



**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**  
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**(LAND USE, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)**

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Mayor and Councillors

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

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Cr I Hogbin has given notice of his intention to move the following:

*That Council undertakes a city wide strategic planning process prior to making further infrastructure decisions.*

**General Manager's Comments:**

The notice of motion (in the absence of detail) appears to be duplicating a process which Council currently has in place and underway. Examples of some of those strategies:

- Bring forward the timetable for the city wide LEP review;
- Draft City-wide Sustainable Settlement Strategy (recently exhibited);
- Amendment of the Coffs Harbour City Centre Masterplan;
- Review of the City Centre DCP (and other DCP's);
- Strategic land audit of Council-owned properties in the City Centre.

Correct planning principles and City Management commitments require that long term strategic planning is undertaken simultaneously whilst the shorter-term needs of the city (in growth and maintenance) are dealt with. This is reflected in Council's Management Plan and Operational Plan.

Embarking on a city wide Strategic Planning Process prior to making further infrastructure decisions will impact on the delivery of many services and facilities required by the community throughout Coffs Harbour. This process would delay or cease the development of infrastructure required particularly in:

- Council's adopted Management Plan;
- Current development consents;
- The enhancement of sporting fields reserves and open space in accordance with Council's adopted Open Space Strategy;

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## Strategic Planning ...(Cont'd)

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- Council's adopted Section 94 Contribution Plans;
- Council's adopted Development Control Plans;
- Council's adopted Stormwater Management Plan;
- The enhancement of water facilities in accordance with Council's adopted Water Strategy; and
- The enhancement of sewer facilities in accordance with Council's adopted Sewer Strategy.

Infrastructure decisions are based upon numerous Council resolutions, strategies, studies, and plans of management. For example:

- The Waste Management Strategies;
- The Land Fill Environment Plan;
- The current Alliance contracts; including Hogbin Drive and Coffs Harbour Water Reclamation Plant; and
- The Community Facilities Programme, (to name a few).

All the programmes from these strategies, studies and plans would be impacted by this proposal.

**Stephen Sawtell**  
**General Manager**