,461	(34,019)	(5.16%)
Non capital grants & contributions	6,563,507	5,591,741	5,486,460	(105,281)	(1.88%)
Other income	8,582,929	4,235,961	4,399,153	163,193	3.85%
Borrowing costs	(2,136,153)	(1,355,037)	(1,529,921)	(174,884)	12.91%
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	88,496,159	66,517,958	58,613,268	(7,904,690)	(11.88%)
Investing Activities Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	795,053 64.841,220	397,527 24,420,610	4,062,943 45,737,594	3,665,417 21,316,984	922.06% 87.29%
Purchase/construction of property, plant and equipment	(188,896,058)	(84,482,728)	(70,563,292)	13,919,436	(16.48%)
Payments for Intangible Assets	(1,550,000)	(579,992)	(129,103)	450,889	(77.74%)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(124,809,785)	(60,244,583)	(20,891,858)	39,352,725	(65.32%)
Financing Activities					
Repayment of borrowings	(5,178,623)	(2,589,311)	(2,540,548)	48,764	(1.88%)
Repayment of leases (principal only)	(340,304)	(171,707)	(176,947)	(5,240)	
Net cash flow from financing activities	(5,518,927)	(2,761,019)	(2,717,495)	43,524	(1.58%)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash	(41,832,553)	3,512,356	35,003,915	31,491,559	(78.78%)
Cash at beginning	167,505,000	167,505,000	172,381,275	4,876,275	2.91%
Cash at end	125,672,447	171,017,356	207,385,190	36,367,834	21.27%



