



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday, 10 June 2025 at 6.30 pm  
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre  
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna  
Councillor Jayne Hoffmann  
Councillor Nathan Prior  
Councillor Raelene Telfer  
Councillor Luke Naismith  
Councillor Jason Veliskou

Councillor Matt Taylor  
Councillor Renuka Lama (from 7:01 pm)  
Councillor Jana Mates (Chair)  
Councillor Sarah Luscombe  
Councillor Ian Crossland

**In Attendance**

Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison  
General Manager City Services - Angela Allison  
Manager Office of the Chief Executive – Sarah Vinall  
Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability - Rebecca Neumann  
Senior Environmental Planner – Anna Haygreen  
Executive Officer to the General Manager - Tracey Stringer

**1 Open Meeting**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm

**2 Kaurna Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

**3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest**

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

**4 Confirmation of Minutes****4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025**

**Report Reference** IEC250610R4.1

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**Seconded Councillor Taylor**

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 5 Business Arising

### 5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

**Report Reference** IEC250610R5.1

**Moved Councillor Naismith**

**Seconded Councillor Hoffmann**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes that there are currently no outstanding action items.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 6 Confidential Items - Nil

## 7 Reports for Discussion

### 7.1 Environmental Sustainability Plan - emission reduction review

**Report Reference** IEC250610R7.1

Council was presented with options for a preferred emissions reduction pathway, for inclusion into the City of Marion Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026-2030.

Jacob Potter from Dsquared Consulting presented to members, tasked with providing a review of Council's approach to emissions reduction, to inform decisions on Council's emissions boundary, revised targets and future reduction pathways based on best practices and emerging trends.

- Targets agreed to in this discussion flow into the Strategy and Implementation of the Plan
- The Strategy/Plan aims to reduce emissions that the City of Marion is in direct control of, or where the Council can minimise and influence its value chain; the Strategy has been developed in line with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard and Climate Active Carbon Neutral Organisation Standard
- The presentation encouraged a review of existing operations, practices and behaviours to avoid activities that result in emissions and demonstrating leadership, developing an emissions reduction pathway
- Net Zero – focuses primarily on implementing large emission reduction activities to reduce emissions as close as possible to net zero, with the remainder of emissions offset by carbon sequestration
- Council previously developed a baseline corporate emissions inventory for 2015/2016 – reported on limited emissions sources and did not include Scope 3 emissions from the value chain
- Council was appraised on the 2022/23 emission inventory – financial reporting including energy retailer, vehicle fuel reports, water supply reports
- Community emission inventory – identifying opportunity for Council to facilitate and support emissions reduction with the community
- Noting applications for Government Grants are increasingly requesting emissions data in the application
- The Australian Government supports the International Finance Reporting Standards – Australian Sustainability Reporting Legislation

Members engaged with the presentation and recommendations from the report to Council with the conversation including:

- Setting a balanced and achievable baseline – elements to be included or excluded
- The future of electric vehicles; passenger vehicles are in use currently; what is current thinking about commercial vehicles including heavy machinery
- The value chain – relationships with our suppliers, encouraging emission minimisation
- Sustainable procurement – request consideration and a response from the Local Government Association

**Moved Councillor Luscombe****Seconded Councillor**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the attached emissions reduction report (Attachment 1).
2. Recommends to Council two 2022/23 boundaries - one that captures minimum emissions categories and one that captures minimum and good practice emissions categories noting efforts will be undertaken towards best practice emission categories.
3. Recommends to Council rescinding the target of “City of Marion being carbon neutral for its operations by 2030” and replacing it with an emissions reduction target of 50% by 2035 and net zero by 2050.

**The motion lapsed for want of a seconder**

**Moved Mayor Hanna****Seconded Councillor Prior**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the attached emissions reduction report (Attachment 1).
2. Recommends to Council the carbon emission baseline be reset to 2022/23, capturing the minimum emissions categories and any good practices emission categories that are currently 2% and above.
3. Recommends to Council that administration encourages all of City of Marion’s suppliers use best practice carbon emission reduction measures.
4. Recommends to Council to rescind the target of “City of Marion being carbon neutral for its operations by 2030” and replacing it with an emissions reduction target of 50% by 2035 and net zero by 2050.

