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WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY 2025**

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**SUBJECT:** **ORD 15.1 - STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE - HERVEY BAY  
RECYCLED WATER EXPANSION**

**DIRECTORATE:** **WATER & WASTE SERVICES**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** **DIRECTOR WATER & WASTE SERVICES**

**AUTHOR:** **WATER REUSE MANAGER**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** **No**

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**1. QUESTION**

Councillor Denis Chapman requested further information regarding the presence of rat's tail grass on the property and Council's duty of care.

**2. RESPONSE**

Council must take all reasonable and practical measures to control rat's tail grass, which is listed as a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

The rat's tail infestation at the property was noted in the initial Expression of Interest stage, and the cost of rectification was factored into the negotiated price.

Should Council approve the purchase of the block, rat's tail grass control will include:

- Implementation of standard invasive plant control process. The Water Reuse Team conducts this type of work under business-as-usual activities.
- Potential third party crop farming (similar to existing reuse farm lease arrangements) or grazing, where the farmer has responsibility for ongoing control.
- Predevelopment / enabling works associated with tree plantations that would minimise the infestation.

**3. ATTACHMENTS**

Nil