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRESS REPORT

BY CAPITAL PROGRAM

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CAPITAL PROGRAM	2024/2025 Adopted Budget	2024/2025 Adopted YTD Budget	2024/2025 YTD Actuals	2024/2025 YTD Variance	Actual YTD vs Adopted YTD Budget	Actual YTD vs Total Adopted Budget	Commitments \$
	\$	\$		\$	%	%	
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Directorate: Strategy, Community & Development							
Airport	2,485,000	2,010,000	311,367	1,698,633	15%	13%	444,247
Animal Pound Aquatic Centres	275,000 9,560,000	225,000 3,900,000	70,410 3,404,258	154,590 495,742	31% 87%	26% 36%	54,828 152,841
Community & Recreational Facilities	9,500,000	3,900,000	3,343	(3,343)	6776	50%	(3,382
Cultural Services	1,675,000	520,000	22,445	497,555	4%	1%	72,353
Library Services	639,339	336,339	345,256	(8,917)	103%	54%	5,911
Roads Footpaths & Bikeways	100,000	100,000	70,592	29,408	71%	71%	7,001
Showgrounds	500,000	300,000	34,122	265,878	11%	7%	210,071
Trunk Infrastructure - Dev	2,600,000	371,000	4,967,911	(4,596,911)	1339%	191%	-
	17,834,339	7,762,339	9,229,703	(1,467,364)	119%	52%	834,700
Directorate: Infrastructure Services			1				
Asset Management	1,100,000	300,000	266	299,734	0%	0%	
Caravan Parks	13,560,000	6,500,000	5,475,420	1,024,580	84%	40%	5,135,219
Cemeteries	330,000	185,000	73,605	111,395	40%	22%	86,464
Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability	3,200,000	1,300,000	382,389	917,611	29%	12%	1,989,013
Coastal Jetties, Piers & Boardwalks	700,000	-	44,165	(44,165)		6%	907,929
Depot Operations	230,000	50,000	31,383	18,617	63%	14%	7,266
Disaster & Risk Management	2,067,740	465,000	403,570	61,430	87%	20%	1,898,538
Drainage Construction	1,500,000	200,000	302,297	(102,297)	151%	20%	394,837
Environment Management	31,086	31,086	-	31,086	0%	0%	8,833
Public Amenities	200,000	100,000 1,781,000	126,057 1,027,316	(26,057)	126%	63%	48,237
Parks Structures & Facilities Parks Landscaping & Upgrades	3,350,000 650,000	605,000	535,808	753,684 69,192	58% 89%	31% 82%	426,376 49,799
Major Projects	48,583,748	15,411,330	11,771,380	3,639,950	76%	24%	92,742,300
Roads Bridges	1,270,000	1,010,000	1,020,255	(10,255)	101%	80%	154,427
Roads Construction	14,755,000	5,595,000	6,192,703	(597,703)	111%	42%	8,038,957
Roads Traffic Facilities	1,025,000	595,000	621,753	(26,753)	104%	61%	9,539
Roads Resurfacing	11,000,000	4,975,000	3,718,215	1,256,785	75%	34%	4,713,800
Roads - TIDS	3,720,000	1,850,000	3,102,242	(1,252,242)	168%	83%	1,126,634
Roads Transport & Carparking	100,000	100,000	25,944	74,056	26%	26%	(0
Roads K'gari	220,000	120,000	8,534	111,466	7%	4%	(22,936
Roads Footpaths & Bikeways	1,253,000	640,000	670,832	(30,832)	105%	54%	94,953
Roads Kerb & Channelling	2,355,000	1,090,000	1,346,681	(256,681)	124%	57%	172,884
	111,200,574	42,903,416	36,880,816	6,022,600	86%	33%	118,240,278
Directorate: Organisational Services			1				
Caravan Parks		-	8,530	(8,530)			(22,115
Fleet Management	13,188,000	7,000,000	5,928,631	1,071,369	85%	45%	6,296,835
Health & Environment	-	-	-	-			-
Information Technology	1,550,000	614,992	494,774	120,218	80%	32%	(74,592
Compulsory Land Acquisition	500,000	200,000	2,928	197,072	1%	1%	1,500
Property Management	2,328,000	1,052,000	328,292	723,708	31%	14%	94,974
	17,566,000	8,866,992	6,763,154	2,103,838	76%	39%	5,731,619
Directorate: Water & Waste Services			1				
Admin & Other Capital Equipment	714,500	197,000	166,493	30,507	85%	23%	(49,342
Effluent Reuse	441,000	93,000	179,166	(86,166)	193%	41%	24,657
Sewage Collection - Non-Trunk	1,335,000	667,500	1,656,227	(988,727)	248%	124%	126,240
Sewage Collection - Trunk	1,010,000	305,000	85,968	219,032	28%	9%	149,351
Sewage Pumping Station	75,000	19,000	72,153	(53,153)	380%	96%	6,483
Sewage Treatment	4,388,745	1,144,980	1,128,560	16,420	99%	26%	770,512
Solid Waste Management	11,289,474	10,604,474	9,065,649	1,538,825	85%	80%	8,494,095
Water Collection	2,073,565	1,125,000	537,926	587,074	48%	26%	711,219
Water Pumping Stations	5,112,250	3,614,841	1,627,431	1,987,410	45%	32%	4,071,553
Water Reservoirs	2,245,580	21,580	118,867	(97,287)	551%	5%	141,967
Water Treatment	8,209,036	4,911,701	4,990,340	(78,640)	102%	61%	1,469,758
Water Mains - Non-Trunk	4,575,996	1,917,398	2,020,190	(102,792)	105%	44%	276,444
Water Mains - Trunk	2,375,000 43,845,145	908,500 25,529,973	1,137,664 22,786,632	(229,164) 2,743,341	125% 89%	48% 52%	372,242
	43,043,143	23,323,373	22,780,032	2,743,341	85%	32/6	10,505,175
TOTAL - GROSS CAPITAL							
Strategy, Community & Development	17,834,339	7,762,339	9,229,703	(1,467,364)	119%	52%	834,700
Infrastructure Services	111,200,574	42,903,416	36,880,816	6,022,600	86%	33%	118,240,278
Organisational Services	17,566,000	8,866,992	6,763,154	2,103,838	76%	39%	5,731,619
Water & Waste Services	43,845,145	25,529,973	22,786,632	2,743,341	89%	52%	16,565,179
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	190,446,058	85,062,720	75,660,306	9,402,414	89%	40%	141,371,775



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRESS REPORT

BY PROJECT CATEGORY

31 December 2024

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COUNCIL SUMMARY

PROJECT CATEGORY	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$	2024/2025 Adopted YTD Budget \$	2024/2025 YTD Actuals \$	2024/2025 YTD Variance \$	Actual YTD vs Adopted YTD Budget %	Actual YTD vs Total Adopted Budget %	Commitments \$
Category A	94,028,222	41,282,804	37,660,447	3,622,356	91%	40%	106,032,604
Category B	28,907,366	13,137,745	14,620,204	(1,482,459)	111%	51%	16,411,172
Category C	32,308,740	14,398,494	8,189,988	6,208,506	57%	25%	14,125,160
Category D	35,201,731	16,243,678	15,174,018	1,069,660	93%	43%	4,795,440
Not Applicable	-	-	15,648	(15,648)			7,400
TOTAL	190.446.058	85.062.720	75.660.306	9.402.414	89%	40%	141.371.775