**Carried Unanimously**

6:49 pm Councillor Luscombe left the meeting

6:51 pm Councillor Luscombe re-entered the meeting

7:05 pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting

7:09 pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting

7:29 pm Councillor Naismith left the meeting

7:35 pm Councillor Naismith re-entered the meeting

## 7.2 Environmental Sustainability Plan - strategy and implementation

### Report Reference

IEC250610R7.2

- Following this meeting, revisions to the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2030 and the Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026-2030 will be presented to General Council for endorsement for community consultation
- The Environmental Sustainability Plan is more operationally focused, expanding on:
  - Alignment with state and national trends
  - Community and environmental indicators and goals
  - Current council services and initiatives
  - New focus areas that can be delivered within existing resources
- The Strategy and Plan have been developed to align Council's operational activities within the City of Marion Strategic Plan 2024-2034, to include a framework to guide Council's sustainability initiatives for the next 4 years
- The Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Environmental Sustainability Plan supersede the Carbon Neutral Plan 2020-2030 once approved by General Council
- A mid-term review of the full Environmental Sustainability Plan is scheduled for early 2028 to assess progress and alignment with objectives, followed by a comprehensive review in 2030.

Staff presented 5 themes from the draft Plan for consideration by Council:

1. Greening, trees and biodiversity
2. Water and coastal management
3. Waste reduction and the circular economy
4. Climate resilience and reducing emissions
5. Sustainable living and environmental engagement

Within each theme, Councillors discussed suggested priorities, alignment to the City of Marion's Strategic Plan, targets for council operations and stretch targets (unfunded initiatives) including:

- Theme 1 - Feedback to staff on council's tree canopy – noting the service level targets are applied to a particular location, must be able to ensure the target is measurable at a whole of Council level. References to the Biodiversity Plan; Remnant vegetation
- Theme 2 – discussed
- Theme 3 - SRWRA services are mentioned – a question was raised regarding what products the City of Marion purchases from SRWRA (reference to the circular economy); targets to include a baseline figure; Council requested a report with further analysis from staff, where the City of Marion uses recycled products, including advice on encouraging our community to engage in the circular economy?
- Theme 4 – reducing greenhouse emissions and public lighting was discussed, including the use of LED and sensor lighting; Council requested a report on green energy practices, cost & benefit, with an explanation for residents why green energy is better; solar installations & batteries require review and inspection to ensure the array or battery is delivering the expected output;

Community buildings – encourage the community to reduce electricity where practicable and feasible on council owned buildings

- Theme 5 – remove E3c – support community gardening and sustainable food systems - staff to revise this priority to include actionable content in the next version of the Plan.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**Seconded Councillor Crossland**

**That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

1. Recommend to Council for Public Consultation the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2030 (Attachment 1) with the following changes:

**Theme 1**

- Tree canopy target - include a timeframe, consider expanding to across council owned land not just roads
- Biodiversity targets – reference the biodiversity plan targets.

**Theme 4**

- Additional objective to include LGA lobbying of sequestration and sustainable procurement practices
- C1a – include opportunity for reduced lighting times
- Include an objective on where practical and feasible integrate battery on council owned facilities.

**Theme 5**

- E3c Remove.

**All themes**

- Incorporate the baseline figure for all targets.

2. Request administration:

- a) Email the Committee for how W1a is achieved and how we can encourage use of recycled materials.
- b) Email the Committee on the Green Energy – additional cost, how it can be verified it's green energy, explanation on how buying green energy is better than buying the cheapest energy that can be communicated to residents.
- c) Email on the comparison on energy usage on the sensor lighting and LED.

3. Recommend to Council for Public Consultation the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026–2030 (Attachment 2) incorporating all changes referred to in recommendation 1.
4. Note that graphic design of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-30 and the Environmental Sustainability plan 2026-30 will be completed prior to presentation to Council.
5. Note the Sustainability Stretch Plan will be presented to a future forum as part of the 2026-27 ABP process.

**Carried Unanimously**

8:57 pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting

9:00 pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting

9:00 pm Councillor Taylor left the meeting

9:03 pm Councillor Taylor re-entered the meeting

**8 Reports for Noting - Nil****9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil****10 Other Business****11 Meeting Closure**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 08 DAY OF JULY 2025

---

CHAIRPERSON