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## PRESENT:

The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER) – LNP

The Chair of Council, Councillor David McLACHLAN (Hamilton) – LNP

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| **Queensland Greens Councillor (and Ward)**Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN (The Gabba) |
| **Independent Councillor (and Ward)**Nicole JOHNSTON (Tennyson) |

## OPENING OF MEETING:

The Chair, Councillor David McLACHLAN, opened the meeting with prayer and acknowledged the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Chair: I declare the meeting open.

As we do at the beginning of all new sessions, I remind all Councillors of your obligations or declare prescribed and/or declarable conflicts of interest where relevant, and the requirement as such to remove yourself from the Council Chamber for debate and voting where applicable.

Are there any apologies?

Councillor LANDERS.

## APOLOGY:

**374/2022-23**

An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Kim MARX, and she was granted leave of absence from the meeting on the motion of Councillor Sandy LANDERS, seconded by Councillor Sarah HUTTON.

Chair: LORD MAYOR, motion of condolence, please.

## MOTION OF CONDOLENCE – TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

**375/2022-23**

The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER) moved, seconded by Councillor Jared CASSIDY that⎯

*“The City of Brisbane marks with great sadness the loss of life that has occurred in communities throughout Türkiye and Syria. We support every effort being made by the Commonwealth Government to help restore these affected local communities.*

*On behalf of the City of Brisbane, we pass on our deepest condolences to those who have lost family members and loved ones in these earthquake tragedies.”*

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Two Mondays ago, at approximately 4am in the morning and 11am Brisbane time—

Chair: Sorry, LORD MAYOR. Mic.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you.

 Two Mondays ago, at approximately 4am in the morning or 11am Brisbane time, two deadly earthquakes hit the City of Gaziantep in south-central Türkiye. These earthquakes registered an incredible 7.7 and 7.8 magnitude, which stretched across 10 cities and seven provinces. Given the timing of the earthquake, in the middle of the night, most of those who have passed away would have been asleep at the time. This is an absolutely devastating situation and our thoughts are with all members of the Türkiye community, both here in Brisbane and abroad, and also the Syrian community.

The DEPUTY MAYOR recently met with representatives from both the Turkish and Syrian community in Brisbane last Friday to convey our city’s concern for them, and also to offer our support and anything that we could do to support them in this time of need. As we do, we obviously lit up our Council assets in a public display of support to honour those who had lost their lives in the earthquake. A condolence book was arranged and placed in the entrance of City Hall for the public to leave messages. There are over 800 Turkish‑born Australian citizens within the Brisbane City Council area who are either grieving or worrying about loved ones back home. They’re searching for information and they are getting very little information in response.

Now, this country and this democracy that we live in is a democracy that values every single life. We know from our own experience as a city last year, when we had the devastating floods, every life that is lost is a tragedy and one that is important. In that context, to think about what we went through last year with the flood, but then to think of a death toll of 33,000 lives so far, 33,000 is incomprehensible. Each one of those lives important, each one of those lives a son or a daughter, a brother or sister, a mother or father, a grandparent, a loved one. Most importantly, the challenge of not knowing—the Turkish community in Australia, the Syrian community in Australia, not knowing what has happened to their loved ones, and that is the biggest challenge right now, not knowing, not having access to that information.

So many of those lives that are lost were buried underneath mountains of rubble. In fact, there were 8,400 buildings which have already collapsed, all needed to be demolished. Eight thousand four hundred buildings. Over 100,000 people have been displaced, their homes destroyed. These kinds of figures are, as I said, incomprehensible. We here in the City of Brisbane want the people of Türkiye and Syria to know that our hearts go out to you. Our hearts are with the local Turkish community, the local Syrian community, but also for those back home. We are thinking of them. We want to do what we can, both as a city and as a nation, to support them.

I understand the Federal Government was quick to act, pledging $10 million in aid to the affected areas and I congratulate the Government for that quick response. This aid will be provided through our partners on the ground like Red Cross, Red Crescent, the United Nations Children’s Fund, to focus on immediate needs like shelter, clean water and sanitation. Australia is also sending a rescue team of 72 people to help with the recovery. With the Federal Government doing its bit, and with us being the largest Council in Australia, I think it’s appropriate that we do more than just offer our words of support and our thoughts and prayers, but that we also offer some practical support, as well.

So, yesterday, Civic Cabinet decided that on behalf of the City of Brisbane, we will be donating $25,000 to UNICEF to support the relief efforts. We have heard very clearly that, while people want to send things over to support, that right now, it is money that is the much-needed thing. It is difficult at the moment to get any goods or supplies into those countries and, in fact, many of the airports are out of action. The roads are out of action. There’s no way of getting supplies in. Right now, funding is the critical need, and so, on behalf of the people of Brisbane, we would like to provide this donation on behalf of everyone in this Chamber.

We would like to provide that support, and also encourage people in the Brisbane community that are concerned to also consider giving and supporting those relief efforts. As I said, our hearts go out for the tragic loss of life, the unthinkable tragedy that’s happened, and our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Türkiye and Syria at this time.

Chair: Thank you, LORD MAYOR.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair. I rise to second this motion and, on behalf of our team in Council and the communities we represent, extend our deepest condolences to those who have been affected by these earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, as well as the Turkish and Syrian communities here in Brisbane who are no doubt hurting, too. We know there are thousands of people originally from Syria and Türkiye who call Brisbane home now, and there’s a significant Syrian community very close to my ward over in Bracken Ridge, as well, and I know they will be hurting at the moment. Brisbane is, of course, a city that is no stranger to natural disasters, but we are very fortunate to have never seen anything on the scale of this tragedy. More than 35,000 people now have died across Türkiye and Syria following those two devastating earthquakes and numerous aftershocks that have hit the region since 6February.

The earthquakes have also caused widespread damage to schools and other essential infrastructure, further jeopardising the wellbeing of children and families. Access to safe water and sanitation is also a major concern, as are the health needs of the affected populations. Up to seven million children are now displaced in that region. The most important thing an organisation like the Brisbane City Council can do in a time like this is provide financial support, and I’m glad to hear that Brisbane will be offering that $25,000 contribution. As this disaster continues to unfold and the needs of those many millions of people need to be met over the coming months and years, I certainly hope we will keep an eye on that and adjust that support as needed, as well.

The people affected in Syria and Türkiye are in desperate need of clean drinking water, food, emergency shelter, and medicine, so I would echo the words of the LORD MAYOR. The best thing that we can do is offer financial support, rather than collecting things and trying to provide them in their desperate need of hour at the moment. UNICEF has estimated that on top of that rising death toll, as I mentioned, seven million children and families have been affected. Many of those families have lost their homes and are now living in temporary shelters, often in freezing conditions with snow and rain adding to their suffering. It is unimaginable for people like us, sitting in this Chamber right now, to try and picture what those people are going through.

Once again, we’d like to send our deepest condolences to those affected by this tragedy. I thank the LORD MAYOR and Council for the financial contribution and encourage people right around Brisbane to dig deep for these people in their time of need.

Chair: Thank you.

 Any further speakers? No further speakers?

Councillor JOHNSTON: Oh, sorry.

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, just briefly, I’d like to add my support to the motion before us today and to just let people know that the City of Brisbane obviously is very aware of the impact of this natural disaster. Unfortunately, our country has seen so many natural disasters over the years, and the loss of life that has been experienced here is far beyond anything that we’ve seen in Brisbane in recent years. I do feel, however, that the LORD MAYOR’s response today is completely inadequate. I suspect his recent trip to the US cost more than the $25,000 that he’s putting in, and I just don’t think that’s appropriate. If we’re going to help, we should do it properly, we should do it practically, and we should be able to make a real difference to the people who are suffering in this part of the world.

Chair: Any further speakers?

 LORD MAYOR?

 I now put the motion.

As there were no further speakers, the Chair submitted the motion to the Chamber and it was declared **carried** unanimously.

Chair: May I have confirmation of minutes, please?

## MINUTES:

**376/2022-23**

The Minutes of the 4699 (ordinary) meeting held on 6 December 2022, copies of which had been forwarded to each Councillor, were presented, taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Councillor Sandy LANDERS, seconded by Councillor Sarah HUTTON.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair: Councillors, we have a public participant here this morning, Mrs Lynn Wright—sorry, my apologies, Mrs Lynn White, who wants to address the Chamber on the resumption of land at 316 Priestdale Road, Rochedale. Mrs White, please—Billy is showing you to the position.

 Thank you.

 Mrs White, you have five minutes, and a Civic Cabinet Chair will respond. Thank you.

**Mrs Lynn White – Resumption of 316 Priestdale Road, Rochedale**

Mrs Lynn White: Mr Chair, LORD MAYOR, and Councillors, my name is Lynn White and I’m here today as a matter concerning the resumption of 8.6 metres deep or 215 square metres of our front yard is being put before you for resumption approval. Our front yard is an integral part of our family life and our grandchildren’s play area. We will virtually be left sitting on the road with no front yard and we have no backyard. It is important to note that the basis of our land resumption and the notice to resume was not for the purpose of four‑lane road widening, but for the purposes of the Gardiner Road to Underwood Road extension project.

What is very important for you to know today is that City Projects Office provided a second set of design drawings to us after the objection period. We have not been provided with the opportunity to properly respond to and assess this second drawing as part of our objection process, and have it reviewed by an independent resumption delegate, thereby denying us as objectors of our rights in this process. We believe City Projects have not included this important information in the information they have put before the Establishment and Coordination (E&C) Committee and full Council.

Further, I requested City Projects Office that a very important letter outlining the legal reasons why the resumption is legally wrong also be put before members of the Establishment Committee and full Council prior to today’s session and was told by City Projects Office this was not possible also. It is important to note that comments made by City Projects Office in a series of letter exchanges illustrate a reason other than that noted in the notice of intention to resume our land, and demonstrates the legal incorrectness of this resumption, rendering the notice to resume, intention to resume, we believe to be legally invalid. Council does not require all of our land for the Gardiner Road to Underwood Road extension project.

As per the second design drawings, it would appear Council is leaving what appears to be a massive grass verge of approximately eight metres to the immediate west of our property and proposing to resume 8.6 metres off our front yard to just sit there for the next 20 years or so, in case, just in case, Priestdale Road is ever widened to four lanes, thereby depriving us and our family of our enjoyment of it. Please note the inconsistency that it was shown in Council’s own traffic flow statistics and information, that Priestdale Road is neither earmarked for four lanes and does not warrant four lanes based on traffic flow information, either in the short or long-term. This makes absolutely no sense at all.

We questioned whether City Projects have ever really sat down together with the design team, looked at the designs, looked at other options and asked the question, do we really need to be resuming 8.6 metres of the Whites’ front yard for the extension of the Gardiner Road to Underwood Road project? Because if they did, they would determine that there are other options that could reduce the resumption of land off our property, with the view to minimising the impact of a resumption on a resident, as stated in Council’s own documentation attached with the notice to resume. I’ve not experienced this whatsoever in this whole entire process and my experience with City Projects to date.

We have observed where other councils have actually built roads around trees. We’re living, breathing human beings. We have a family. The front yard is our recreational area and where our grandchildren play, and we’re not being given the compromise opportunity and courtesy of reducing our resumption to only what is required, if anything at all, for this Gardiner Road to Underwood Road extension, the basis of the resumption. There are other design options available to minimise the impact of this resumption on our property and our family. Council needs to be looking at these other options further.

At no time has City Projects discussed any form of compromise with us for other options. The response has been constantly a negative narrative. The project appears rushed. There are a lot of questions, inconsistencies, discussions, more clarity and due diligence required surrounding the Gardiner Road to Underwood Road project, and the main question being more consideration of the amount of land, if any, that is required to be resumed from our property for this project. When a City Projects officer first knocked on our door and he advised Council intends to resume a couple of metres of your land. We were shocked to receive the notice of intention to resume that stated Council wants more than 8.6 metres deep of our front yard, a considerable difference to just a couple of metres.

We do not want Council/City Projects office to make a huge mistake, which we know and believe they are making with the resumption of 8.6 metres of our land. It is for these reasons we ask that the decision concerning the resumption of land from our property be put on hold at this stage by full Council until more diligence, clearer designs, consistency of information, and some compromise is made regarding the resumption of our entire front yard of our property, and until such time as full, complete, and correct information is put before the Establishment and Coordination Committee and the full Council.

Thank you.

Chair: Thank you, Mrs White. Your time has expired.

 Civic Cabinet Chair to respond?

 Councillor WINES.

**Response by Councillor Andrew WINES, Civic Cabinet Chair of the Infrastructure Committee**

Councillor WINES: Thank you, Mr Chair, and thank you, Mrs White, for taking the time to come and speak with us today. My name is Andrew WINES. I am the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and I have carriage of the Gardiner Road projects. Can I also acknowledge Councillor HUANG and his personal advocacy on your behalf, as well? As you can appreciate, the part of the city where you live is a growing part of the city, with increasing population both on our side of the boundary and on the local side of the boundary. To maintain and to properly service that growth in population, we do have to maintain and improve the infrastructure in that part of our city.

I would imagine that you are familiar with the recent works at the Priestdale and Rochedale intersection, which were recently completed. They wouldn’t be far from your home, but further information was provided to Committee this morning on that particular intersection, and also the Rochedale area was a principal part of our Metro works with the housing of the depot in that community, as well. Because of the changes required from the Metro, we are required to upgrade the road network in the Rochedale area. There are a number of projects proposed which include the Gardiner Road extension, which is the project that concerns your property, but also other projects as I’ve discussed, such as that Rochedale-Priestdale intersection.

Can I say that I find resumption on private property a deeply unpleasant and uncomfortable part of road construction? It’s not something that I enjoy. I don’t think any of us enjoy it, but it is, at times, something that is necessary to ensure that we achieve the outcome for the greater community. The Gardiner extension, it’s important infrastructure investment which is much needed for the area, and we expect that upon completion, it will carry roughly 14,000 vehicles per day, whether at completion or nearly after the road corridor has been concluded.

There were a number of concerning comments you made in your presentation and I’d be keen to see the paperwork around those. I have discussed with our officers the process around the NIR—the notice of intent of resume—and the land resumption process. The process proposed for your property is consistent with all other processes for other resumptions that we have undertaken, and I would like to see the paperwork you have, but at this point, I have not seen an inconsistency internally, but again, your paperwork may indicate something that I am not aware of.

There were some other issues that were raised outside of the presentation today, but the Council does possess the power to resume for the purposes of transport, which includes bikeways, and I think that that at some points has been a point of contention. The project does include four-laning. The project does include a verge and does include bikeways and some parking facilities. The carriageway, which includes all forms of transport, is considered or is contemplated within the Acquisitions Act, so there are some important points. Please pass on all your paperwork.

The Gardiner Road extension is a key part of our program for the south-east of the city. Please accept my sincere empathy at the situation you find yourself in. As I said earlier, I take no pleasure in resuming land for road, but this is a very important project and one we will consider more fully later this afternoon. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you, Councillor WINES.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

**377/2022-23**

At that juncture, Councillor Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN moved, seconded by Councillor Nicole JOHNSTON, that the Standing Rules be suspended.

Chair: Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN, you have up to three minutes to establish why you weren’t able to move this onto the notice paper earlier.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Thanks, Chair. Yes, I’ve just heard the comments from Mrs White and I’m very concerned to hear about the process that’s gone on so far regarding this proposed resumption. I don’t see a need to proceed with this matter today, and I would like to see the decision made in terms of item D on the Establishment and Coordination Committee report delayed to a later date. I think there’s a very strong case for taking a bit more time here. I think the resident has rightly requested a bit more information and I think there’s certainly some serious questions about whether the property or the portion of the property is actually needed. Personally, I’m strongly opposed to the widening of Priestdale Road. I don’t think it needs to be widened and I don’t think this eight-metre stretch of land is necessary to complete the project as described.

So I’d, yes, like to suggest and move that we delay a decision on item D today and that we require the City Projects team to go back and consult further with Mrs White and other affected residents before any decisions are made about the resumption. To the question of urgency, I’ve only become aware of this issue upon reading the papers that were submitted over the last 24 hours or so. I think, having heard Mrs White today, I would like more time and I would like the Council to consider this more deeply before making such a big decision that’s going to have a fundamental impact on this family and their property.

Chair: The motion before us is for the suspension of standing rules to allow Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN to move a motion.

The Chair submitted the motion for the suspension of the Standing Rules to the Chamber and it was declared **lost** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN and Nicole JOHNSTON immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **lost.**

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 7 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK, Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN and Nicole JOHNSTON.

NOES: 19 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Adam ALLAN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Question—point of order.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Sorry, just one more. It’s not a big deal, but I just wanted to draw your attention to a matter of good order in the Chamber. As Councillors were moving back and forth here, I’m not going to name the Councillor, but one of them muttered the term disgraceful as we were walking past. I assume the implication was that the moving of that urgency motion was a disgraceful thing to do and I take umbrage with—

Councillor ADERMANN: Point of order.

Chair: Point of order to you.

Councillor ADERMANN: Point of order. That was me and I was talking to Councillor WINES about the Super Bowl yesterday.

Chair: Okay. Thanks for clarifying.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Okay.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Can we move on, please?

## QUESTION TIME:

Chair: Question Time.

 Are there any questions of the LORD MAYOR or a Civic Cabinet Chair of any of the Standing Committees?

 Councillor HAMMOND.

**Question 1**

Councillor HAMMOND: Thank you, Mr Chair. My question is to the LORD MAYOR.

 LORD MAYOR, with 2023 now well underway, can you outline to the Chamber some of the priorities for the Schrinner Council that will be focused on delivering for the people of Brisbane?

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor HAMMOND. I know that you are passionate about the future of this City, as is every person on this side of the Chamber. 2023 is the year of building. It is the year that Council has funded more capital works, more building of capital works than any year in the city’s history, over $1 billion worth of work funded to be spread right across the city. In fact, 80% of all Council’s budget goes to the suburbs, and in fact, it is 86% to be precise.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: We are in the year of building a better Brisbane, and whether that includes some of the major projects that people have heard about or the raft of suburban improvements that are going on, we are building a better Victoria Park with the new masterplan being finalised in that process, a new pump track at Victoria Park and park embellishments, the supporting and investment events in Victoria Park to activate Brisbane’s biggest new park in 50 years. Whether it’s the Brisbane Metro, with tunnelling underway now, proceeding very soon past this building, under the surface.