PROJECT CATEGORY	Definition
Category A	The project budget is over \$4m, high profile and med-high risk
Category B	The project budget is between \$1m and \$5m, medium profile and major risk
Category C	The project budget is between \$500k and \$1m, low profile and moderate risk
Category D	The project budget is under \$500k, very low profile and minor risk
Not Applicable	The project is yet to be categorised

ITEM NO: ORD 16.1.2

FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING NO. 1/25

WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2025

SUBJECT:	BAUPLE STORM DAMAGE - RECOVERY ASSISTANCE
DIRECTORATE:	INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, Davendra Naidu
AUTHOR:	EXECUTIVE MANAGER CAPITAL DELIVERY, Robert Hazzard
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:	Focused Service Delivery Focus on service delivery to promote a positive customer experience.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of assistance provided to residents in the Bauple area who were affected by an extreme weather event that occurred on 16 January 2025.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 16 January 2025, a storm cell impacted the Bauple area resulting in significant localised damage predominately due to fallen vegetation.

In response to this event, Council has implemented a waste recovery package to assist the community manage the removal of debris caused by fallen vegetation, including:

- Extending the operating times at the Bauple Waste Transfer Station.
- Waiving waste disposal fees for green waste at the Bauple Transfer Station for large quantities and dimensions for which charges would normally apply.
- Arranging a kerbside bulk green waste collection for residents within highly impacted areas on 3 February and 10 February.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Director Infrastructure Services report in relation to waste recovery assistance provided to impacted residents of Bauple.

4. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

On 16 January 2024 at approximately 3:20pm, a severe storm cell impacted the Bauple area resulting in strong winds, hail and intense rainfall. The severe storm event caused significant damage as a result of fallen vegetation with the Forest View area highly impacted.

Many roads within the Bauple area were initially closed as a result of fallen trees and powerlines with 1,675 residences initially losing power.

Council's on call team responded immediately to the disaster working through to approximately 11:00pm and mobilising approximately 50 staff to the area the following day to reopen roads and property accesses working alongside approximately 40 Ergon staff.

5. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council receive and note the Director Infrastructure Services report in relation to recovery assistance provided to residents affected by the 16 January 2025 event.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The financial implication of waiving waste disposal fees will only be realised once all waste from the event has been disposed of at Council's waste facility, however, it is expected to be negligible.

The estimated cost to provide kerbside collection of green waste within the highly impacted areas is similarly uncertain, however, it is expected to be in the order of \$100,000.

Resources used to assist in the recovery from the storm damage are planned to include a combination of both Council employees and local contractors.

These recovery costs are planned to be funded by Council as no local disaster has been declared.

7. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's Fees and Charges Waiver or Reduction Policy delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to waive fees and charges in the event of a disaster and in the period of immediate recovery.

8. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

A risk assessment was conducted which identified the following significant risks.

Risk Category	Risk Description	Mitigation Action
Financial	Inability to quantify the volume of waste that will be received as Disaster Waste resulting in higher than anticipated foregone revenue and collection costs.	Continue to monitor and record the quantities of waste received.
Reputation	Residents place waste on the verge that is not a product of the recent storm event or other waste for which fees and charges have not been waived.	Targeted approach to kerbside green waste collection. Letter box drop provided to residents advising of limitations of kerbside collection.
Reputation	Residents outside of the heavily impacted area are dissatisfied that they have not been offered the opportunity for kerbside green waste collection.	Request for kerbside collection of green waste from resident's outside of the highly impacted area will be assessed on a case-by- case basis.

9. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLEMENTATION

Kerbside collection of green waste is planned to occur within the highly impacted area commencing on 3 February 2025 with a second service commencing on 10 February. The duration of the kerbside collection is not currently known due to uncertainty in relation to the quantities of green waste that residents will seek to dispose of at the roadside.

10. CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with Council's Operations, Governance and Waste Services Teams.

11. CONCLUSION

The waiving of applicable fees for green waste disposal and the provision of a kerbside green waste collection aim to support the Bauple community in recovering from the 16 January 2025 severe storm event.

12. ATTACHMENTS

Nil