



Our Corporate Values

- Community Focus
- Can-do Attitude
- Continual Improvement
- Excellence
- Team Work
- Accountability
- Active Communication

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date: 23 May 2018
Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Meeting Room 4

1. MEETING OPENED

The Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged and paid respect to the Ngarluma people both past and present, traditional custodians of this land.

2. ATTENDEES

Ryan Hall	Director Development Services	City of Karratha	(Chair)
Simon Kot	Director SP & Infrastructure	City of Karratha	
Jerom Hurley	Manager Planning Services	City of Karratha	
Cr Peter Long	Mayor	City of Karratha	
Cr Grant Cucel	Deputy Mayor	City of Karratha	
Dr Ty Hibberd	Community Member		
Dr Ken Mulvaney	Community Member		
Vicki Long	Community Member		

3. APOLOGIES

Amanda Berry	Community Member
Laurinda Timmins	Community Member
Geraldine Burgess	Community Member

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Review of Adopted Environmental Strategy (2013)

*Presentation by Jerom Hurley, Manager Planning Services, City of Karratha –
Environmental Strategy Review.*

Key points raised were:

- The origins of the current theme headings are unclear;
- The current version of the document needs to be improved;
- The document is poorly structured and the mapping is poor;
- It would be preferred if the document were structured based on considering resources, risk and responses.
- Aboriginal should be spelt with a capital A;
- The Strategy aims too high and is therefore unrealistic;
- Stick to things that the City can control;
- Lots of duplication.

It was agreed that any outstanding ESAG member comments on the current version of the Strategy would be forwarded to Jerom. Officers will review all member comments and present results and a possible scope for the new Environmental Strategy at the next ESAG meeting.

The Environment and Sustainability Advisory Group resolved to advise Council that:

- 1. The objectives of the Group's adopted Terms of Reference should be used as the basis for commencing review of the City of Karratha Environmental Strategy (2013);**
- 2. The review should be undertaken "in-house", with attention to stakeholder engagement as part of the process; and**
- 3. The City's draft Biodiversity Strategy should be considered as part of the review.**

5.2 Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP)

The Group confirmed it would provide further information on how to manage risks to conservation values in implementing the BRMP.

The Environment and Sustainability Advisory Group noted that the draft Bushfire Risk Management Plan will be presented to the next ESAG meeting.

5.3 Weed Management – Karratha Hills

It was discussed that weed management be considered as part of the Environmental Strategy review including the preparation of a Management Plan for the Karratha Hills. Engagement with the Mountain Bike Club in erosion control and weed management was also raised.

The Environment and Sustainability Advisory Group resolved to advise Council that there is a need to manage weeds along the Yaburara Heritage Trail and that erosion control and weed management be discussed with the Mountain Bike Club.

5.4 Climate Council Cities Power Partnership Program

There are five key actions from the options available under the Program that align with Council's adopted Energy Efficiency Action Plan:

1. Install renewable energy (solar PV and battery storage) on council buildings.
2. Power council operations by renewables directly (with solar PV or wind) or by purchasing Greenpower (from electricity retailers). Set targets to increase the level of renewable power for Council operations over time.
3. Opening up unused council managed land for renewable energy.
4. Identify opportunities to turn waste to energy.
5. Roll out energy efficient lighting (particularly street lighting) across the municipality.

The following benefits of joining the Program were noted:

- Recognition for Council's commitment to sustainability initiatives;
- Supporting implementation of Council's adopted Energy Efficiency Action Plan; and
- Savings in electricity costs.

Group members expressed general support for Council joining the Program but raised concern regarding the capacity to effectively manage, monitor and report on performance against pledges.

The Environment & Sustainability Advisory Group resolved to advise Council that it is generally supportive of Council becoming a member of the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program.

6. NEXT MEETING

- Meeting Dates 22nd August 2018 ; 21st November 2018 Close meeting: 4.30 pm