Whether it’s the construction of the Metro depot out at Rochedale, which is well underway, or whether it’s the continued testing of the Metro vehicle, Brisbane Metro powers or charges, full steam ahead. The Green Bridge bridge projects are underway at Breakfast Creek in Kangaroo Point. The Moggill Road corridor upgrade is underway in the western suburbs, in that most dangerous and congested of western suburbs roads.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: The work is going on in a whole range of suburban upgrades and road improvements, whether it’s Ritchie Road upgrade in Pallara, investing in one of the fastest-growing parts of Brisbane, or whether it’s the Gardiner Road extension investing in another fastest-growing part of Brisbane, we are investing in building a better Brisbane and more infrastructure for a growing city. Whether it’s the $22 million investment in the Archerfield Wetlands program, a wonderful park upgrade which will see a former sewage treatment plant converted into an amazing parkland for the people of Brisbane and, particularly, the people of the southside, or whether it’s the Bradbury Park upgrade, which is going to be a truly spectacular, one-of-a-kind playground that I think people will come not only from all around Brisbane to see, but even further afield than that, as well.

Whether it’s the Murarrie Recreation Reserve international cycle and speed skating track, the new Everton Park Library, where we turned the sod just the other day, Councillor DAVIS. The Zillmere Library upgrade, the Sun Safe Suburban Playgrounds initiative, which will see at least 50 playgrounds upgraded with shade just this year alone, or whether it’s our plans to create more homes for people. The Bridgeman Downs neighbourhood plan, which will create approximately 4,000 new homes. Our suburban renewal and precinct planning initiatives, which will create thousands of new homes across the city and opportunity for more.

Whether it’s our Pathways out of Homelessness Grant Program, which is now open and will support the great organisations doing amazing things, not only to provide an immediate response to homelessness, but to help people get out of that situation and get their life back on track, get their life back to normal and have a secure roof over their head. We’ll soon be releasing our new housing strategy, and I know Councillor ALLAN is very excited about that. There will be opportunities to provide more supply of housing in Brisbane to help with the affordability challenges, to help with the housing shortage. We are focused on building a better Brisbane, and whether it’s roads, public transport, whether it’s parks and playgrounds, whether it is new homes for people, this is a year of building and this is a year I’m incredibly excited about.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further questions?

 Councillor COOK.

**Question 2**

Councillor COOK: Thank you. My question is to the LORD MAYOR.

 LORD MAYOR, today is Valentine’s Day, so I wanted to ask you about a relationship of yours that has clearly gone sour. Former LNP Councillor Kate Richards has launched legal action against members of the LNP and you, personally. Court documents allege some very disturbing things occurred before she was cut by your party and about the way city planning decisions are made in Brisbane. One of the allegations reads—

Councillor OWEN: Point of order, Mr Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor OWEN.

Councillor OWEN: Mr Chair, I refer you to the Local Laws for the meeting and, in respect of questions, they are meant to be asked without statement, argument, or stating a position. Could you please rule on the question?

Chair: Thank you.

 Councillor COOK, I assume you’re going to round up to a question very shortly.

Councillor COOK: Thank you, Mr Chair. One of the allegations reads like extortion to the tune of $200,000 in campaign funds being withheld from the LNP. LORD MAYOR, were you a willing participant in the removal of Kate Richards as an LNP Councillor or were you forced into it via threats, as suggested in media reports?

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: I can simply say I don’t comment on fairy tales, and this is exactly what we see here. If Councillor COOK is genuinely interested, she would have read the rest of the article, where the LNP’s response was made clear. That response is my position and I won’t be adding any further to that.

Chair: Further questions?

 Councillor HUANG.

**Question 3**

Councillor HUANG: Thank you, Mr Chair. My question is to the Chair of the Transport Committee, Councillor MURPHY.

 Councillor MURPHY, one of the Schrinner Council’s signature projects, the Brisbane Metro, has made significant progress over the break, with plenty more to come this year. Could you please update Councillors on the latest in this turn-up-and-go public transport project?

Chair: Councillor MURPHY.

Councillor MURPHY: Thank you, Mr Chair, and through you, to Councillor HUANG for the question, because I know that Councillor HUANG has a keen interest in the Metro project with the construction of the depot well underway now in his ward at Rochedale. That depot will be Australia’s biggest electric bus depot once finished, Mr Chair, but it’s only one of 10 construction sites that we now have open across the city. The Adelaide Street tunnel is another key piece of infrastructure in our Metro project, which will transform our city’s bus network and help reduce congestion in the public transport system.

Councillors will note that the tunnel will be passing right below our feet in the coming months, which is slightly nerve-wracking but mostly exciting. The tunnel has two work sites at the portal along North Quay and another at the northern end of the tunnel in King George Square station, where the tunnel will ultimately connect in with the existing busway. Late last year, we reached a very big milestone with the completion of preparatory works on the tunnel portal.

Now, Mr Chair, tunnelling is a very superstitious business, which is why we had both a smoking ceremony and a priest to give a blessing to give us good luck for the work ahead. St Barbara is the patron saint of tunnelling, so there’s a statue of her onsite for good luck. So far, I’m glad to see that has worked and the tunnelling is progressing extremely well.

I was very pleased to be able to give a first look at the progress to the media this morning and they were very impressed with just how much progress has already been made since late last year. The tunnel is being excavated in three phases, using a purpose-built canopy drill rig. We’ve already mined as far as 20 metres along in some sections. The tunnelling team are tunnelling 24 hours a day, seven days a week, meaning that we are able to cram two-and-a-half years’ worth of tunnelling in just one year. That’s only possible, Chair, because we’ve opted for a mined tunnelling methodology rather than a cut and cover solution to minimise the impact that works would have on surrounding residents and business, as well as the wider transport network.

We know, Chair, that this was the right decision because we have seen how cut and cover tunnels have disturbed other cities like Auckland and Sydney. This tunnel, though, is only seven metres below the surface at its deepest, Mr Chair, and there is a complex network of utilities, heritage buildings, and other basements that we will pass by closely underground. Just this morning, Chair, we were about five metres from the bottom bar at the Criterion Hotel, to give you an example of just how close we will be to some of the city’s most important cultural institutions.

In fact, our tunnel is the first time in Australia that a soft ground tunnel with low cover will be constructed in a highly built-up urban environment. More than 39,500 cubic metres of material will be removed during the construction of this tunnel, which could fill nearly 16 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Once complete, the tunnel will be over 200 metres long, providing a dedicated connection between the South East Busway to the Inner Northern Busway, bypassing the congested Queen Street bus tunnel. Approximately one-third of the city’s bus services will be taken off our CBD streets, delivering major travel time savings for commuters both on and off buses.

Metros and some of our bus services will now be removed from the surface of Adelaide Street and redirected through the tunnel at North Quay. What’s happening—there’s a lot happening, Chair, underneath Adelaide Street, but this week, we will start work on the surface of Adelaide Street. People will start to see the upgrade of the walkability of Adelaide Street with the Adelaide Street transformation project, where we will declutter the streetscape and improve the usability of the city’s bus stops. It’s a very important street for our city. At the moment, it’s very difficult to navigate. It is cluttered with street furniture and it can be hard for visitors actually to find the right bus stop.

Chair, that is all about to change. We will be creating wider footpaths. We’ll be building new pedestrian buildouts and crossing points. We’ll be building new street furniture, enhancing the landscaping and installing more public art, and we will reduce the streetscape clutter by over 80%. The works will be completed overnight to minimise impact, but there will be some changes to bus stops during works, particularly if you catch a bus on Adelaide Street in the evening. So, from Sunday to Thursday nights, residents catching a bus from Adelaide Street should make sure to check the Translink website for updates to their bus stop location.

Both the surface works and tunnelling will continue for the rest of the year, Mr Chair, before we link the new tunnel in with the existing busway at King George Square station. There’s a lot of work to do before Metro services commence next year, Chair, but we are well and truly on the way to delivering the most complex project this Council has ever undertaken, a $1.7 billion transformation of our city’s public transport network, the network that moves two-thirds of our commuters.

Chair: Councillor MURPHY, your time has expired.

 Further questions?

 Councillor CASSIDY.

**Question 4**

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair. My question is to the LORD MAYOR.

 LORD MAYOR, while you were on your North American holiday, I’m sure you caught up with Councillor Fiona HAMMOND’s interesting interview on 4BC, where she referred to a genuine local community campaign, including a petition signed by over 900 people to save the Stafford Bowls Club as—and I quote, ‘porkies and mistruths’. This is the usual LNP response, of course, when anyone in Brisbane dares to challenge your decisions.

Chair: To your question, Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: LORD MAYOR, will you apologise to Stafford locals and how will Councillor HAMMOND be reprimanded?

Chair: Thank you.

 LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you for the question. Councillor HAMMOND is a local champion, and that’s why she keeps getting elected year-in, year-out by what would normally be a Labor ward.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: She is a champion that wants to see what is a derelict, overgrown, disused site reactivated for the community.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: We know that Labor has a history of fake campaigns when it comes to bowls clubs and this is a porker.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: This is a porker. Now, we know that there is a whole lot of mistruths going around about this particular one but let me tell you the facts. Let’s have a change. Let’s have some facts. This particular lease was originally awarded to the Crushers Leagues Club. That lease went through a competitive process. Crushers was suggested as the winning tender or bidder and they had a proposal to make a significant investment into this site. Their proposal included a significant, multimillion dollar investment and this proposal came through to the Chamber. What has changed since then?

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: What has changed since then? Well, first of all, at the time when the Crushers Leagues Club lease came through, this is what the Leader of the Opposition said—this is what the Labor Party said, ‘I believe’—and I’m quoting here, ‘I believe the Crushers Club may be obliged to take on a fair bit of debt to pay for the upgrade, but any arrangement which helps junior sport and bowls is one that we’ll support’.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Did that club have poker machines in that proposal?

Councillor CASSIDY: Point of order.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: I didn’t mention Crushers Leagues Club, Chair.

LORD MAYOR: Oh, yes. You can bet you didn’t.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: Go on. Your point of order.

Councillor CASSIDY: Point of order. This question is relating to something that’s going on in 2023, not 2019. My question, Chair, was specifically, will the LORD MAYOR apologise to Stafford locals and how will Councillor HAMMOND be reprimanded?

Chair: I believe the LORD MAYOR is being relevant to the question.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Look, there’s no intention to apologise for seeing a community facility upgraded and invested in. It’s a fantastic outcome for the community.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Now, when the Crushers Leagues Club proposal came through, Labor voted for it. The Leader of the Opposition spoke in favour of it. They acknowledged and they understood that poker machines were part of that deal. Now, what’s happened since then? Unfortunately, Crushers has not been able to progress their proposal, but they have identified someone who can, because what’s being put on the table here is not some kind of licence to print money, like is being dishonestly suggested.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: What we see here is an obligation to invest millions of dollars into upgrading a community facility and over and above that, to give an ongoing contribution of hundreds and thousands of dollars back into community sport. That’s what’s on the table here.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: So, what we see is a transfer to another organisation who can not only do what Crushers Leagues Club offered, but they can offer another $2.8 million into the upgrade, so a better deal than what Labor voted yes for is now being progressed. This is how dishonest the campaign is. This is how dishonest these people are in suggesting—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —that this is a bad deal.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Point of order.

LORD MAYOR: That is dishonest.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Point of order.

Chair: Point—

Councillor JOHNSTON: Point of order.

Chair: Point—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: CouncillorJOHNSTON, please. Point of order to you.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Thank you. The Meetings Local Law say that no Councillor should be referring to members of the public in derogatory ways, which the LORD MAYOR is clearly doing. This is just not appropriate to be attacking people like this who’ve signed a petition, and I would ask you to—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Excuse me. Excuse me, Councillors.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON—DEPUTY MAYOR, please.

Councillor JOHNSTON: I’m sorry, is that appropriate?

Chair: Councillor, please. No interjecting across the floor.

 Councillor JOHNSTON, have you finished your point of order, because I’ll take—

Councillor JOHNSTON: Well, I would just—

Chair: I’ll make a ruling.

Councillor JOHNSTON: I would just ask you to draw the LORD MAYOR back into appropriate references to members of the public.

Chair: There was no specific mention of anyone in particular. It was a reference to a campaign.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Thank you, LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Mr Chair. I certainly wasn’t referring to a member of the public.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: I was referring to the dishonest Labor campaign.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Now, you would think, based on the material going around and the commentary, that Labor Councillors were against poker machines.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: You would think that that—because that’s what they want people to believe, but their record shows you something different. Now, we know that Lord Mayor Jim Soorley is the hero for Councillor CASSIDY and his team.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: The mentor, the person they celebrate more than anyone. Now—

Councillor CASSIDY: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor CASSIDY.

LORD MAYOR: He knows what’s coming here.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: He knows what’s coming.

Chair: LORD MAYOR, please.

Councillor CASSIDY: I’m very happy to talk about Jim Soorley’s legacy in Brisbane—

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: —but, Chair, on relevance, Jim Soorley was last Lord Mayor in 2003. This question is about the Stafford Bowls Club and the deal that was done in 2022, and the petition—

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: —that has closed in 2023. Can you bring the LORD MAYOR back to this question—

Chair: Thank you.

Councillor CASSIDY: —about treating the people of Stafford with respect, not contempt—

Chair: Thank you. You’re now—

Councillor CASSIDY: —like their local Councillor does.

Chair: —debating the point of order, Councillor CASSIDY.

 LORD MAYOR, I bring you back to the question as posed, please.

LORD MAYOR: Well, it’s very relevant because it goes to the question of whether Labor supports poker machines or not. Now, I’m not going to refer to anything about—

Councillor CASSIDY: No, point of order, Chair.

LORD MAYOR: —paper bags in car parks.

Councillor CASSIDY: The LORD MAYOR doesn’t get to ask the questions.

LORD MAYOR: I am going to—

Councillor CASSIDY: He is required—

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: Excuse me.

Councillor CASSIDY: He is required to—

Chair: Order, please.

Councillor CASSIDY: —answer these questions.

Chair: Order. Wait.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: LORD MAYOR, please.

Councillor CASSIDY: You cannot chair a meeting.

Chair: Please—

Councillor CASSIDY: You are not chairing this meeting appropriately.

Chair: What is your point of order, Councillor CASSIDY?

Councillor CASSIDY: On relevance. The LORD MAYOR doesn’t get to ask us questions. He is required during Question Time to answer our questions. You need to start chairing this meeting, Councillor.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: Thank you.

Councillor OWEN: Point of order, Mr Chair.

Chair: The LORD MAYOR is being—sorry, Councillor OWEN.

Councillor OWEN: Thank you, Mr Chair. Could I clarify, is Councillor CASSIDY now stating that Jim Soorley is no longer relevant?

Chair: That’s not a relevant point of order, Councillor OWEN.

 LORD MAYOR, please, to the question.

LORD MAYOR: Well, we all know that poker machines are a big part of the discussion that’s going on. They don’t want to talk about this because they know what’s coming. The most famous lease deal ever in the history of Brisbane City Council, Kedron-Wavell Services Club, awarded by Jim Soorley for not 20 years, not 30 years, but 70 years, 70 years—

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —with 300 poker machines. That is Labor’s record, Mr Chair, 300 poker machines with a 70-year lease.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: The lease end date is 2064. That is Labor’s record, so anytime anyone wants to hear anything from this crew—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —remember that. They love poker machines and they love—

Chair: LORD MAYOR—

LORD MAYOR: —70-year leases.

Chair: —your time has expired.

Councillor CASSIDY: Point of order.

Chair: Further questions?

Councillor CASSIDY: Chair, point of order.

Chair: I’m up to further questions.

Councillor CASSIDY: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor CASSIDY.

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At that juncture, Councillor Jared CASSIDY moved, seconded by Councillor Kara COOK, that the Standing Rules be suspended.

Chair: What is your reason for moving your motion for the suspension of standing rules?

Councillor CASSIDY: Well, thanks very much, Chair. I think this is an issue that we need to deal with now, today. This is quite urgent and I will tell you why this couldn’t have been put on the notice paper yesterday, because close of business yesterday, a petition which was signed by 900 locals, calling on Council to reopen the tender process for the Stafford Bowls Club closed and that will be presented hopefully today. If not today, then next week. We have just asked the LORD MAYOR to apologise to those Stafford locals on behalf of their local Councillor, Councillor HAMMOND—because she clearly won’t do it—for saying a genuine community campaign, her constituents have come to her and said, we want you to represent us and she said, what you’re saying are all mistruths and porkies.

That is completely disrespectful to those people. They have been very clear what they want to see is the Stafford Bowls Club as a genuine community space for the community. They want to see Council invest in that, rather than a backroom deal done to give Brisbane Racing Club a licence to print money, because that’s exactly what they will do. They’re not doing this out of the goodness of their own heart. So, if Councillor HAMMOND won’t apologise of her own volition, this Council should require her to do so.

My motion would be that the LORD MAYOR apologise to Stafford residents on behalf of LNP Councillor Fiona HAMMOND for her insulting claims in the media where she labelled community campaigns as porkies and mistruths and that the LORD MAYOR and the LNP Council place on hold the current lease agreement for Stafford Bowls Club and open submissions for community organisations and sporting groups to submit alternative proposals.

Councillor ADAMS: Point of order.

Chair: Point of order.

Councillor CASSIDY: —with a reasonable timeframe to develop—

Councillor ADAMS: Point of order, Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: —more acceptable solutions.

Chair: Excuse me, Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Oh, sorry.

Chair: There’s a point of order.

Councillor ADAMS: It was about why this is urgent, not about what the debate was.

Chair: Yes.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Thank you. I think you’re making a point that you want to suspend standing rules to allow the motion as you’ve been reading out to be debated.

Councillor CASSIDY: Yes, the people of Stafford demand a better solution than the one that this LNP Administration is giving them.

DEPUTY MAYOR: Point of order on why couldn’t it be in before one o’clock yesterday?

Chair: I think—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: I think we heard the answer to that.

 The motion before us is for the suspension of standing rules.

The Chair submitted the motion for the suspension of the Standing Rules to the Chamber and it was declared **lost** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Jared CASSIDY and Kara COOK immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **lost.**

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 7 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK, Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN and Nicole JOHNSTON.

NOES: 19 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Adam ALLAN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

Chair: Further questions?

 Councillor HAMMOND.

**Question 5**

Councillor HAMMOND: Thank you, Mr Chair. My question is to the Chair of City Planning and Suburban Renewal Committee, Councillor ALLAN.

 Councillor ALLAN, last year the Chamber unanimously supported heritage protection for homes in Moorooka, but in classic Labor Party fashion, they have done a total 180 and now oppose these protections. Councillor ALLAN, how do you spell hypocrisy?

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor ALLAN.

Councillor ALLAN: Thank you, Mr Chair, and thank you, Councillor HAMMOND, for the question. Well, Mr Chair, I’ve lost track of the number of times I’ve stood in this very Chamber and called out Labor’s hypocrisy and mistruths, especially when it comes to the Nathan-Salisbury-Moorooka draft neighbourhood plan and the associated heritage—

Councillor JOHNSTON: Point of order, Mr Chair.

Councillor ALLAN: —and character protections.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: The question was how do you spell hypocrisy, and Councillor ALLAN is not answering the question, and he should really be spelling the word hypocrisy because if it’s been written that badly by the LNP staff members—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: —you should hold him to account. He’s not allowed to debate the question.

