



SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Councillors

Your attendance is hereby requested at the General Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Southern Downs Regional Council, 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick on **Thursday, 13 September 2018** at **9:00AM**.

Notice is hereby given of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

David Keenan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12 September 2018

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1. PRAYER & CONDOLENCES

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Crs Dobie (Chair), Gow, Kelly, McNally, McNichol, Meiklejohn, Pennisi, Stocks and Windle

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning, Environment and Corporate Services), Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

3. APOLOGIES

4. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 General Council Meeting - 20 August 2018

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the General Council Meeting held on Monday 20 August 2018 be adopted.

5. ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8. READING AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nil


9. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

10. EXECUTIVE

10.1 Test

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	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 13 September 2018
	Chief Executive Officer	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council Test 1

Report

Council Test 1

Budget Implications

Council Test 1

Policy Consideration

Council Test 1

Community Engagement

Council Test 1

Legislation/Local Law

Council Test 1

Options

Council Test 1

Attachments

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**Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef,
Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts**

6 September 2018

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Dear Mayor

On Friday 31 August 2018, I wrote to you regarding the release of the Palaszczuk Government's \$5 million 2018-19 Local Government Levy Ready Grants Program (LGLRGP), which will provide funding assistance to local governments to undertake necessary infrastructure works at waste disposal facilities that will be required to implement the waste disposal levy (the levy).

Today, I have introduced the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (the Bill) into Queensland Parliament, which will provide the legislative basis for the introduction of the levy.

An important component of the Bill is new section 73D inserted by clause 6, which makes provision for the State Government to make annual advance payments to local councils which will cover the cost of the waste levy on municipal solid waste (MSW).

The Government has made a public commitment that the advance payment will be calculated at a rate of 105% of each council's tonnage of MSW for the previous year. MSW is considered to be levyable waste collected in residential 'red-top' wheelie bins, self-hauled residential waste and kerbside collected bulky waste, as well as waste from public litter bins, park maintenance and street sweeping.

As a result of this payment, the direct cost of the waste levy will not need to be passed on to households.

In addition, by paying 105%, which is over and above the actual cost of the waste levy on MSW, councils have an opportunity to reinvest surplus funds into programs and infrastructure which would improve local waste management and recycling into the future.

The advance payment to councils and the LGLRGP are two ways that the Government is supporting councils and ensuring it does not cost households more to put out their wheelie bin as a result of the introduction of the waste levy on 4 March 2019.

If you require any further information, you can contact my office on telephone (07) 3719 7140 or by email at environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leanne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Leeanne Enoch MP
Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef,
Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts**

11. ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Nil

12. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Nil

13. REPORTS OF DEPUTATION OR CONFERENCE & REPORTS FROM DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO OTHER BODIES

Nil

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

16.1 Tender Confidential

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act.