Chair: Thank you, Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: He’s not allowed to interpret the question.

Chair: Thank you.

Councillor JOHNSTON: He is required to answer the question.

Chair: Thank you, Councillor JOHNSTON. Thank you. I believe—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: —Councillor ALLAN is being relevant to the question.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor ALLAN: Well, thank you, Mr Chair. My spelling of hypocrisy will be ALP, and this is why. When it comes to Labor—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor ALLAN: —they never let a story get in the way, they’ll push a story without any consideration for the facts. We see this constantly and this is just another fantastic example. Councillor HAMMOND is correct, this Council, both sides of the Chamber unanimously supported the Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) to protect the 180 homes within the Moorooka War Workers’ Estate in August last year. Councillor GRIFFITHS, during the debate, agreed with this side of the Chamber on the temporary protection measures, and I quote, ‘Labor will be, of course, supporting the protection of these important properties and it’s nice to actually have some agreement with all of Council in relation to these particular properties.’

He even applauded the Chamber for protecting and preserving character housing across our city. To reinforce his stance on the protection of character homes in the area, it was during the same meeting that Councillor GRIFFITHS moved a motion to extend such protections to all the draft neighbourhood plan area. He quoted residents moving to the area because of the character. He quoted, ‘the residents loved the streets and they loved the character homes’. He referenced resident submissions on wanting Council to commit to protecting pre-existing 1947 houses.

Mr Chair, I’m not sure what has happened over the past six months since the TLPI was adopted in August, but what I do know is Councillor GRIFFITHS seems to have changed his tune on this matter. This is a temporary protection measure that was once reasonable to the Councillor, but now, because he has been contacted by residents, has a different perspective. Council’s City Architecture and Heritage team, as part of the neighbourhood planning process, review existing local heritage places and identify any potential new heritage places. It is a process that includes consultation and support from Council’s independent Heritage Advisory Council.

Councillor GRIFFITHS has said that character zoning allowed internal as well as reasonable outside renovations, as long as façades were not changed too much. He said, essentially, what was already in place—the character overlay—was good enough to protect these homes, his words, not mine. So, if we’re to do what Councillor GRIFFITHS wants us to do and overturn a TLPI that was unanimously voted for, we would see poor design outcomes on these heritage homes. I eagerly await Councillor GRIFFITHS’ submission on the TLPI and these particular War Workers’ homes.

Now, he further suggested that this is just a distraction from a separate and controversial decision to remove character protection from 200 nearby houses as part of the new neighbourhood plan. Mr Chair, let me be clear on this one. Councillor GRIFFITHS is constantly getting this wrong. I certainly don’t recall the draft strategy or draft neighbourhood plan stating we were going to remove protections over 200 homes, as Councillor GRIFFITHS has repeatedly and incorrectly said. Councillor GRIFFITHS’ comments fail to acknowledge the overall net increase of 32 pre-1947 properties in the Traditional building character overlay.

Mr Chair, I do acknowledge that the draft plan does propose the removal of some properties from the Traditional building character overlay, but these are properties that don’t even have a character home on them or properties that are fractured in the context of the streetscape. They might be a single, isolated home between two apartment blocks or, in fact, they might have a community facility on them. So, a lot of these do not contain sites that are true character homes.

As I said in the beginning, I truly do await Councillor GRIFFITHS’ submission on the War Workers’ heritage homes. He’s clearly had a change of mind on this, so obviously, he’s got some great academic thought to add to this particular exercise, so I’m sure it’ll make good reading. I just think Councillor GRIFFITHS needs to get his facts right. He needs to get his head unmuddled, and I’ll leave it. Thank you, Mr Chair.

Chair: Councillor ALLAN, your time has expired.

 Further questions?

 Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

**Question 6**

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Thanks Chair. My question is to the Mayor.

 LORD MAYOR, up in the Public Gallery today, there’s a gentleman named Alan who, among other things, he’s a war veteran. He’s got significantly impaired mobility. Recently, he went to catch a bus and he doesn’t live anywhere near somewhere where you can buy a *go* card or buy—there’s no ticket machines near his home. He misplaced his *go* card, and when he went to catch the bus, he was told by the bus driver, we don’t accept cash anymore so I can’t let you on. You won’t be able to ride the bus today.

So, with significant impaired mobility, after walking all the way to the bus stop, he was denied access to that essential public service and then had to walk a great deal further, which I think is a pretty significant social justice issue. My question to you, LORD MAYOR, is what is your message to Alan today and what steps will you take to ensure that people who don’t have a *go* card or a credit card can still access that basic service of public transport?

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN, for that question. It was a good question, and I commend you on the first good question that we’ve seen from your side of the Chamber so far. Look, what happened to Alan was unacceptable, and it’s unacceptable for a number of reasons. First of all, we see the injustice of a war veteran being denied access to public transport when, day-in, day-out, young people are jumping on the bus and not paying, and nothing happens. We see this time and time again, where young people are just refusing to pay because they are taking advantage of this no child left behind approach. This is not consistent, and it is unfair for the people that actually do the right thing and are prepared to pay.

I have talked to Minister Bailey about this issue myself, and definitely agree that reform with the way the ticketing works is needed. This is something I’m happy to look at. Frankly, we have to look at opportunities to make sure that there is fairness when it comes to access to public transport. Now, my personal view is that cash is a dying thing and it is being phased out—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —in a lot of examples. It is phased out through—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, please.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON.

LORD MAYOR: Where have you been during the pandemic, Councillor JOHNSTON? Like, seriously, nobody uses cash anymore—

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —and we see—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Just on relevance. My question to the Mayor was, what is he doing to ensure that people who don’t have *go* cards or credit cards aren’t denied access to public transport? That was the substance of the question. I would appreciate a direct—

LORD MAYOR: As I was—

Chair: Thank you. The LORD MAYOR is—

LORD MAYOR: As I was answering—

Chair: —being relevant to the question.

LORD MAYOR: —I have had discussions with Minister Bailey about how we can make sure that these challenges with ticketing are addressed. Now, first of all, I think one of the most important things that can happen is the new ticketing system can be implemented. Now, sadly, as we see with a lot of examples with the State Government, Brisbane gets something new last when it comes to the State Government.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: We have seen the rolling out of new ticketing for public transport everywhere else in South East Queensland, virtually, with the exception of Brisbane. That is unfair, given that Brisbane represents the majority of trips being taken across the network. Now, I understand that they might want to test it in certain areas, but the system is working and we are having a very, very slow rollout of the new ticketing system.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: I’m sorry to interrupt, but the new ticketing system is also cashless, so I’m really asking the Mayor—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: —what’s he going to do for people who don’t have a *go* card, who don’t have a credit card, and don’t live near somewhere where you can buy a ticket or a *go* card?

Chair: No—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: It’s a straightforward question.

Chair: The question was relevant to the *go* card and LORD MAYOR is explaining his consultation with the State Government.

LORD MAYOR: Now, Councillor SRI knows that ticketing policy is not set by Brisbane City Council. It is set by Translink and the State Government, which is why I’ve continually repeated that I have raised these matters with the Minister, because they are important matters. They are genuinely important matters. Now, as cash is phased out, and it continues to be phased out in a lot of different examples, that is the future. You know, this is something that’s been accelerated by the pandemic. You go into a lot of shops now and they will tell you that they don’t—they’re not accepting cash or not encouraging cash. Our parking meters were the first—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —cashless parking meters in Australia, and now, progressively, all councils are rolling—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —out the same approach.

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON.

LORD MAYOR: I would also point out that there’s another issue here which is an industrial relations one with the RTBU (Rail, Tram and Bus Union), where the RTBU has said that they don’t want to handle cash. They don’t—that is their official policy, they do not want to handle cash. What we see here is a complicated situation, but we need some answers, we need some resolutions from the Minister and—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

LORD MAYOR: —from Translink, and we will continue to advocate—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Couldn’t—

Chair: Point of order, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Couldn’t they have just let the guy on the bus for free? Like, why didn’t the drivers do that?

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: As I was saying before, there’s a lot of people who ride public transport for free at the moment and there’s a fairness issue here. Look, if I was the driver, Alan would have been in the front seat before you know it and he would have been riding the transport, but obviously, you know, I can’t comment on the situation because I wasn’t there, but I would simply say if there’s a situation like that, some flexibility is good. Some flexibility is something that we would support as a Council, particularly given that a massive number of young people are riding for free at the moment, even though they are legally required to pay. There needs to be a better ticketing arrangement in place. We have to accept that cash is on the way out, but there are other ways to do things.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Please no interjecting—

LORD MAYOR: Wake up to yourself.

Chair: —Councillor JOHNSTON.

LORD MAYOR: Wake up.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, please.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, please stop interjecting.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: The pandemic apparently didn’t happen, Mr Chair.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON.

 LORD MAYOR, your time has expired.

LORD MAYOR: So, we will continue advocating for ticketing policy reform. Thank you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further questions?

 Councillor OWEN.

**Question 7**

Councillor OWEN: Thank you, Mr Chair, and it’s lovely to be back in the Chamber for the first meeting of the new year. My question today is to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, Councillor WINES.

 Councillor WINES, Brisbane is growing at a rapid pace and with more and more people moving here, it means that there are more people on our roads. Can you please update the Chamber on how the Schrinner Council is investing in our growth suburbs to help our residents get home sooner and safer.

Chair: Thank you.

 Councillor WINES.

Councillor WINES: Thank you, Mr Chair, and can I thank Councillor OWEN for the question and note her keener personal interest in ensuring that adequate infrastructure is built and presented for the people of the growth suburbs, particularly in the outer south? Can I also make the important point that, while 14 February is for lovers, nobody loves the suburbs more than LORD MAYOR SCHRINNER and his team? Can I say, that is evidenced by so many projects being delivered for the growth suburbs in the outer south in particular?

Can I begin by discussing and making reference to the Rochedale-Priestdale Road intersection, which had its lights turned on only some weeks ago, discussed in Committee this morning? That area, the Rochedale area, has seen a population growth from 3,175 in 2016 to 7,633, a growth of 140% in a seven-year period. This means we need to continue to improve infrastructure in that area. Now, consider that that 140% compares to a 9.9% across the whole city. If I can make mention, my own ward of Enoggera grows at about the same rate as the city, so it is a mature community compared to some of our outer suburban ones, which do grow very quickly. I see Councillor LANDERS in my eyeline. There can’t be a moment go by when you talk about road projects in the outer suburbs without mentioning—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor WINES: —Bracken Ridge Ward, Beams Road. The tender has closed. We continue to work on the growth areas of Fitzgibbon and—I suppose Zillmere is mature, but there is still growth in that Fitzgibbon, Carseldine area. I can provide further information to this Council—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor WINES: —that Beams Road—there are other projects, Councillor MURPHY, but there’s always room for Bracken Ridge. There’s always room for Bracken Ridge.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor WINES: There’s another suburb I’ll talk about in a moment which you may have heard of before called Pallara, but I’m coming to that. I’m coming to that, but can I assure this Council that Beams Road, the tenders have closed and we have received a number of tenders, which is excellent, to ensure that that project progresses. We remain keenly committed to that Beams Road project. Now, back to Rochedale-Priestdale, that former roundabout was carrying roughly 20,000 vehicles per day, with significant congestion on all approaches. Can I recognise and thank the contributions of the Federal Government and note that Minister—Treasurer Chalmers and the Member for Bonner, Mr Ross Vasta, both attended the light turning-on. We could not have done that project without Federal support.

Can I also thank Logan City Council for their cooperation and contribution to that particular—for that particular project, noting that at the intersection, three of the four corners belong to Brisbane City, but the populated growth corner actually does belong to Logan so thank you for their cooperation and their financial support for that. Now, while that intersection was congested—the Rochedale-Priestdale intersection was congested, there were four crashes requiring medical treatment, and that does not record ones that did not—the near misses or collisions that did not require hospitalisation. The upgrades there have created a four-lane dedicated pedestrian crossing—excuse me, a four-way dedicated pedestrian crossing for those walking and riding through that, with marked improvements for the pedestrian ways through there.

There will also be, I trust, a lot of support in this Chamber for the recently upgraded Newnham and Wecker intersection of Mt Gravatt, which I can say that particular project was concluded recently with the pedestrian bridge in January of this year, but the roadworks were concluded late last year. That particular intersection had 18 reported crashes in the period 2014 through 2019, and with 13 of those being related to motorists being unable to make a safe turn from Newnham into Wecker due to the high volumes. Now, we focus very much on having a safe and efficient road network which gets residents home sooner and safer.

The final project which I will speak to relates directly to Councillor OWEN, the question from earlier, and it’s one that I know that she is very enthusiastic about, and that’s, of course—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor WINES: —the Ritchie Road corridor upgrade, which includes a number of projects across a number of years, but the Ritchie Road corridor project is positioned next to the rapidly growing Pallara State School. Council, I think, unreasonably, has been left to carry a burden that should be shared with the State, as well, but unsurprisingly to this Council, we always mop up for the State when they let the community down, and this is one more example of that. The Ritchie Road corridor has been split into three stages, and Stage 1 has been delivered in two parts, with the construction of dedicated shoulders and right turn to Pallara State School, with a safe crossing point for Ritchie Road for the many hundreds of schoolchildren there, but also—I’m running out of time, but we have done—

Chair: Councillor WINES, in fact, your time has expired.

 And that ends Question Time for today.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: LORD MAYOR, Establishment and Coordination Committee recommendations, please.

## CONSIDERATION OF *RECOMMENDATIONS* OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE DURING RECESS:

### ESTABLISHMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (Adoption report)

The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER), Chair of the Establishment and Coordination Committee, moved, seconded by the DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Krista ADAMS), that the report setting out the *recommendations* of the Establishment and Coordination Committee during the Summer Recess 2022-23, on matters usually considered by that Committee, be adopted.

Chair: LORD MAYOR, is there any debate?

LORD MAYOR: Yes, thank you. Tonight, the Victoria Bridge, Story Bridge and Reddacliff Place will be lit up in red and blue to support Sweetheart Day. Sweetheart Day coincides with Valentine’s Day, obviously, and it focuses on supporting all people impacted by childhood heart diseases, which is one of the largest causes of infant death in Australia. So, that is lighting up red and blue Victoria Bridge and Story Bridge and Reddacliff Place.

Tomorrow is the 81st anniversary of the fall of Singapore, and Reddacliff Place and Victoria Bridge will be lit up in red to mark this occasion. There were thousands of Australian soldiers who lost their lives in the battle for Malaya and Singapore, and obviously, it was seen as one of the pivotal points in the Second World War for Singapore, and the impact that that had. Many prisoners of war were killed or died in captivity under horrible and horrific circumstances as a result of their capture in the fall of Singapore.

Tomorrow night, the Story Bridge will be lit up in yellow to support International Childhood Cancer Day, the day that is observed on 15 February every year and honours all the children and families experiencing the effects of this horrid disease.

This Sunday, 19 February, marks the tragedy of two years since Hannah Clarke and her children, Aaliyah, Laianah, and Trey were brutally murdered in a horrible case of domestic violence. Hannah and the kids loved handstands, and you may have seen some Councillors doing some handstands recently and questioned why that is. Well, this is in aid of supporting awareness about the work of Small Steps 4 Hannah, and it’s part of an awareness campaign. Thank you to those Councillors who have defied gravity to participate in that challenge.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Councillor ADAMS would volunteer, but she’s done enough in recent times.

I just wanted to, before I move on to the items in front of us, go back to this issue of the Stafford Bowls Club, because we do see a lot of dishonesty circulating around, a lot of misinformation circulating around. I know that Labor specialises in fake campaigns when it comes to bowls clubs.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: It’s a Save the Bowlo campaign when the bowlo shut down long ago. We’ve seen that happen before—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —but the reality is, what we want to see here is a better outcome for the community. It’s as simple as that. Now, we went through a process—which Labor supported in 2019 to agree and approve the best offer that was put forward from the community, and that was the offer by Crushers Leagues Club in 2019 when that new proposal was awarded back then. It was a tender process back then, as we’ve heard from Councillor CASSIDY.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Now, what does a tender process do? It flushes out and identifies the best offer.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: The best offer and so what was the best offer in 2019. Today, we have an even better offer. Today, we have an additional investment of $2.8 million. Let’s be very clear what’s happened. We got the best offer in 2019—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —and now we have an additional offer that is better than that. So, it came through a competitive process to get the best possible offer in 2019, and that offer has been exceeded. It was okay to award the offer in 2019 and Labor voted for it, yet somehow an even better offer is something they claim to oppose. This is really an attempt to misrepresent the truth. It is an attempt to suggest that they are somehow against poker machines when we’ve seen year‑in, year-out them supporting leases with poker machines in them.

We have seen countless, across the city, clubs and organisations being awarded poker machine licences by the State Government, and the last time I checked, it’s been a Labor State Government for the majority of the last 30 years that awards these licences, yet they want somehow residents to believe that they are suddenly against poker machines. It’s dishonest. It is a dishonest campaign. What we’d like to see is a community facility returned back to the community, and what we’d like to see is an investment in that facility that doesn’t burden the ratepayers of Brisbane. What we’d like to see is $200,000 a year going back into community sport, and under this lease, that’s exactly what we will see.

Now, I’ve talked to a number of people who are genuinely excited to see Stafford Bowls Club revitalised and reopened to the community. At the moment, you know, it’s a community facility which needs investment, and really, what it comes down to is, is that investment going to be made through rates or is that investment able to be made by other operators? What we have here is a sporting organisation which is prepared to put in millions of dollars into upgrading the facility and then continue to give back to the community each year without burdening the ratepayers of Brisbane. This is a good deal for the community, it is a good deal for ratepayers.

I’m not going to get into arguments about poker machines. We all have our own views on poker machines, but I would simply say, Council doesn’t regulate poker machines. We don’t have any role in regulating poker machines. That is done by the Labor State Government. If people do have concerns about poker machines or, in fact, about racing, then they should raise it with the Labor State Government. Both of those things are regulated by the State Government. This is really a good outcome for the community and it’s really disappointing to see such a dishonest campaign being run where it’s quite clearly for political purposes. I’d really like to know who has funded the flyers, who has funded the website, who has funded billboard advertising. It’s quite clear—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: It’s quite clear—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: It’s quite clear that it has—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —Politics 101 written all over it, and it is quite clear that locals are being misled by the Labor Party.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: That is disappointing, but it is unfortunately not surprising because we’ve seen it happen time in and time out. When websites appear with photos of Councillor CASSIDY on them, who do you think paid for those websites?

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Their local Councillor, Councillor Fiona HAMMOND, is a champion for her community and she wants the best for her community.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: Councillors, please.

LORD MAYOR: Councillor CASSIDY just wants to play petty party politics, and that is a shame.

*Councillors interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Now, moving to the items in front of us. Items A, B and C are the contracts and tendering reports for October, November and December 2022. In these reports, 81 out of 88 contracts are being awarded to local suppliers, being 92% of contracts and, obviously, exceeding our 80% target, 80% target being the number of contracts being awarded to local businesses and suppliers. In the financial year to date, 88% of contracts have been awarded to local suppliers, and so we’re approximately halfway through the financial year, and certainly at the December point, we are halfway.

In that time, 88% of contracts were awarded to local suppliers with a total of $777 million going into local business in our local area. Included in these contracts are the construction of the Dockside and Mowbray Park ferry terminals, the construction of the new Brisbane International Cycle Park, the Shorncliffe Escarpment works. There’s a number of service relocations to facilitate road and infrastructure upgrades, and also the first round of our Sun Safe Suburban Playgrounds program. We have in front of us those three items.

Moving on to item D, the Gardner Road extension project, obviously, I heard the speaker earlier and I’m heartened that Councillor WINES will follow up on that correspondence. This is a project, though, that has a time imperative. Gardner Road extension needs to happen as soon as possible. It is a project that is impacted by surrounding works, including the construction of the Metro depot. It is a project that is impacted by surrounding works, such as the South East Busway extension down through to Springwood, which the State Government is progressing.

What we see here is that the construction of the South East Busway extension, together with the nearby adjacent Metro depot works, will require the closure of School Road, or a section of School Road. Now, that School Road connection is, obviously, an important connection in a growing area, and we need to replace that connection with the Gardner Road extension. There is a time imperative here, which is why we’re progressing with the notice of intention to resume in the project, but obviously, when it comes to the specific detail—

Chair: LORD MAYOR, your time has expired.

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At that point, the LORD MAYOR, was granted an extension of time on the motion of the Councillor Sandy LANDERS, seconded by Councillor Sarah HUTTON.

Chair: LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: When it comes to the specific details of individual properties, obviously, this is a process that is subject to discussion and negotiation with property owners. Now, obviously, this is a process which has a formal objection period, but there are also legal rights that owners have if they don’t believe that the process has been a right process or a fair process. Now, obviously, we will do our best to make sure that it is a fair process, but in this case, what it appears is that Council is planning for ultimate upgrades that need to occur in the future, whether that is the creation of a wider road or a new bikeway, and I know there’s already been sections of bikeway built on either side of this property.

We need to accommodate for the future. This process will obviously continue to be pursued by Councillor WINES, but we do need to progress with the construction of the Gardner Road extension. As I said, this project does have a time imperative. Councillor HUANG has made it very clear that he supports local residents when it comes to their need for a new road connection to replace School Road. He has advocated very strongly for that, but obviously, we all want to see—and Councillor HUANG and Councillor WINES want to see—a fair and right process, and that’s what I want to happen in this case. That’s item D.

Item F is the minor administrative amendments to the Brisbane City Plan package M. Council’s planning scheme is constantly changing so that it can remain in line with community and industry expectations and the need to provide more housing as our city grows. In December, the State Government made changes to the planning regulation as it relates to rooming accommodation. According to the State, the amendment is intended to streamline approvals for rooming accommodation to provide greater housing diversity in the Low density residential zone, Low-medium density residential zone, as well.

Council is required to adopt this policy change into its planning scheme without variation. Some of the variations include changes to small-scale rooming accommodation and dwelling houses in a Low density residential zone to provide Statewide consistency, allowing—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON.

LORD MAYOR: —small-scale rooming accommodation without requiring planning approval—

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: —such as a Material change of use in lower density residential zones where certain requirements can be met and enabling Council to require a planning approval for dwelling house developments in the High density residential zone and Medium density residential zone. In addition, some zoning and overlay changes are being made to reflect current development approvals.

Now, in commenting on this—and I made it very clear that we are required and effectively being forced to implement this. I do, and I know a number of Councillors do have some concerns about the impacts that this may deliver. In fact, as the DEPUTY MAYOR says, major concerns. Why is that? Because we have, as a Council, previously led the way in trying to regulate rooming accommodation to manage its impacts in local communities. So, we moved to introduce our own local requirements into the City Plan, which were working well. They were working well.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, please stop interjecting.

LORD MAYOR: Councillor JOHNSTON doesn’t think anything’s working well anywhere.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Look, we know, that’s very predictable, but the reality is, they were working well. Now the State Government’s stepped in to have a Statewide approach which totally wipes out the local requirements that we had and replaces them with more generic requirements, but what it will mean is that, in local residential neighbourhoods, people were having more rooming accommodation popping up. That’s what it will mean. It’ll mean that the impacts of rooming accommodation won’t be as effectively managed as what we’ve seen in recent times.

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Councillor ADAMS points out that there’s a change to the number of people that are unrelated in one particular dwelling. What’s that change, Councillor ADAMS?

*Councillor interjecting.*

LORD MAYOR: Yes, so we’ve limited it in the past to five, five unrelated people in one dwelling. They will now be able to have more than five unrelated people in one dwelling, so you can actually really imagine some of the impacts that this change will have. That’s what happens when the State Government steps in with a one-size-fits-all approach to planning, which hasn’t been thought out in terms of local impacts. Look, it’s one of those things. We have been forced to do this. We don’t necessarily believe it’s the best outcome, but I think that what we will see down the track is concerns being raised by the community and, hopefully, at that point in time, the State Government will change their mind about the way this is implemented. Mr Chair, that is item F.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair.

**Seriatim - Clause D**

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| Councillor Jared CASSIDY requested that Clause D, GARDNER ROAD EXTENSION - PRIESTDALE ROAD TO UNDERWOOD ROAD PROJECT, be taken seriatim for voting purposes. |

Councillor CASSIDY: Starting together on the first three items, A, B and C, which is the contracts and tendering for October, November and December, this lazy LNP Administration is not only contracting everything out. They’re now too lazy to bother bringing these items to Council in a timely manner for scrutiny. Some of the contracts before us today were awarded five months ago, so Councillors are now reviewing some of this expenditure, looking at this contracting out five months after the decision has already been made. There’s no reason those contracts couldn’t have been brought to Council last year or last week or the week before if the LORD MAYOR wasn’t off on his overseas junket, playing with flying taxis, and the start of this Council year wasn’t delayed.

In the first three items, we see before us, A, B and C, there’s over $60 million worth of external contracts and there is a very common thread throughout all of these, and that tells the story of this LNP Administration. It’s not the story the LORD MAYOR would like to tell you, but it’s that they’re lazy, out of touch, and have forgotten the suburbs of Brisbane. No amount of political spin will cover the reality.

The first contract is for the extension of road surface inventory solution, an interesting title. You might be better off getting an entirely new system together, considering that the LORD MAYOR and Councillor MARX have repeatedly said that if people out in the suburbs want potholes filled, they need to report them, rather than Council carrying out proactive maintenance. How lazy of the LNP to say they’re going to spend millions of dollars on a road maintenance solution, an IT solution, but still requiring residents to be the eyes on the street and report all of those failures to Council before they can be rectified.

There’s a contract for a consultancy to support flood impact assessment on the road network. A year after the 2022 flood, we’re seeing this come through. After 20 years of rule in Brisbane, two major flood events now, several smaller flood events throughout that time, you’d think this LNP Administration would have prioritised flood risk management and have a plan to prevent damage and deal with disaster as they happen, but no, of course not under this LNP Mayor. The confusion, poor planning, and lack of basic services in the suburbs continue. There is a drainage project in my ward listed here, which I am of course happy to see completed finally.

The item is repairing a concrete channel in Washington Street, Deagon, and that is very, very long overdue. I saw the LORD MAYOR gloated about it in his political flyer, his election flyer that he sent out just recently, saying that this drainage channel be repaired. What he failed to mention in that flyer was that it’s been awaiting repair for five years. It’s been identified by Council and collapsing for the last five years. I had a meeting onsite with a resident and a now-former Council officer, and that resident’s property was subsiding into the drain back in October 2018.

That project had been identified prior to that meeting, as well, but was getting very bad by that point. Five years later, we’re finally seeing a contract to fix that drain. When the LNP Mayor of this city—and he very much is the Mayor of the city only, not the suburbs—when he says he cares about the suburbs, he is telling—what’s his word—mistruths. He is telling mistruths, because you can’t listen to what he says. You must look at what he does, and not enough is being spent on the suburbs.

We’ve got another 14 million being spent in contracting out basic cleaning services, so the cleaning of park facilities, suburban shopping areas and boat ramps, really basic, ongoing Council work that is now being contracted out with no assurances of decent work practices and good wages. We see the reports and the Audit Committee and those things where they mention they look into these things, and yet we see continually under this LNP Administration examples of where workers are being done over. The LNP have a shocking track record when it comes to ensuring contracted out jobs aren’t seeing workers ripped off. There’s a very recent example, but there’s plenty of others.

What assurances as Councillors do we have that these workers won’t get ripped off like HCL IT staff, whose wages were stolen? All the staff at the Pig ‘N’ Whistle, a Council-owned facility in the mall. The ferry staff, of course. Under the LNP, no worker is safe. We’ve also got contracting out of carpentry services. These are for jobs that are big and small on Council-owned buildings and facilities, so this is carpentry work that Council requires doing on Council-owned facilities. That would be carrying out planned maintenance each and every year and responding to emerging issues.

Now, this is exactly the kind of work that Council should be doing in-house where they’re supporting the training of apprentices and employing tradespeople. This contract is for $2.2 million. You can just imagine how many apprentices and ongoing staff you could employ with that ongoing money being used for contracting out of these basic services, and it is of course, I think, next week or maybe starting this week, National Apprentice Week. Here, we see an item before us today where this LNP Administration is contracting out opportunities for apprentices to get a start here in Brisbane City Council, quite shameful of the LNP.

There’s a contract for bus driver amenities chemical upgrades. They always put funny names to try and throw you off the scent. They don’t really describe exactly what this is for, when it’s described as bus driver amenities chemical upgrades. Two years ago, Labor Councillors, alongside the RTBU, raised the issue of drivers being forced to use portable chemical toilets that weren’t up to standard. They were dirty, they were broken, and in some cases, they were dangerous. The LNP laughed off this issue. I just heard Councillor MURPHY have a little giggle then. I remember how they laughed and laughed about bus drivers not having adequate toilet facilities back then. The LORD MAYOR even went so far as to make toilet jokes and deride people—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: —at the time. Well, two years later—two years, it’s taken this LNP Administration to finally do something—we’re seeing a contract to supposedly upgrade these facilities. They’re still not permanent toilet facilities for our drivers, but at least this is something, I suppose, but you have to ask yourself, why should it take two years? Why should it take workers to continually raise these problems? Why should it take political pressure and Councillors bringing photos of these facilities into this Chamber and tabling them for the LNP to finally say, oh, all right, we will provide toilet facilities as a human right to our bus drivers?

Just, you know, it’s a basic human right and it’s a disgrace. I couldn’t help but noticing, of course, the contract. We’ve had one of these before, a contract for project management for an external contract, so they’re getting another external contractor in to project manage an external contract. This one is for the fit out of Council’s CBD offices. I assume that’s the Brisbane Square fit out just up the road.

You would think that, in an organisation of 9,000 odd people here in Brisbane City Council, that we would have one person on the books, a permanent employee that works for Council who’s carrying out Council’s duties, who would be able to project manage, but I guess when you spend the last 20 years with a political policy of contracting out as much as you possibly can, we’ve got to the point now where there are multiple contracts getting external contractors to come in and manage other external contracts. It is absolutely crazy. It’s no wonder, when you look at all these, that rates are at record highs, but residents aren’t seeing a good return on that money out in the suburbs.

I’ve saved the last two clangers for the end, Chair. The contract for, publicly, an undisclosed amount of money for a company to provide data sets to find short-term rental accommodations in Brisbane. Now, this is the culmination, of course, this contract, of Adrian SCHRINNER’s plan to ease the housing crisis in Brisbane. This was the one and only action he was taking, was to increase rates on short-term rental accommodation, Airbnbs and the like. When asked what he was doing to play his role in addressing the housing crisis, he said that Airbnb tax was a way of getting those short-term rentals back into the long-term rental market.

Now, we’ve read with interest a few days ago in an article that there were 394 properties had been picked up using this data and will now pay 50% higher rates. Council is now receiving around, according to those reports, $440,000 more in rates revenue this year and, of course, $440,000 more in rates revenue each and every year if those properties remain in that category, but we were assured at the time that this wasn’t about revenue. In fact, the Finance Chair, Councillor CUNNINGHAM, declared that she would be happy if this new rating category didn’t raise a single dollar, but we’re seeing now it’s raising $440,000.

Chair: Councillor CASSIDY, your time has expired.

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At that point, Councillor Jared CASSIDY was granted an extension of time on the motion of Councillor Kara COOK, seconded by Councillor Charles STRUNK.

Chair: Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair. Was this rates category really about more rates? It’s not clear yet because it’s been many months now since the LORD MAYOR’s budget, seven or getting on seven months later now. This new rating category was brought in and these properties have been issued rates notices now. You’d imagine one was self-nominated, a couple of dozen were dobbed in by neighbours, and the bulk of these were done through data harvesting, which we’ve, of course, paid for. We can’t say how much, though, because that’s all commercial-in-confidence.

So, was this really, I suppose, a question for the LORD MAYOR to answer? Was this really about getting more private rentals in the market or was it about revenue? He needs to be able to tell us now how many of those 394 properties that are identified using this contract have been returned to the private market, because you can assume what this policy was supposedly all about was encouraging the owners of those properties to get that higher bill, to immediately ring Council and say, we’re going to stop renting these out as Airbnbs and we’re going to get them back into the private rental market. If he can’t deliver on that, then the sum total of his response to the housing crisis has failed.

So, he has an opportunity today in summing up in his E&C remarks and answering a very simple question. How many of those properties have now been returned to the private rental market? Because apparently—well, if he can’t answer that, there’s something very disturbing there. If he won’t answer it, then we know that that was more about revenue raising than that was about responding to the housing crisis at all. Of course, there’s a whole lot of confusion in the LORD MAYOR at the moment. He seems a bit panicked in his approach to a lot of things, but there will be a lot of confusion about what Council’s role can be—and Council can do a lot—in the absence of a housing strategy.

We heard today that, apparently, Councillor ALLAN’s been working on this housing strategy. We don’t know when he started. That was, of course, promised back in 2019. We know from a file request and looking at that file, it was about that thick, that file, because it had one document in it where there was a bit of background research done by some Council officers, and no intervention by the LNP Administration about progressing a housing strategy at the end of last year. So, presumably, over Christmas, maybe they’ve done a bit of work and they will announce something, but in the absence of a leader who has a vision for the suburbs of Brisbane, this is the kind of response we will continue to get, this small, piecemeal approach where he is trying to plug up holes left, right and centre without any broad vision for the people of Brisbane.

Finally, the Transport and Infrastructure Futures Board. I’m surprised that the LORD MAYOR didn’t talk about this one, because a few of his friends are on it, are being appointed by him to serve on this Board. Now, last time this item came to Council, it was at a cost of $250,000, which was bad enough because, at the time, that of course was being used to feather the nests of LNP members and fellow travellers. Well, that cost has now blown out to $320,000 with LNP mates still being looked after. Michael Caltabiano was still on there, collecting his pay, and another LNP friend, John Cotter, has joined, as well.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: He is—yes. He is—maybe they’ll swap out.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: He is reported to have been on the LNP State Executive, and also an LNP fundraiser, an LNP fundraiser at all levels of the party, for Council campaigns as well as State and Federal campaigns, as well. I’m sure the—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: Perhaps the LNP want to take this contract seriatim and not vote on it because, clearly, that’s a conflict of interest in appointing your fundraiser to a publicly‑funded Board position so he can personally gain from that and pay for it. So, he is heavily involved in LNP internal politics. It’s not so clear what skills he brings to this Board, however, given the track record of transport and infrastructure projects under this LNP Administration, this Board is either giving bad advice or the LORD MAYOR isn’t taking it, but either way, residents are not getting good value for money here. To get a cushy job under this LNP Administration, you either need to be a former LNP politician or an LNP candidate or be an LNP fundraiser. It’s good if you can get it, I guess.

 Sometimes, I suppose, you can pause and wonder at why people are so roundly losing faith in politics and representative government quite rapidly in western democracies. I guess if you read through the LNP’s priorities laid out before us and particularly see very egregious things like that, giving your mates and fundraisers jobs—publicly-funded jobs, on boards like that. You get a very clear picture that this LNP Administration and their fellow travellers are in it for themselves and not for the people of Brisbane.

 A couple of local projects that the LORD MAYOR, mentioned, I’ll just mention briefly here as well. The Zillmere Library upgrade. A long time coming, I’m pleased to have campaigned on this upgrade at the last election and sought commitments from the LORD MAYOR and now see that lobbying is paying off for my community. This upgrade will service the growing community of Zillmere but it, of course, just scratches the surface down there.

The 2021 Census confirms that Zillmere is an area that still faces significant challenges and is riven with inequality. It’s an important area for me but also for Brisbane. With such rich cultural diversity and home to a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

 This community has so much potential and we hope that we can support them with a council after the next election, with a change of administration, a Labor council that can support them on the ground. We need a bigger, better community centre, the O’Callaghan Park master plan needs to be completed and we need more spent on local drainage, footpaths and parks in that part of the world.

 The Shorncliffe Escarpment project is one that is welcomed by the community and is being funded by the Federal Government. The small section that this funding covers will see a great community benefit. The strong feedback I’ve received from local residents is that not enough ongoing, basic maintenance is being carried out on the rest of the escarpment. The escarpment has not been managed properly for too long and it takes more than a business-as-usual approach of funding that the LNP continue to offer.

 Time and again when these issues are raised, the answer is the same. The LORD MAYOR hasn’t allocated enough money in his budget for ongoing maintenance. We need a better approach in Council. If the LORD MAYOR is willing—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: —story, right?—everywhere across the city in terms of basic maintenance. So if the LORD MAYOR is willing to allocate an additional $400 million to his inner city Metro project, he must be willing to spend a few million more on suburban parks and open spaces and give the people of Brisbane the kind of service they deserve.

 Clause D, the Gardner Road project. There’s not a lot of information, that was provided by the public speaker today, included in the papers before us today to make a decision on.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor CASSIDY: You know, we know at face value, any resumption can be traumatic and we have seen recently a number of resumptions that are being challenged on various grounds. You certainly hope the negotiations are being handled fairly and there is a decent outcome for everyone involved. Sometimes resumptions are absolutely necessary and unavoidable as well. But from—and on paper they’re a very easy exercise for E&C to look at this. They look at a map and they see a drawing and a line, they can make a decision and traffic planners and project engineers can look at this.

 But there is a real human face to all of this and we heard that earlier today. Given that extra information—we perhaps would have supported this item going through today. Even with the assurances that Councillor WINES is going to look at some information that is provided while the project still continues, I don’t think is good enough, given what we have learnt today. So this is now an item that we won’t be supporting.

 Whether now—the question isn’t whether there will be fair and decent outcome for the people who are involved in having their properties or part of their properties resumed, it’s whether they are required at all. So I think that needs to be looked at further. So we can’t support that item today.

 Clause E is the LGIP (Local Government Infrastructure Plan) amendments. So this item is for specific amendments to the City Plan to ensure the currency of certain policies. Some of the things covered include dog parks, wood barbecues, shade over playgrounds, standards for park embellishments et cetera.

 The proposed changes are going to now, as we see, be consulted alongside the LGIP 1B amendment which went through Council in November last year—sounds ominous. It seems a bit strange that this item’s brought through now and wasn’t included with those LGIP amendments last year. Because it seems almost like the Administration realised these policies needed to be updated to progress the amendments to the LGIP that needed to be consulted on.

 So the consultation on the LGIP now has been delayed. It was dealt with in this Council Chamber in November last year. The consultation has now been delayed because of the delay in the update to these policies.

 Now our concerns with the LGIP were well litigated last year. So I certainly won’t be going into too much of that at the moment. The process around the LGIP, what’s included and what’s not.

Chair: Councillor CASSIDY, your time has expired.

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At that point, Councillor Jared CASSIDY was granted an extension of time on the motion of Councillor Kara COOK, seconded by Councillor Charles STRUNK.

Chair: Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Won’t be a record. So those concerns were litigated. The process of what’s included and what’s left out left a lot to be desired for residents who are seeing their rates go up to record high levels. But are seeing a lot less for that rates’ money out in the suburbs. We worry that these policies changes will be hollow too.

 Clause F, the minor amendments to City Plan. These amendments seem minor on paper when you go through the volumes of attachments there and we’ve heard one of those is around the requirements around rooming accommodation. There is an enormous amount of attachments provided and that’s fair enough, there’s lots of changes throughout those codes and those sections of City Plan.

 On face value they reflect zoning changes in some circumstances and code change in others, but in many places, little explanation is provided. There’s many changes to acceptable and performance outcomes relating to code changes, but what those outcomes mean in reality for residents isn’t made clear in the proposed amendments at all. There’s just a standard note against all of them which says the exact same thing and doesn’t explain what is changing.

 So we have learnt, on this side of the Chamber, like the people of Brisbane, you simply can’t trust what the LNP say when it comes to amendments to City Plan. Therefore we won’t be voting in favour of these amendments.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further debate.

 Councillor LANDERS.

Councillor LANDERS: Thank you, Chair, and I rise to speak on item C and the Zillmere Library. One of the first events I attended and was very lucky to celebrate the opening of the Bracken Ridge Library in November of 2019 with the LORD MAYOR. It was a very welcomed and fantastic upgrade that the community has embraced.

 So at that time I felt that residents in Zillmere and the surrounds could also benefit from upgrades to the Zillmere Library. So before the last election, in December 2019, I created an online petition to harness community support from the residents. In fact I requested it in my very first newsletter.

 So, of course, libraries are well-loved community hubs and Zillmere Library is no different. Obviously it’s more than books that we now borrow from the library. So this maintenance and upgrade was very important. So I was delighted when the new refurbishment plan was announced.

 2021-22 budget saw the design phase and we are now beginning this month, the structural works. The refurbishment will include a new entrance, a vibrant new children’s area, a dedicated young adult area, upgraded public toilets and amenities, improved seating for study and reading, upgrades to internal finishes, including new carpet, furniture and feature lighting and improved external landscaping. One of the unique and exciting changes to the external landscape will be the establishment of a bush tucker garden, which is something I’m very passionate about.

 Community and cultural heritage advisers from the local area have been engaged in consultation for the design. This project has received financial assistance through the State Library of Queensland. Chair, I’m very excited that works are beginning this month and I know that all Councillors value our libraries and will join me in supporting this exciting upgrade.

Chair: Further debate?

 Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, thank you, I rise to speak on all of the items in the E&C report today. Firstly, can I just make some comments on the three contract and tendering reports. Like Councillor CASSIDY I also noticed that the LNP has been very slack in bringing through their statutory obligations to disclose contracts publicly via this Council. There’s just no excuse for that.

 They have an E&C meeting that lasts approximately 30 minutes once a week. So it’s not like they’re out of time in making sure that these reports are brought through in a timely way. We met well into December so there is absolutely no reason why the October and certainly the November reports could not have been brought through before this date.

 Of course it’s now mid-February because the LORD MAYOR cut Council meetings so he could go on an overseas junket. So it’s really not good enough that these contracts are only being disclosed, in some cases, five months after they were entered into.

 There are a number of issues in the reports themselves and I too noted on page 6 that a number of LNP people are getting a rails run, without any kind of accountability, for their appointment to the Transport and Infrastructure Futures Board. There’s no minutes, there’s no actions, there’s no outcomes. Yet these people are going to be paid hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of them LNP mates. Which I think is very problematic.

 There is no reason to have this board, the LORD MAYOR could save $320,000 and invest that in any kind of flood relief, road upgrades—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: —footpath upgrades, backflow valves, stormwater drainage. Helping natural disasters here and overseas. But instead a number of LNP mates are being paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, unnecessarily, in my view, and I don’t support it. So that is not acceptable.

 I did note the extraordinary amounts of money going into the LNP libraries. $11.6 million for Everton Park and $1.5 million for Zillmere. I listened—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: Is it? Oh, I thought—

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, I thought Councillor LANDERS said it was her library.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: Well, I note that Councillor GRIFFITHS has just left the Chamber. But I’m sure he’d agree with me that we’d just like a little bit of action on Annerley Library. I mean it’s that old, that tiny—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: —and it’s—yeah, well, yep.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Come on. Yes, Councillors please.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: There’s been too much interjecting across the floor. I ask all Councillors to observe the proper processes please.

Councillor JOHNSTON: That was actually Councillor ADAMS screaming across the Chamber at me while I was speaking.

Chair: Councillor—

Councillor JOHNSTON: She did it twice.

DEPUTY MAYOR: Point of order.

Councillor JOHNSTON: I note that she’s—

Chair: Point of order to you Councillor ADAMS.

Councillor JOHNSTON: —not been called out by name when she does it.

Chair: Councillors, I’ve pointed out all sides have been not observing the proper processes in this place. I ask you all to do so please.

DEPUTY MAYOR: I ask that that is recognised that that was a mistruth that Councillor JOHNSTON just verballed that I screamed across.

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, there’s been an objection to the use of the word screaming, will you withdraw that observation?

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: What would you call that, then?

Chair: I’m just referring—

Councillor JOHNSTON: Mr Chairman, how would you describe Councillor—

Chair: It’s not up to me to—

Councillor JOHNSTON: How would you describe it?

Chair: It’s not up to me to make a description of it.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Come on, how would you describe it if that’s not what it was?

Chair: It’s not up to me to describe it, Councillor JOHNSTON.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: Right.

Chair: I’m pointing out to you that there was an objection raised by another Councillor.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: If you don’t withdraw, that’s fine, thank you. Please proceed.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, so I know that Councillor GRIFFITHS would agree with me, all we want’s a little bit of money for the Annerley Library, which has been neglected by this LNP Administration for years and years and years. I note that Councillor LANDERS stands up and says it’s great that we have all these wonderful libraries in Brisbane. But she’s not prepared to support ones that are outside her ward—other than, apparently, in Councillor—in Deagon Ward, in Councillor CASSIDY’s ward. So I don’t know what’s going on there.

 Very briefly there are a couple of other issues in here. There’s a significant amount of money going to sports field renovations, $4.8 million. It’s unclear to me whether than includes Gordon Thomson Oval at Chelmer, but that’s something that I’ll be following up on. Despite that being announced as a budget project this year, very little seems to have happened.

 With respect to item D which is the Gardner Road extension process. That’s been taken seriatim—project, sorry. That’s been taken seriatim. I don’t support proceeding with that after listening to the speakers earlier today. Obviously we need some more information and that’s obviously of great concern to those residents.

 Item E, the planning scheme changes for the Local Government Infrastructure Plan. This is the parks one. This is really odd what’s going on here. Firstly, I want to put on the record that I don’t support the LORD MAYOR’s decision to get rid of wood-fired barbecues in this city. Over many, many years the LORD MAYOR has consistently removed wood-fired barbecues from Council parks and not replaced them.

 There’s one in my ward in Rollinson Park in Yeronga and Council is taking out the wood-fired barbecue but not replacing it. I know this is an issue Councillor STRUNK has raised on many occasions before here. But today Council policy is being changed to completely write out wood-fired barbecues out of Council’s policy.

 To me, you know that’s a pretty sad kind of situation. Because if there was going to be a viable alternative, that would be great. But there’s not because this LNP Administration refuses to replace old barbecues and that is incredibly disappointing. So I don’t support the LORD MAYOR’s decision to remove wood-fired barbecues by essentially airbrushing them out of Council policy altogether.

 There are a number of other issues in here that are really—I don’t know what Council is thinking with this. Because what Council is saying in the policy before us today is absolutely 100% at odds with what our local—can’t even call them Parks Officers anymore because they don’t exist—but local Council officers say to us. So Council is actually, finally saying that shade provision is a key consideration in playground design. Well I’ve been here 15 years and if I do a new playground, a shade sail is a critical part of that. I can’t believe Council’s just deciding it’s a good idea to put it into policy today, it’s a little bit too late,

 But the bigger problem is that Council is continuing to say that the use of advanced stock—so trees—should be planted to provide natural shade for playgrounds. Now every single playground I’ve got, Council officers want to move out from underneath trees. Robinson Park, Fairfield, I’m having a battle with them at the moment. I want to keep playgrounds where there is natural shade.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor JOHNSTON: That’s what this policy is actually saying. But what Council is actually doing is moving them out, away from under the trees. The reason they’re doing that is because roots are impacting on safety, understandable. But here we are enshrining into this policy that we are going to be planting more trees around playgrounds. Whilst being told as a matter of only weeks ago, that ‘no Councillor, you can’t keep your playground there because there are trees there’.

 I do not understand what Council is doing with respect to this. It says here that the trees should be selected to—so they’re not toxic, they have non‑invasive roots. Well great, non-invasive roots. I’d love to see that. I’d love to see a tree that roots don’t have some impact on the ground, it’s just not possible. That we have to be—acceptable leaf litter, fruit fall, they have to be climate resilient. They have to be consistent with the surrounding landscape.

 Now look, I am all for trees around playgrounds, but the big problem here is what the LNP are saying in this policy is not what they are doing, as of just a couple of weeks ago, in this city. So I would like someone to explain what the new policy is around trees, why I am being forced to move playgrounds in my ward out from under natural shade, when that does not comply with Council policy and this is the policy, because that’s not acceptable.

I can tell you I’m going to go back now, right now, to our PPI (Program Planning and Integration) officers and say hang on a minute, you know when you told me I had to move Robinson Park playground upgrade out into the sun? Not doing that, I don’t have to, Council policy says you can have trees and you can have playgrounds under trees. So I don’t know what’s going on here but there’s a mismatch between what Council says it’s doing and what it’s actually doing. Finally, with respect to item F.

**Seriatim - Clause F**

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| Councillor Nicole JOHNSTON requested that Clause F, MINOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO BRISBANE CITY PLAN 2014 – PACKAGE M, be taken seriatim for voting purposes. |

Councillor JOHNSTON: Firstly in August 2020 I moved a motion to prevent rooming accommodation—to start changes to City Plan to prevent rooming accommodation. The Deputy Mayor the time stood up and absolutely bagged me, blocked that motion from being considered and then voted against it.

She said at the time there was a Housing Policy coming, it’s never come. Two and a half, nearly three years later and there is nothing from this LNP Administration. Now they’re working hand in glove with George Street and the ALP to force boarding houses into low density areas and character residential areas in this city and I—

Chair: Councillor—

Councillor JOHNSTON: —do not support it.

Chair: —JOHNSTON, your time has—you’ve finished your time. Thank you very much.

 Councillor LANDERS.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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| **382/2022-23**At that time, 3pm, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Sandy LANDERS, seconded by Councillor Sarah HUTTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of 15 minutes, to commence only when all Councillors had vacated the Chamber and the doors locked.Council stood adjourned at 3.03pm. |

**UPON RESUMPTION:**

Chair: The mic is now on. Thank you Councillors.

 Further debate on the E&C recommendations report, please.

 Councillor ATWOOD.

Councillor ATWOOD: Thank you, Chair. I’m very excited to talk about items A and C in this week’s E&C report, but I don’t know where to start, with my gratitude or excitement. Like all good things, it takes a few years to get to where we are today and it wouldn’t have been possible without a few amazing people.

 Firstly, I want to thank our LORD MAYOR and Councillor DAVIS. Thank you so much for believing and supporting in this vision. When we started designing the Murarrie Recreation Reserve upgrade the budget, let’s just say, was a little bit smaller. But over the years we could all see the potential of attracting local and international cycling events to Brisbane and the huge economic benefit it would have for our community.

 We could also see the opportunities for our juniors to train and advance their skills to hopefully one day be standing on the podium at the 2032 Olympics, right here in Brisbane and the opportunity for local cyclists to ride off the road on a dedicated cycling track, to provide a safer option for so many to train or to have a leisurely ride with others.

 I also wanted to say a very big thank you to Helena from our City Projects Office. You have designed this project within an inch of perfection, transforming the Murarrie Recreation Reserve into the Brisbane International Cycle Park. You are an incredible officer to work with, you took all of mine and the community’s feedback on board and together we’ll soon have one of the best cycling facilities in Australia.

 Now to my excitement. Works are starting at the reserve this Thursday, which include a new dedicated cycle track separated from the walking track. Why I’m so excited is because this is probably the most complaints I ever got in my office. Cyclists going 70 kilometres an hour, dodging pedestrians, people on their scooters, like younger kids on scooters or bikes, dogs trying to bite the wheels. Bike riders hated it and pedestrians also hated it. So to have them separated is amazing.

 So this amongst many other things, will make the Murarrie Recreation Reserve an international cycle track and one that we should all be so proud of. So from the bottom of my heart I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has supported this incredible project. The people of Doboy, thank you.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Further speakers?

 Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Thanks, Chair. I rise to speak on item D, the Rochedale project. I’ll speak on the planning amendments in terms of short-term accommodation and—rooming accommodation, sorry. Yes, might just briefly start though by talking about the contract in terms of the data gathering to identify short-term accommodation properties. Because I think yes, Councillor CASSIDY was perhaps—I don’t know—I guess I disagree with you slightly that it’s necessarily a bad thing for the Council to be raising revenue via rates from transitory accommodation properties.

 I think reasonable people can probably argue about what the Administration’s main objectives were in introducing the new ratings category. I believe they probably were intended to discourage transitory accommodation in certain areas. But it’s pretty obvious that the rates’ increases haven’t been high enough to encourage landowners to do that. I would suggest to the DEPUTY MAYOR and the Chair of Finance and other relevant decisions makers, that for the coming Council budget, it would be appropriate to increase the rates significantly for that class of property or that category of land use.

 The increase that was introduced last time round simply hasn’t been high enough to shift the behaviour of property investors. I think, DEPUTY MAYOR, there’s an obligation on the part of Council here to ensure that accommodation that was designed as long-term residential housing is not converted into short-term hotel uses on a massive scale.

 I was interested to see the figures for this particular data gathering contract because I had a mate do this himself, like a volunteer was able to scrape the data to identify the thousands of Airbnb properties that are being rented across the Brisbane LGA (local government area). Like we don’t need to spend thousands of dollars to do that sort of thing and identify which properties are Airbnb.

We literally just did it with a couple of volunteers and a bit of IT programming skill. So I found it funny that we have to spend a lot of money on identifying these properties. But I do think it’s probably a worthwhile exercise to be a bit more through in identifying them.

I’ve reported several to the Council. My greatest disappointment has actually been that the Council says look, the land is zoned for—the land zoning would permit short-term accommodation here. So even though the building wasn’t designed for short-term accommodation, we’re going to allow it to continue as a lawful use. I think that’s disappointing.

Through you, Chair, to Councillor ALLAN I would encourage the City Planning team to look into that because I think there’s a mistake occurring there where buildings which weren’t designed for short-term accommodation, the Council is still allowing them to be used for Airbnb housing if the zoning of that site permits it.

So you could literally rent out an old shack or like a tin shed on Airbnb. As long as it’s in the particular zoning for mixed use or a zoning that allows short‑term accommodation, Brisbane City Council is allowing that tin shed to be rented out on Airbnb. So there’s a clear problem there in terms of how the City Plan interacts with the enforcement and the building compliance frameworks, et cetera.

Turning to item D. I have been—held and expressed concerns about this project for quite some time. Those concerns were only amplified today when we heard about the impacts that this resumption will have on at least one family and how poorly City Projects has gone about negotiating land resumptions.

It’s interesting reading the business case, where in evaluating the costs and benefits of the project, the business case itself suggests that objections to land resumptions are not particularly likely. In making that assumption, that factors into the cost benefit analysis of the project as a whole. So City Projects and whoever’s put this business case together, they’re saying oh well the project is worth doing and the benefits outweigh the costs. One of the reasons it keeps the cost down is that there won’t be strong objections to land resumptions, that’s in the business case.

Turns out there are strong objections to the land resumptions and that’s going to have an impact on the timelines of the project, it’s going to drag things out. But I can say, for the record, that the Greens don’t support this project. If we did have balance of power in the Chamber, we would do everything we could to stop it proceeding in its current form.

I acknowledge that some improvements to the local road network are necessary, but I don’t think a wholesale widening of Priestdale Road is necessary. I think there are other options that should have been given greater consideration. In particular the business case doesn’t talk about alternatives such as improving local public transport services to take people out of their cars.

The traffic modelling essentially says okay, there are this many more people moving into the area. Therefore there are going to be this many more cars on the local road network. Therefore we have to widen the road. Rather than saying look, there are more people moving into the area, but we could put more bus routes on and that would mean not quite so many people have to drive.

But the Council’s own business case doesn’t explore those alternative options. It simply says we have to widen the road. I think that’s a great shame. I think it means the Council is wasting money on an unnecessary project. Yes, I empathise with the residents who are losing a pretty significant chunk of their home. It’s like their entire yard basically, it’s not a particularly long property.

I’m also concerned about the vegetation that’s being removed. Because there are quite a few large trees, I would describe them as significant trees, in the front yard that are being removed as part of this road widening, or as part of this resumption. I think it’s a great shame that probably the greenest yard in that little precinct is going to be denuded of trees.

I guess I’d also just remind the Administration that the long-term future of our city is not car-based transport. The long-term future for our city, particularly in the outer ‘burbs, is to be improving public and active transport connections. We can do that without widening roads and we can do that without resuming more properties.

So yes, I’m very disappointed that Council insists on proceeding with this resumption. I think there are viable alternatives. I don’t think the project is necessary, I don’t support it and if I had the power to do so I would pull funding from this project.

I did also have a question for the Chamber, which is how many people in this Chamber have actually read all the documents for Clause D? Could we have a show of hands? How many people have read all 150 pages of that document? I see Councillor McLACHLAN put his hand up. He seems to suggest he actually read all 150 pages, I’m impressed, good on you.

I haven’t and I suspect that the vast majority of Councillors in this Chamber have not read all the documents relating to item D and the resumption. So what’s happening here is that Councillors are voting on whether to resume part of a person’s home without even taking the time to read the objection from the owner, without taking their time to familiarise themselves properly with the documentation.

So I think that’s pretty concerning from a process perspective. The Land Act, the acquisitions’ process presumes that local governments will be making an informed decision about whether land acquisitions are absolutely necessary, whether there genuinely aren’t any alternatives and whether the benefits outweigh the costs and negative impacts to residents.

But here we have a whole room full of City Councillors who are voting on whether or not to resume part of someone’s home without even having read all the documents. That’s, I think, a very concerning process that undermines the legitimacy of the acquisition itself and raises serious concerns about whether due process has been properly followed.

So yes, I hope that acquisition doesn’t go ahead. I hope the Council sees common sense and realises down the track that it’s not worth the money and it’s not worth the hassle. It’s not worth the delays to the overall project of having a long, protracted dispute with the relevant residents in court.

Finally, just on the question of rooming accommodation. I think this highlights the difficulty of centralised regulation and nuanced city planning that meets a complex city’s needs. Because to be honest, there are some areas where we do need to be a little bit more flexible and generous in terms of how rooming accommodation is defined.

I was interested to hear Councillor JOHNSTON’s comments because I know of many share houses in her electorate. Not rooming accommodation but share houses that have a single lease, that have more than five unrelated adults. So there might be six or seven people living in a five-bedroom house and that’s how they keep their rent affordable. That’s how they live in the inner southside.

But the rooming accommodation definitions as they currently stand actually make that kind of dwelling unlawful or in violation of the City Plan. I fell foul of this myself several years ago. Basically had to move out of my home because the City Plan said that I couldn’t live with my friends anymore. That was really crappy, that really sucked. So I think in that respect, this change that the State Government is bringing in actually has some positive benefits. It’s going to facilitate a more flexible approach to share housing.

I think the difference—and I would suggest to the Chair of City Planning and to the LORD MAYOR, that this is something that could be looked at in future if you are proposing to have a more nuanced definition of rooming accommodation, is that there is a significant difference between a household that has a single lease, where there are maybe six or seven people renting out that place versus a rooming accommodation that has many different leases for many different rooms. That’s the distinction—

Chair: Councillor—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: —we need to drill down into—

Chair: —SRIRANGANATHAN, your—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: —in terms of our definition.

Chair: —time has expired.

 Thank you, any further debate?

 Councillor OWEN.

Councillor OWEN: Thank you, Mr Chair. Mr Chair, I rise to speak on items B and C and for my colleagues on this side of the Chamber, I think they will be very aware of what I’m going to be speaking on. In particular, in item C it’s the subsection item 15. In item B, it’s item 1.

 They both relate to the Wadeville Street project which is certainly a very important one. So we’ve had Stage 1A which was the Wadeville Ritchie Road intersection, which was outside the Pallara State School but Stage 1B is on Wadeville Street where it intersects with Parkwood Drive.

 Now this is a very important intersection for the suburbs of Heathwood and Pallara and particularly over the last three years there has been substantial growth throughout both of those suburbs. We’ve also had a lot of new residents move into the area so they’ve come from areas outside the City of Brisbane and we do welcome them to our local community, but with this growth, we are also upholding the responsibility.

 We all know in this place that it is not easy to manage the infrastructure where there is a situation of rapid growth, because sometimes a suburb can grow much, much faster than the pace of the infrastructure. I do say that there has been, through the amendments that have come through in the LGIP and the LTIP (Long term infrastructure plans)—there’s been a fast-tracking of over $29 million worth of infrastructure.

Importantly on the Wadeville Ritchie corridor project, Stages 1A and 1B, the Council officers did a significant amount of work supporting what I was advocating and ensuring that the documentation, the business case, the designs were all prepared and submitted to the Federal Government through the LRCI (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program).

Now the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant came through for these two stages, 1A and 1B. We are, in the local community, extraordinarily grateful for that support and that funding from the Federal Government, to ensure that our Council projects that we can deliver on the ground are delivered sooner for our local community. The reason this is so important is because it enhances safety in a school precinct.

Now in item C we have the actual awarding of the contract to Doval and that is over $3.8 million. In item B we have the APA relocation cost. So for those of you who are not aware, we’ve had the oil and gas pipelines that run pretty much right through the centre of my ward. Quite a number of years ago we had the oil pipeline burst over at Algester and that oil pipeline has now been drained. But we still have the APA gas pipeline and because a lot of those underground services are right in the immediate corridor of where we need to do these road improvements, it is vitally important that we get this moving.

Now when I was out at Pallara State School yesterday afternoon for their school leaders induction, it was lovely to see that the construction team is on site and through you, Mr Chair, to Councillor WINES, they have set up their construction zone. They have started working on—there’s a big island that comes out that interferes with that smooth flow of the intersection. They have started some of the work on that. There is a lot of work that will be undertaken.

I would like to say to the Council officers that are working on this project a very big thank you for really understanding the important needs of the school. To make sure that during school drop-off and school pick-up there is no reduction in any of the vehicle lanes. To ensure that we have as smooth as possible a flow through that critical peak period of time, but also to make sure that those school students are immediately looked after in that timeframe because the last thing we need is heavy equipment going at the same time as when children are walking around.

Through you, Mr Chair, to Councillor WINES, I know that Stage 1A has been well received by the community, because there is now that safe pedestrian crossing—that supervised pedestrian crossing for those children to go from Pallara State School and cross on Ritchie Road.

So these are the important projects that the Schrinner Council is endeavouring to deliver for our local communities. It is not just about projects in the CBD. Whilst they are important and we have our walking connections by projects like the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge that we had the presentation in Transport Committee about this morning, these local projects out in the suburbs, in the southernmost part of this city, are just as equally important to our residents to make sure that these children and their families can get to and from the schools and to and from their different places within the suburbs as well.

Now Councillor WINES, though you, Mr Chair, I do say that one of the other added bonuses of this intersection upgrade is certainly one that Councillor MURPHY is well aware that I’ve been advocating for. That is the new bus services that are generating through that precinct as well. So we now, finally have a Pallara bus as a result of a lot of advocacy and I can say that the 126 service is getting well patronaged. There are also now two Pallara State School buses, the 803 and the 804.

Having this traffic intersection at Wadeville Street and Parkwood Drive signalised, is going to permit a very, very smooth flow of traffic because having that timed regulation of the traffic means that people are able to go through that intersection in a safe, controlled and courteous manner.

Now that is very important when we are talking about school zones and I think that this is a project that we have worked very hard with the officers on. I would like to place on the record my thanks for all of the officers that have worked on this project and that will continue to work on this project because their diligence, their professionalism and their consideration for my local community is absolutely obvious when they come out to meet with the stakeholders.

So they’ve had meetings on site with the school’s executive team. Can I say that they—the school’s executive team are very appreciative of the time and effort that the Council officers have put into ensuring that the communication process is clear, that the project timelines are explained and any concerns that have been raised have been addressed.

So through you, Mr Chair, I’d just like to say big thank you to the Council officers and it’s great to have this project kicking off. I fully expect that when we have that turn on of the traffic lights that there will be a lot of people in the community very happy. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further debate?

 Councillor CUMMING.

Councillor CUMMING: Thanks, Mr Chair. I’ll be fast—I’ll be quick. Contract on page 409, the George Clayton Park playground at Manly. Incidentally, George was Alderman of the area from 1952 to 1967 and started the great 71-year reign of Labor in Wynnum Manly. I’m sure there’ll be many more years to come.

 This playground would probably be described as ageing these days but I reckon it was built first when I was in Council, so that was about 25 years ago. There was talk—well it was discussed with Council officers about what was going to go into the project. There was talk of a second-hand Liberty Swing being available, that’s the special swing for disabled children. I understand that is going to be part of the redevelopment. The LORD MAYOR’s flyer that he put out around the Wynnum Manly area in recent times does appear to show a Liberty Swing, so that’s good.

 The other part of the playground needing renewal is the lighthouse and I’ll be keen to see whether it’s brought up to standard as well. My own children enjoyed the lighthouse when they were young. It’s a—of course it’s not a real lighthouse, it’s a make-believe lighthouse and it’s got nice views out over the bay. It’s good exercise climbing up and down the steps inside the lighthouse—the staircase in there.

 The other contract I wish to refer to is B8 on page 9. This is a very well‑located playground, adjacent to the Wynnum Junior Rugby League leased area. Next to the Wynnum Manly Ward’s greatest sporting complex, which is Kitchener Park. In my experience, playgrounds situated close to sporting fields are heavily utilised as the younger children can play on them whilst their brother or sister are training on the main field next door.

 I have playgrounds in Wynnum at the Vikings, an Aussie Rules Club at Wynnum West, the Wynnum Rugby Union Club and Bayside United Football Club and they’ve always been a great success. I pushed for a flying fox and some exercise equipment to be included as part of this playground upgrade and that is occurring. So I look forward to this playground being completed in the near future.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor HUANG.

Councillor HUANG: Thank you, Mr Chair. I rise to speak on item B of the E&C report on the Gardner Road extension resumption. This seems like a no brainer to me to support further infrastructure investment in a growing suburb like Rochedale. Just as Councillor WINES stated earlier, land resumption can be an unpleasant and uncomfortable part of the infrastructure investment in our city.

 We know it can be very difficult, emotional time especially for those long‑term residents who have to sacrifice part of their lifestyle for the betterment of our city as a whole. I sincerely thank those who have contributed to the process. But I wonder how the local Labor State Member, who has been advocating for road widening and providing more on-street parking for residents will react to Labor’s latest attempt to delay. I understand they are going to vote against the delivery of road widening to her area.

 As for Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN, I wonder how will your residents feel when they know you move a motion to delay bike infrastructure construction investment? The argument you just used against this item actually fits. Most of the projects in your own ward which you advocated for. So your arguments today make me feel more comfortable in voting against those projects in the future.

 Mr Chair, infrastructure investment is important to the growth of our city. I will continue to work with the local residents and of course with Councillor WINES in addressing the concerns raised but I think it is hypocritical and disgraceful for the Opposition to play politics over this project of citywide importance. So I urge everyone in the Chamber to vote for this item, thank you.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor STRUNK.

Councillor STRUNK: Thank you, Mr Chair. I rise to speak on Clause A, specifically contracts and tendering, contract number 12, which is the Castamore Way Park Stage 2, construction of the playground. I wanted to speak on this one and I have spoken on this one on a couple of occasions but I wanted to put some more context to this park and how important this park is to the residents of Richlands. Specifically the residents that live along Progress Road, through to Garden Road and then from Government Road through to Garden Road.

 This development, or this playground is going to support a large number of units of accommodation, medium to low density, in other words townhouses, basically. Now this proliferation of townhouses has been happening for well over 10 years along this stretch of road, along Progress Road and Government Road.

 The greenspace that I and one of my team identified some years ago, we thought was just privately owned. We didn’t know Council even owned it until we were driving past one day and I said to one of my team well, what do you think? Maybe we should check on that before we—when we get back to the office and we did, and we found it was Council.

 So it was a green light for me in regards to trying to establish a park. Now this will be the only new park in my ward for the last seven years. We’ve had an enormous amount of growth in Doolandella and Ellen Grove and of course in Richlands as well. Being that this is the only new park, we just had to treat it with the respect that it was due, of course because we have hundreds and hundreds of families that are now currently living along that corridor. We will have hundreds and hundreds of more families when the full development of that stretch is realised.

I’ve seen plans for another one just not far away as well, which is all going to be in walking distance of this park. Now I say walking distance because that’s the only way you’re really going to be able to enjoy this park because there will be no parking almost in front of the park or inside the park. So this is a walking park, basically.

Now this park, unfortunately, will not have but will need a footpath from Government Road, down Castamore Way. Unfortunately, that development of houses along Castamore Way to that park has no footpath and of course the road itself is only about seven metres wide. So you can imagine, the people that park on that road at nighttime or whatever time through the day, there’s not a lot of safe space of people wanting to walk down to the park, when it gets established.

There is also missing links along Government Road. Yes, the developers along Government Road have been making that provision but there’s a lot of missing links. So again, we have Government Road, which is a rural road—has never been upgraded. We’re relying upon developers to do that and they have been doing that. But it doesn’t actually have a safe pathway through to this park and most of the accommodation that is being built, or has been built, is along Government Road and there is no other park available for the residents.

 So honestly, when the development that started happening along Progress Road and Government Road started happening well over 10 years ago. There was no provision, there was no provision and what was actually bought—eventually bought, of course—that piece of land, became the provision but there was no plan to develop it. Until we came along and said I want to spend $250,000 putting some playground equipment in this two-hectare greenspace. Then all of a sudden Council officers became very interested because I was putting some of my SEF (Suburban Enhancement Fund) funding into that and then everything happened after that.

 Now it’s important that we establish parks in those suburbs that are growing. Not necessarily spending—and shouldn’t be spending, hundreds or tens of millions of dollars establishing or redoing a park, like Victoria Park, before we do the basics; the basics in the suburbs, where the ratepayers live. Hundreds of people in my ward are going to use this park, once established, that will never go to Victoria Park, I’ll tell you that right now; or very few of them will, if they even know where it is.

 So we’ve got to start prioritising the suburbs and this is—the campaign that we’ve been running is the forgotten suburbs. Every time you turn around and have a look at this sort of a situation with town planning, you can see that this Administration and previous administrations—LNP administrations—have been ignoring the suburbs where they should be investing the money from the ratepayers who actually pay the money.

 So and then on top of that, as it was mentioned by the Opposition Leader, we get things like this. I bring this up because Castamore Way is in here. We get an update, a summer newsletter from the LORD MAYOR and you couldn’t get a bigger picture than that. We get—now that would have cost thousands of dollars. Honestly, I could have used that money to establish, which is going to be in Stage 3 of this park, for a flying fox and few other things like a barbecue as well. So could have used that money.

 We—I already went out online through Facebook and a newsletter—email‑based newsletter as well that I put out. Which cost Council no money at all, pretty much no money at all. They already knew about all this stuff that was in the summer update. So honestly, I don’t know why that had to be done. I could have used the money much more responsibly within this park.

 So the park, as I say, is two hectares. Beautiful plan for the park and we have two in—we have at least four stages that we’re going to be developing through the SEF funding and if there’s some capital works funding that will be terrific as well.

But we need to do more for those areas that do not have parks. Doolandella, which is quite near Pallara, which is getting a district park, which they deserve. But so do the people of Doolandella need a decent park and there’s been a small, little bit of greenspace that’s just off Redhead Street that we will be developing a park there as well. But it’s a very tiny little—probably wouldn’t even be an acre of land. There is a huge amount of development happening along that Redhead Street and some of the other streets as well.

 So really we need to invest in the suburbs. It doesn’t all have to be in the inner city areas, which is where we see the majority of the money that is invested, spent. Thank you, Chair.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor WINES.

Councillor WINES: Thank you, Mr Chair. I rise to discuss item D of the E&C report, the consideration of the Gardner Road extension project. It has been discussed at length in this place but I will make some key points. The Gardner Road proposal will carry up to 14,000 vehicles per day in 2031. Councillors should recognise the importance of this as a continuation of the work that we’ve done on Rochedale and Priestdale.

 This area is a growing area of the city. We carry—a lot of the new subdivisions for standalone dwellings will be in this part of the city. That’s why it’s necessary to improve infrastructure for it. There was an interesting criticism of the project, that it was for motor vehicles. It stands as a project that will vastly improve the active transport through that area, the bikeways and walking walkways, for our local residents to be able to use that area.

 Also, something that’s not been touched on is that this is a necessary response to some of the closures that the State Government, in particular, have brought in around the closure of School Road and other works around the South East Freeway and also the Metro work. So this road work is actually in many ways, a response to the needed improvements for our Metro system, a mass public transport system, and it massively improves the active transport.

 But I noticed that those things can be easily dismissed when it’s convenient for some members of the crossbenches and I find that really disappointing because you want people to engage in a meaningful way and for them to be consistent in the way that they view projects. That when a person was to claim that they support active and public transport, they would, but rather, because it’s convenient and easy and because they can look a person in the eye and say that they’re on their side, that they turn 180.

 I think it’s important to reflect on how easy it is for Opposition and crossbench Councillors to take the easy path and something that they do too often. But if you believe in improvements to public transport, if you believe in improvements to active transport and if you believe that normal people have a right to move around the way that they choose, then I think you should support this project. It’s that simple.

 It is necessary to connect the outer south-east. Councillor STRUNK makes a fine point about expenditure in our outer suburbs. I hope that he takes the spirit of his comments about parklands and reflects them upon this. This roadway needed for an equivalent—his south-western area, an equivalently distanced place from the centre of the city in the south-east.

 The public speaker, I have a great deal of sympathy for her circumstances. As a result I wanted just to table some documents just so that Councillors understand what is being discussed. So I table the concept proposal for the Gardner Road extension and the connections through Priestdale. Thank you.

 I also table an aerial view of the land proposed for resumption which indicates that the new boundary for the White family home will be consistent with the other rear boundaries of their neighbours. It also shows that in the past we have gone around their property. But to have a proper roadway and a proper active transport link, in particular, the land identified does stand out from the other properties and means that active transport cannot be an option if the land is not resumed. Thank you.

 This is a final piece of paper that indicates the approximate location of the new back fence. So I just wanted those to be submitted for consideration for Councillors so that people had a better understanding of what it was we’re talking about. As I say, we have engaged with the White family in a way that we would ordinarily do. We are consistently generous and forward in our dealings about resumption.

 As I say, it’s an unpleasant part of infrastructure programs and I empathise greatly with their circumstances. However, if we are going to have a transport system in all three senses, whether it be private vehicle, public vehicle or personal active, the land—if it’s not resumed, the project really can’t proceed in the active transport sense. Or it becomes very dangerous for active transport users and that should be an important consideration. It also vastly reduces the effectiveness of the private motor vehicle proposal.

 So can I ask Councillors to be consistent in the principles with which they ordinarily would stand in this place? Rather than take the easy way and support—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Will Councillor WINES take a question?

Councillor WINES: No.

Chair: Councillor WINES, will you take a question?

 No.

Councillor WINES: —support this proposal. That will do so much for the outer south-east and be an important part of our entire transport network.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor ALLAN.

Councillor ALLAN: Thank you, Mr Chair. I rise to speak on items E and F and to kick off, item E. Item E is amendments to two planning scheme policies associated with the Local Government Infrastructure Plan. The Infrastructure design plan scheme policy and the Transport access, parking and services planning scheme policy.

 As the LORD MAYOR said, both planning scheme policies cover a broad range of design standards and requirements for trunk infrastructure, including parks, roads and drainage. As well as infrastructure handed back over to Council as assets.

 Mr Chair, you may recall in November last year, Council undertook its five‑yearly review of our Local Government Infrastructure Plan. As such, these amendments are required to ensure our policies and design standards align with that review. This includes upgrading the specifications for parks, including ninja course embellishments, revised standards for dog off-leash areas and electronic barbecues as the preferred type of barbecue. We have also clarified car parking and active transport requirements, such as bike racks for the range of park types across Brisbane.

 As the LORD MAYOR indicated, we have bolstered the requirements for shade provision in our playgrounds, in line with industry best practice. This will ensure our planning scheme, and anyone who may undertake works on our playgrounds, are aware of our commitments to shade and shading all of our playgrounds over the next three years.

 It is proposed that consultation on these policy changes will be undertaken in line with the consultation from both LGIP and LTIP, which is anticipated to occur later this year. To Councillor CASSIDY’s point, consultation of the LGIP and LTIP amendment package will not be delayed. It is still with the State Government for the State’s first interest check. The State’s KPI meant that a response was due to Council on 23 January and to date we have not received a response.

 Moving on to item F, the minor amendment package M. In December the State made further changes to the planning regulation, specifically to rooming accommodation. While Councillor JOHNSTON isn’t in the room, she made much of Council working hand in glove with the State on this particular matter.

 Now the reality is that the State made the changes to the scheme without any warning and without any consultation with local governments across Queensland. In fact on the 2 December 2022, we received a letter from the State about this particular planning regulation change and guess when it became effective? On 2 December, the same day we got the letter.

 So look you know that’s not really working hand in glove. We would have liked to have been consulted on this. But any rate, any change to the planning regulation by the State Government requires significant time and resources to both understand and implement the change and reflect them in Council’s planning scheme.

 It is disappointing that Council was not part of the review process, especially when changes such as these can and will have significant impacts on our community and our local streets. Impacts such as safety, fire hazards and amenity concerns like car parking, waste and refuse collection are some of those concerns.

 As these regulations override any Council local planning scheme, a minor administrative amendment is required to ensure our City Plan maintains its currency and effectiveness. According to the State, the amendment is intended to streamline approvals for rooming accommodation to provide greater housing diversity in the Low density residential zone, the Low‑medium density residential zone and general residential zones across Queensland.

 It was rather interesting to note Councillor CASSIDY’s comments on this particular item because these particular changes are way more significant than the changes to the overlays. He actually made no comment whatsoever on this particular change.

 In terms of where we go with this now, this will give rise to an update to City Plan. We’ll be required to refine the regulation of small-scale rooming accommodation and dwelling houses in Low density residential zones and provide Statewide consistency in relation to the types of housing expected within residential zones. We will also allow for small-scale rooming accommodation uses that do not require planning approval such as a Material change of use in Low density residential zones where certain requirements can be met.

 It will also enable Council to require a planning approval for dwelling house developments in the High density residential zone and Medium density residential zone. So in essence, those zones that already are targeted for medium and high density, any changes there would require a Council approval. But where they’re occurring in Low density residential zones and Low-medium residential zones, there’s no requirement for Council to approve those.

 Further under this minor administrative amendment, there has also been updates to zoning and overlay maps to reflect current development approvals and recent ministerial infrastructure designations. It is proposed that the amended planning scheme changes will take effect from 10 March 2023 when City Plan is next updated. I commend both these items to the Chamber.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Chair: Further debate? Any further debate?

 LORD MAYOR would you like to sum up? No summing up?

 Okay, we’ve got items A, B, C and E to vote on the E&C recommendations for adoption. Voting on A, B, C and E. All in favour⎯

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: Sorry, I was just getting a hand signal that was—what was that, sorry?

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: No, that’s separately, seriatim.

 So, for the record, items A, B, C and E.

**Clauses A, B, C and E put**

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion for the adoption of Clauses A, B, C and E of the report of the Establishment and Coordination Committee was declared **carried** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Jared CASSIDY and Charles STRUNK immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **carried**.

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 19 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Adam ALLAN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

NOES: 1 - Councillor Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN.

ABSTENTIONS: 6 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK and Councillor Nicole JOHNSTON.

Chair: We’re now voting, Councillors, as you resume your seats, on item D in the recommendations report for adoption.

**Clause D put**

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion for the adoption of Clause D of the report of the Establishment and Coordination Committee was declared **carried** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Kara COOK and Nicole JOHNSTON immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **carried**.

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 19 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Adam ALLAN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

NOES: 7 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK, Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN and Nicole JOHNSTON.

Chair: We’re now voting on item F, item F in recommendations report for adoption, E&C report.

**Clause F put**

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion for the adoption of Clause F of the report of the Establishment and Coordination Committee was declared **carried** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Nicole JOHNSTON and Kara COOK immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **carried**.

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 19 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Adam ALLAN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

NOES: 1 - Councillor Nicole JOHNSTON.

ABSTENTIONS: 6 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK and Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN.

The report read as follows⎯

#### A CONTRACTS AND TENDERING – REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR OCTOBER 2022

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1. The Chief Executive Officer provided the information below.

2. Commercial-in-Confidence details have been removed from this report, highlighted in yellow and replaced with the word [Commercial-in-Confidence].

3. Sections 238 and 239 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (the Act) provide that Council may delegate some of its powers. Those powers include the power to enter into contracts under section 242 of the Act.

4. Council has previously delegated some powers to make, vary or discharge contracts for the procurement of goods, services or works. Council made these delegations to the Establishment and Coordination Committee and Chief Executive Officer.

5. The *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) was made pursuant to the Act. Chapter 6, Part 4, section 227 of the Regulation provides that:

1. Council must, as soon as practicable after entering into a contract worth $200,000 or more (exclusive of GST), publish relevant details of the contract on Council’s website.

2. The relevant details must be published under subsection (1) for a period of at least 12 months.

3. Also, if a person asks Council to give relevant details of a contract, Council must allow the person to inspect the relevant details at Council’s public office. ‘Relevant details’ is defined in Chapter 6, Part 4, section 227 as including:

a. the person with whom Council has entered into the contract

b. the value of the contract; and

c. the purpose of the contract (e.g. the particular goods or services to be supplied under the contract).

6. The contracts detailed in Attachment A (hereunder) represent contractual arrangements that Council has already entered into. The purpose of this report is not to consider making decisions about the contracts, rather for transparency of the decisions made on contracts entered into with a value greater than the threshold.

7. The Chief Executive Officer provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 12 December 2022.

8. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR OCTOBER 2022, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A**, hereunder.

**Attachment A**

| **Report of Contracts Accepted by Delegates of Council for** **October 2022** |
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| **Contract number/contract purpose/successful tenderer/comparative tender/price value for money (VFM) index achieved** | **Nature of arrangement/ estimate maximum expenditure** | **Unsuccessful tenderers/VFM achieved** | **Comparative tender price/s** | **Delegate/ approval date/start date/term** |
| **BRISBANE INFRASTRUCTURE** |
| **1. Contract No.100155-000****PROVISION OF ROAD SURFACES INVENTORY SOLUTION****Bentley Systems Pty. Limited – $751,203** | CPA (Corporate Procurement Arrangement) (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Annual lump sum**$751,203**(Over the maximum three‑year term) | Arrangement entered into under Exemption 11 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022‑23* which allows extensions of ICT support and maintenance arrangements beyond the original term where they continue to meet business requirements. | N/A (Not applicable)  | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**26.10.2022**Start**10.11.2022**Term**Initial term of two years with a maximum term of three years. |
| **2. Contract No. 511841****PROJECT RISK MANAGEMENT SOLUTION****Riskonnect Active Risk Pty. Limited – $453,875\***Achieved the highest VFM of 14.5*\*Comparative price normalised to cover implementation and initial as-a-service use over the maximum potential term of the contract.* | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$750,000** | *Shortlisted offers not recommended*Cura Risk Management Software Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 12.9C A Technology Pty Ltd trading as CAM Management SolutionsAchieved VFM of 9.9*Offers not shortlisted* Mojo Soup Pty Ltd\*\*Corporate Governance Risk Pty Ltd\*\*EPM Partners Pty Ltd as trustee for the EPM Partners Unit Trust\*\**Non-conforming offers*PriceWaterhouse Coopers and 6Clicks Pty Ltd (joint offer)RiskTools Pty LtdSAI Global Compliance Pty Ltd*\*\*Comparative price and VFM not applicable as shortlisting was based on the non-price score.* | $365,788\*$555,975\*N/A\*\*N/A\*\*N/A\*\* | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**19.10.2022**Start**27.10.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of five years. |
| **3. Contract No. 511849****PROVISION OF FIRE PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS SERVICES PANEL*****Category A – Survey for Overall Fuel Hazard Assessments*****Healthy Land and Water Ltd – $24,975**Achieved the highest VFM of 336***Category B – Significant Tree Surveys*****Biodiversity Australia Pty Ltd –$65,604**Achieved the highest VFM of 116***Category C – Bushfire Management Plans*****Healthy Land and Water Ltd – $86,184**Achieved the highest VFM of 97 | CPA (Panel Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$1,000,000** | ***Category A – Survey for Overall Fuel Hazard Assessments****Shortlisted offer not recommended*Ausecology Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 321*Offer withdrawn*GHD Pty Ltd***Category B – Significant Tree Surveys****Shortlisted offer not recommended*Ausecology Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 95*Offer withdrawn*GHD Pty Ltd***Category C – Bushfire Management Plans***Ausecology Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 89*Withdrawn offer*GHD Pty Ltd | $22,324$75,544$80,122 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**27.10.2022**Start**07.11.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of five years. |
| **4. Contract No. 511852****SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE FALLING WEIGHT DEFLECTOMETER****Dynatest A/S (Offer 1) – $312,900**Achieved the highest VFM of 20.1 | Lump sum**$312,900** | Dynatest A/S (Offer 2)Achieved VFM of 19.9Anditech Multiservices Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 12.3Foundation Mechanics Incorporated trading as Johnson Impulse Loading SystemsAchieved VFM of 4.4Intellitest Solutions Private LimitedAchieved VFM of 3.3 | $301,859$325,490$309,361$312,042 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**06.10.2022**Start**20.10.2022**Term**12 months |
| **5. Contract No. 511925****HANDRAIL REPAIRS AT NEW FARM RIVERWALK****Southern Stainless Pty Ltd – $353,161**Achieved VFM of 22 | Lump sum**$353,161** | One offer received. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**13.10.2022**Start**19.10.2022**Term**Eight months |
| **6. Contract No. 533443****SHORNCLIFFE ESCARPMENT PACKAGE 1 WORKS****Naturform Pty. Ltd.– $4,417,767**Achieved the highest VFM of 20 | Lump sum$4,417,767 | *Shortlisted offer not recommended*The Landscape Construction Company Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 18*Offer not recommended*HEH Civil Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 11 | $3,984,483$5,627,619 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**24.10.2022**Start**25.10.2022**Term**32 weeks |
| **7. Contract No. 533476****COLMSLIE BEACH RESERVE – PLAYGROUND UPGRADE (MURARRIE)****The Landscape Construction Company Pty Ltd– $1,371,503**Achieved the highest VFM of 59.42 | Lump sum**$1,371,503** | Naturform Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 55.51 | $1,485,934 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**12.10.2022**Start**21.10.2022**Term**34 Weeks |
| **8. Contract No. 533492****SCHOOL ENTRY UPGRADE – MARSHALLING AREA – BRISBANE BOTANIC GARDENS MT COOT-THA****Probuild Industries Australia Pty Ltd – $684,590**Achieved the highest VFM of 13.05 | Lump sum**$684,590** | Naturform Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 9.5The Landscape Construction Company Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 8.9J. Mac Constructions Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 8.4 | $912,932$939,241$961,669 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**26.10.2022**Start**14.11.2022**Term**16 Weeks |
| **9. Contract No. 533494****DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT GEORGE CLAYTON PARK PLAYGROUND (MANLY)****The Landscape Construction Company Pty Ltd – $395,895**Achieved VFM of 21 | Lump sum**$395,895** | One offer received. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**19.10.2022**Start**25.10.2022**Term**24 weeks |
| **10. Contract No. QW358941-5****BEAMS ROAD UPGRADE – TELSTRA RELOCATION WORKS (CARSELDINE)****Telstra Corporation Limited – $2,130,000** | Cost reimbursable price basis **$2,130,000** | Contract entered into under Exemption 3 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement if the marketplace is restricted by third-party ownership of a public utility plant asset. | N/A | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**05.09.2022**Start**31.10.2022**Term**24 weeks |
| **CITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **LIFESTYLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES** |
| **11. Contract No. 510665****HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTING SERVICES****Elissa June Farrow trading as About Your Transition****AltusQ Pty Ltd****Aphaea Athena Pty Ltd as trustee for The Hermes Unit Trust trading as Human Service Consultants****Australian Institute of Management Education and Training Pty Limited****Bendelta Pty Ltd****Bentleys (Qld) Pty Ltd****CAMRYD Holdings Pty Ltd trading as CAMRYD Management Consulting****Carole V. & Associates Pty Ltd****Chandler Macleod Group Limited****Ignite Limited****Benestar Group Pty Ltd** **Deborah Anne Johnston trading as Deborah Johnston Consulting****Eclipse Management Consulting Pty. Ltd.****HR Advantage Consulting Pty. Ltd.****Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Limited****Inspyr Pty Ltd****Lee Hecht Harrison Pty Limited****Maureen Therese Owen trading as Owen Consulting Services****Merit Solutions Pty Ltd as trustee for Merit Solutions Unit Trust****People and Performance Consulting Pty Ltd****Strategic Management Coaching Pty. Ltd. trading as Trevor-Roberts Associates****TMS Consulting** | CPA (Panel Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$855,337** | *Arrangement entered into without seeking competitive tenders from industry in accordance with Council’s SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23*. | N/A | **Delegate**E&C**Approved**10.10.2022**Start**01.11.2022**Term**12 months |
| **12. Contract No. 511836****PROVISION OF CITRIX NETSCALER APPLIANCES, SUPPORT AND SERVICES****MOQdigital Pty Ltd – $122,474**Achieved the highest VFM of 57.09 | Schedule of rates**$367,423** | Data#3 Limited.Achieved VFM of 52.56The trustee for The Teba Unit TrustAchieved VFM of 43.99Equate Technologies Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 40.12 | $123,979$122,757$126,492 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**26.10.2022**Start**01.11.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of fouryears. |
| **13. Contract No. 533565****PROVISION OF CUSTOMISED DATASETS TO IDENTIFY TRANSITORY ACCOMMODATION PROPERTIES****Deckard Australia Pty Limited –** [Commercial-in-Confidence] | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates[Commercial-in-Confidence] | *Arrangement entered into without seeking competitive tenders from industry in accordance with Council’s SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23*. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**21.09.2022**Start**01.10.2022**Term**Initial term of one year with a maximum term of two years. |
| **14. Contract No. 533604****EXCESS OF LOSS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION POLICY****Allianz Australia Insurance Limited –** [Commercial-in-Confidence] | Lump sum[Commercial-in-Confidence] | Not applicable as insurance contracts are negotiated on Council’s behalf by its insurance broker, Marsh Pty Ltd. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**19.10.2022**Start**31.10.2022**Term**20 months |
| **TRANSPORT FOR BRISBANE** |
| **15. Contract No. N/A****SERVICES FOR COUNCIL’S TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUTURES BOARD****Ms Carolyn Barker AM (Chair)****Mr Michael Caltabiano****Ms Julie Byth****Dr Dia Adhikari Smith****Mr John Cotter****Mr Graham Nell** | Monthly payments**$320,000**(over the maximum two‑year term) | Contract entered into under Exemption 14 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022 23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement of advisory board members. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**26.10.2022**Start**07.11.2022**Term**Initial term of one year with a maximum term of two years. |

**ADOPTED**

#### B CONTRACTS AND TENDERING – REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 2022

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9. The Chief Executive Officer provided the information below.

10. Commercial-in-Confidence details have been removed from this report, highlighted in yellow and replaced with the word [Commercial-in-Confidence].

11. Sections 238 and 239 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (the Act) provide that Council may delegate some of its powers. Those powers include the power to enter into contracts under section 242 of the Act.

12. Council has previously delegated powers to the Establishment and Coordination Committee and Chief Executive Officer, to make, vary or discharge contracts for the procurement of goods, services or works.

13. The *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) was made pursuant to the Act. Chapter 6, Part 4, section 227 of the Regulation provides that:

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b. the value of the contract; and

c. the purpose of the contract (e.g. the particular goods or services to be supplied under the contract).

14. The contracts detailed in Attachment A (hereunder) represent contractual arrangements that Council has already entered into. The purpose of this report is not to consider making decisions about the contracts, rather for transparency of the decisions made on contracts entered into with a value greater than the threshold.

15. The Chief Executive Officer provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 6 February 2023.

16. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 2022, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A,** hereunder**.**

**Attachment A**

| **Report of Contracts Accepted by Delegates of Council for November 2022** |
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| **Contract number/contract purpose/successful tenderer/comparative tender/price value for money (VFM) index achieved** | **Nature of arrangement/ estimate maximum expenditure** | **Unsuccessful tenderers/VFM achieved** | **Comparative tender price/s** | **Delegate/****approval date/start date/term** |
| **BRISBANE INFRASTRUCTURE** |  |  |  |  |
| **1. Contract No. 18579298-22-001****APA SERVICE RELOCATION – WADEVILLE STREET AND RITCHIE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS – STAGE 1B (PALLARA)****APA AM (Allgas) Pty Limited – $294,088** | Cost reimbursable price**$294,088** | Contract entered into under Exemption 3 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement if the marketplace is restricted by third-party ownership of a public utility plant asset. | N/A (Not applicable) | **Delegate**EM**Approved**07.11.2022**Start**02.12.2022**Term**26 weeks |
| **2. Contract No. 511951****ROAD NETWORK CONDITION CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO SUPPORT FLOOD IMPACT** **ASSESSMENT****Pavement Management Services Pty Ltd – $1,786,982**Achieved VFM of 4.6 | Schedule of rates**$1,800,000** | *Non-compliant offer*ARRB Group Ltd | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**09.11.2022**Start**15.11.2022**Term**15 months |
| **3. Contract No. 512033****TELSTRA ASSET RELOCATION – ADELAIDE STREET, BRISBANE****Telstra Corporation Limited – $202,878** | Cost reimbursable price**$202,878** | Contract entered into under Exemption 3 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement if the marketplace is restricted by third-party ownership of a public utility plant asset. | N/A | **Delegate**EM**Approved**03.11.2022**Start**10.11.2022**Term**10 weeks |
| **4. Contract No. 520944****NEW EVERTON PARK LIBRARY (EVERTON PARK)****Premis Solutions Pty Ltd– $11,625,876**Achieved the highest VFM of 74.4 | Lump sum**$11,625,876** | *Shortlisted offer not recommended*iQConstruct Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 71.0*Offers not recommended*I.C.M. Constructions (QLD) Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 55.0Lloyd Group (QLD) Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 53.1Emacen Projects Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 49.2 | $12,143,330$9,623,000$10,980,000$11,106,000 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**07.11.2022**Start**11.11.2022**Term**46 weeks |
| **5. Contract No. 520981****SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SHADE SAILS – PARKS*****North Region)*****Advance Shade Systems Pty Ltd – $259,800**Achieved the highest VFM of 28.86***South Region*** **Mitke Pty Ltd trading as Versatile Structures – $512,911**Achieved the highest VFM of 14.90***East Region*****Shade’n Net (Australia) Pty. Ltd. – $481,384**Achieved the highest VFM of 14.50***West Regions*** **Shade’n Net (Australia) Pty. Ltd. – $484,424#**Achieved the highest VFM of 14.41*#Price after discount for two sites.* | Lump sum**$1,738,519** | ***North Region*** Shade’n Net (Australia) Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 25.89Mitke Pty Ltd trading as Versatile StructuresAchieved VFM of 25.66***South Region*** Shade’n Net (Australia) Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 14.48Dices Canvas Pty Ltd as Trustees for the Dice Trust and Mark West as Trustees for the Mark West Family Trust in partnership trading as Elemental Shade StructuresAchieved VFM of 8.85***East Region*** Advance Shade Systems Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 12.70Dices Canvas Pty Ltd as Trustees for the Dice Trust and Mark West as Trustees for the Mark West Family Trust in partnership trading as Elemental Shade StructuresAchieved VFM of 7.71Mitke Pty Ltd trading as Versatile StructuresAchieved VFM of 11.49***West Regions***Mitke Pty Ltd trading as Versatile StructuresAchieved VFM of 11.93 | $269,700$297,721$482,240$768,473$590,500$881,643 $664,762$640,694 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**16.11.2022**Start**22.11.2022**Term**28 weeks |
| **6. Contract No. 511969****REPAIR CONCRETE CHANNEL AT WASHINGTON STREET, DEAGON****Australian Marine & Civil Pty Ltd – $544,563**Achieved the highest VFM of 15 | Lump sum**$544,563** | GCE Contractors Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 11 | $680,914 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**30.11.2022**Start**06.12.2022**Term**13 weeks |
| **7. Contract No. 520991****MT COOT-THA MOUNTAIN WALKING TRACKS FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS****Park Forge Pty Ltd as trustee for The Park Forge Trust – $1,208,926**Achieved VFM of 67.83 | Lump sum**$1,208,926** | One offer received. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**30.11.2022**Start**02.12.2022**Term**30 weeks |
| **8. Contract No. 533453****CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND AT KITCHENER PARK (WYNNUM)****The Landscape Construction Company Pty Ltd – $731,713**Achieved the highest VFM of 12.1 | Lump sum**$731,713** | Glascott Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 9.6Interface Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 7.5 | $853,938 $1,084,868 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**02.11.2022**Start**15.11.2022**Term**27 weeks |
| **9. Contract No. 533502****MT COOT-THA MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS FLOOD RECOVERY****Peter John Wilson and Jodie Carol Wilson as the Trustees****for the Wilson Family Trust trading as Trailworx – $657,383**Achieved the highest VFM of 13.28 | Lump sum**$657,383** | Park Forge Pty Ltd as trustee for The Park Forge TrustAchieved VFM of 10.48 | $756,433 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**12.10.2022**Start**21.10.2022**Term**20 weeks |
| **10. Contract No. 533503****CITY REACH BOARDWALK REHABILITATION – DECK PANEL REPLACEMENT AT 443 QUEEN STREET (BRISBANE CBD)****J. Hutchinson Pty. Ltd. trading as Hutchinson Builders –** [Commercial-in-Confidence] | Lump sum[Commercial-in-Confidence] | Contract entered into without seeking competitive tenders from industry in accordance with Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23.* | N/A | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**10.10.2022**Start**28.10.2022**Term**Eight months |
| **11. Contract No. 533554****SMOOTHER SUBURBAN STREETS PROGRAM – CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE 13****Quality Civil Construction Pty Ltd – $7,461,924\***Achieved the highest VFM of 111*\*Comparative price normalised for possible delay costs claimable by the contractor plus cost of supply of asphalt for two streets by contractor in the event Council cannot maintain supply.* | Schedule of rates**$6,963,806** | Allen’s Asphalt Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 107Colas Queensland Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 95Stanley Macadam Pty Ltd – Stanley Road Construction Achieved VFM of 84 | $7,862,358\*$9,204,825\*$8,351,483\* | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**28.11.2022**Start**06.12.2022**Term**26 weeks |
| **12. Contract No. 533513****CASTAMORE WAY PARK STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION (RICHLANDS)****The Landscape Construction Company Pty Ltd – $949,890**Achieved the highest VFM of 89 | Lump sum**$949,890** | *Offers not recommended*Glascott Landscape and Civil Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 80Landscape Solutions (QLD) Pty. LimitedAchieved VFM of 79*Offer withdrawn*Naturform Pty. Ltd. | $952,705$939,947 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**30.11.2022**Start**08.12.2022**Term**20 weeks |
| **13. Contract No. 533555****DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR BUSHLAND PROGRAM – PACKAGE 15****W J & M Allendorf trading as WMA Demolition – $202,249\***Achieved the highest VFM of 43.5*\*Excludes provisional sum.* | Lump sum**$211,249** | Roelandts Group Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 32.4Paterson Demolition & Recycling Pty Ltd as trustee for Paterson Demolition & Recycling Trust trading as Paterson DemolitionAchieved VFM of 25.9Logan City Demolitions Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 21.9 | $240,880\*$293,393\*$371,480\* | **Delegate**EM**Approved**09.11.2022**Start**10.11.2022**Term**16 weeks |
| **14. Contract No. NBN-01661951****BEAMS ROAD UPGRADE – NBN WESTERN WORKS****NBN Co Limited – $1,009,775** | Cost reimbursable price**$1,009,775** | Contract entered into under Exemption 3 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement if the marketplace is restricted by third-party ownership of a public utility plant asset. | N/A | **Delegate**EM**Approved**07.11.2022**Start**15.11.2022**Term**24 weeks |
| **CITY ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **CITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **LIFESTYLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES** |
| **15. Contract No. 511563****CLEANING OF PUBLIC SPACES PLUS BOAT RAMP AND WATERWAY STRUCTURES CLEANING****CATEGORY 1 – CLEANING OF PUBLIC SPACES****Sub-category 1.1 – Cleaning of Parks Facilities****Jampak Pty Ltd trading as Retro Clean – $2,457,239**Achieved the highest VFM of 38.05**Sub-category 1.2 – Cleaning of Council’s Suburban Centre Improvement Projects****Biniris (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. - $79,631**Achieved the highest VFM of 86.65**CATEGORY 2 – BOAT RAMP AND WATERWAY STRUCTURES CLEANING****EMG Facility Services Pty Ltd trading as My Pathway Facility Services - $170,293**Achieved VFM of 34.94\**\*Although the successful tenderer achieved a slightly lower VFM, its price was far more competitive and was therefore considered the most advantageous to Council.***CATEGORY 3 – SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CLEANING****EMG Facility Services Pty Ltd trading as My Pathway Facility Services – $170,293**Achieved VFM of 34.94**Diverciti Enterprises Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Diverciti Enterprises Trust trading as Diverciti Services – $595,545**Achieved VFM of 11.35 | CPA (Panel Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$14,070,000** | **CATEGORY 1 – CLEANING OF PUBLIC SPACES****Sub-category 1.1 – Cleaning of Parks Facilities***Shortlisted offers not recommended*Pickwick Group Pty Ltd trading as Pickwick Integrated Facilities ServicesAchieved VFM of 25.72MMS Group Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 21.81Advanced National Services Pty Ltd trading as Advanced CleaningAchieved VFM of 21.15Biniris (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 5.43*Offer not recommended*Quality Commercial Cleaning Pty Ltd trading as QCC. Cleaning Achieved VFM of 11.85**Sub-category 1.2 – Cleaning of Council’s Suburban Centre Improvement Projects***Shortlisted offers not recommended*Bayton Property Services Pty. LimitedAchieved VFM of 60.31Advanced National Services Pty Ltd trading as Advanced CleaningAchieved VFM of 60.11MMS Group Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 54.00*Offer not recommended*Quality Commercial Cleaning Pty Ltd trading as QCC. Cleaning Achieved VFM of 44.31Allied Concrete Cutting & Drilling Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 17.31**CATEGORY 2 – BOAT RAMP AND WATERWAY STRUCTURES CLEANING***Shortlisted offers not recommended*Pickwick Group Pty Ltd trading as Pickwick Integrated Facilities ServicesAchieved VFM of 37.60\*Biniris (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.Achieved VFM of 21.05MMS Group Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 20.39*Offers not recommended*Quality Commercial Cleaning Pty Ltd trading as QCC. Cleaning Achieved VFM of 4.44Allied Concrete Cutting & Drilling Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 3.19**CATEGORY 3 – SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CLEANING***Offers not recommended*YourtownAchieved VFM of 7.39 | $3,130,005$2,476,279$3,545,865$12,705,734$3,797,935$121,867$124,769$92,851$101,556$103,978$214,114$327,799$264,874$1,014,010$565,020$879,926 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**28.11.2022**Start**05.12.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of five years. |
| **16. Contract No. 511914****FIREWALL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SERVICES****Telstra Corporation Limited – $1,915,475**Achieved the highest VFM of 39.68 | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Lump sum**$3,000,000** | Equate Technologies Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 26.43 | $2,269,995 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**28.11.2022**Start**12.12.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of four years. |
| **17. Contract No. 520817****CARPENTRY SERVICES****Sensus Building Group Pty Ltd – $247,380**Achieved the highest VFM of 33.9**Gregory Ross Manfield – $295,596**Achieved VFM of 30.3**Building Solutions Brisbane Pty Ltd – $339,660**Achieved VFM of 27.0**Probuild Industries Australia Pty Ltd – $333,740**Achieved VFM of 26.8**Johnston Construction Australia Pty Ltd – $311,988**Achieved VFM of 25.7**Tuff Yards Pty Ltd – $291,580**Achieved VFM of 25.6 | CPA (Panel Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$2,200,000** | *Offer not recommended*Maintain Australia Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 23.1*Non-conforming offer*Q1 Building Services and Maintenance Pty Ltd | $328,916N/A | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**14.11.2022**Start**01.12.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of seven years. |
| **TRANSPORT FOR BRISBANE** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |

**ADOPTED**

#### C CONTRACTS AND TENDERING – REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 2022

 **109/695/586/2-006**

**385/2022-23**

17. The Chief Executive Officer provided the information below.

18. Sections 238 and 239 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (the Act) provide that Council may delegate some of its powers. Those powers include the power to enter into contracts under section 242 of the Act.

19. Council has previously delegated powers to the Establishment and Coordination Committee and Chief Executive Officer, to make, vary or discharge contracts for the procurement of goods, services or works.

20. The *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) was made pursuant to the Act. Chapter 6, Part 4, section 227 of the Regulation provides that:

1. Council must, as soon as practicable after entering into a contract worth $200,000 or more (exclusive of GST), publish relevant details of the contract on Council’s website.

2. The relevant details must be published under subsection (1) for a period of at least 12 months.

3. Also, if a person asks Council to give relevant details of a contract, Council must allow the person to inspect the relevant details at Council’s public office. ‘Relevant details’ is defined in Chapter 6, Part 4, section 227 as including:

a. the person with whom Council has entered into the contract

b. the value of the contract; and

c. the purpose of the contract (e.g. the particular goods or services to be supplied under the contract).

21. The contracts detailed in Attachment A (hereunder) represent contractual arrangements that Council has already entered into. The purpose of this report is not to consider making decisions about the contracts, rather for transparency of the decisions made on contracts entered into with a value greater than the threshold.

22. The Chief Executive Officer provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 6 February 2023.

23. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT OF CONTRACTS ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES OF COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 2022, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A**, hereunder.

**Attachment A**

| **Report of Contracts Accepted by Delegates of Council for December 2022** |
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| **Contract number/contract purpose/successful tenderer/comparative tender/price value for money (VFM) index achieved** | **Nature of arrangement/ estimate maximum expenditure** | **Unsuccessful tenderers/VFM achieved** | **Comparative tender price/s** | **Delegate/****approval date/start date/term** |
| **BRISBANE INFRASTRUCTURE** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Contract No. 520760**

**CONSTRUCTION OF DOCKSIDE AND MOWBRAY PARK FERRY TERMINALS (KANGAROO POINT AND EAST BRISBANE)****Fitzgerald Constructions Australia Pty Ltd – $32,997,757**Achieved the highest VFM of 25 | Lump sum**$32,997,757** | Brady Marine & Civil Pty Ltd & Georgiou Group Pty Ltd (joint venture)Achieved VFM of 20 | $39,330,695 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**08.12.2022**Start**15.12.2022**Term**20 months |
| **2. Contract No. 520931****BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL CYCLE PARK – MURARRIE****Epoca Constructions Pty. Ltd. – $27,178,419**Achieved the highest VFM of 58.72 | Lump sum**$27,178,419** | Broad Construction Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 54.06 | $27,715,424 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**08.12.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**52 weeks |
| **3. Contract No. 520980****BUS DRIVER AMENITIES CHEMICAL UPGRADES****Signature Projects Pty Ltd – $729,670**Achieved VFM of 10.87 | Lump sum**$729,670** | One offer received. | Not applicable (N/A) | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**14.12.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**20 weeks |
| **4. Contract No. 520984****FLOOD RECOVERY – SPORTS FIELD RENOVATIONS****Green Options Pty Limited ­– $20,270**Achieved the highest VFM of 40**Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd – $23,491**Achieved VFM of 36**Hart Valley Investments Pty Ltd trading as Hancey’s Turf Supplies – $22,430**Achieved VFM of 35**Technigro Pty Ltd – $29,050**Achieved VFM of 29**Global Turf Projects (Qld) Pty Ltd – $31,941**Achieved VFM of 24 | Schedule of rates**$4,800,000** | No unsuccessful tenderers. | N/A | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**12.12.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**18 months |
| **5. Contract No. 533413****ZILLMERE LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT (ZILLMERE)****Premis Solutions Pty Ltd – $1,511,757**Achieved the highest VFM of 55.9 | Lump sum**$1,511,757** | Focus Construct Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 39.4Signature Projects Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 30.7Dart Holdings Pty. Ltd. Trading as A Dart & CoAchieved VFM of 29.8 | $1,512,041$1,810,550$1,577,678 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**14.12.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**20 weeks |
| **6. Contract No. 533500****WADEVILLE STREET AND RITCHIE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS – STAGE 1B****Doval Constructions (QLD.) Ltd – $3,839,870**Achieved the highest VFM of 21.9*\*Comparative price normalised for nominated delay rates and on potential variations.* | Schedule of rates**$3,662,371** | Ertech (Queensland) Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 17.0Allroads Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 16.8 | $4,138,976$4,127,847 | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**21.11.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**20 weeks |
| **7. Contract No. 533520****DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT KOOKABURRA PARK WEST – SCOOTER TRACK AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (KARANA DOWNS)****Naturform Pty. Ltd. – $368,310**Achieved the highest VFM of 23.53 | Lump sum**$368,310** | The Landscape Construction Company Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 22.77 | $368,850 | **Delegate**EM**Approved**02.12.2022**Start**07.12.2022**Term**24 weeks |
| **8. Contract No. 533561****NEWSTEAD PARK TOILET BLOCK UPGRADE (NEWSTEAD)****Probuild Industries Australia Pty Ltd – $454,430**Achieved the highest VFM of 20 | Lump sum**$454,430** | J. Mac Constructions Pty Ltd Achieved VFM of 14Building Solutions Brisbane Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 11 | $645,889$722,879 | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**14.12.2022**Start**11.01.2022**Term**18 weeks |
| **CITY ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **CITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **LIFESTYLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |
| **ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES** |
| **9. Contract No. 510240****PROVISION OF DIGITAL SCANNING SERVICES****Jigsaw Group (Aus) Limited – $1,400,000** | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$1,400,000** | CPA entered into under Exemption 5 of *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemption from tendering for procurement from social enterprises. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**14.12.2022**Start**01.07.2023**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of five years. |
| **10. Contract No. 510680****QUARRY MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES****Maintech Group Pty. Ltd.****I.D.C. Electrical Pty Ltd**  | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)**$1,000,000** | Extension of CPA under Exemption 9 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for extension of contracts while Council is at market. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**08.12.2022**Start**01.02.2023**Term**Five months |
| **11. Contract No. 511848****SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER SAP ARIBA****Infosys Technologies Limited – $2,499,999**Achieved the highest VFM of 28 | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Lump sum and schedule of rates**$4,000,000** | *Shortlisted offer not recommended*Deloitte Consulting Pty LimitedAchieved VFM of 24*Offers not recommended*SAP Australia Pty Ltd\*\*PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (Australia) Pty Limited\*\*\*\**Comparative price and VFM not applicable. Tenderer was not shortlisted due to contract non‑compliances.* | $2,890,690N/A\*\*N/A\*\* | **Delegate**CEO**Approved**08.12.2022**Start**09.01.2023**Term**Initial term of two years with a maximum term of three years. |
| **12. Contract No. 512061****PROJECT MANAGER FOR CBD OFFICE FIT-OUT****Generate Property Group (Qld) Pty Ltd – $1,168,358**Achieved the highest VFM of 7.87 | Lump sum and schedule of rates**$1,168,358** | *Offers not recommended*Faction Consulting Pty LtdAchieved VFM of 5.39Turner & Townsend Project Management Pty Ltd\**\*VFM not calculated as offer did not meet minimum non-price requirements.**Non-conforming offers*TSA Management Pty LimitedCurrie & Brown (Australia) Pty Ltd | $1,522,000$772,625N/AN/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**14.12.2022**Start**16.12.2022**Term**Initial term of three years with a maximum term of six years. |
| **13. Contract No. 512062-000****PROVISION OF INTERIM ON-BUS CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SOLUTION****DTI Group Ltd – $1,800,000**  | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$1,800,000** | Arrangement entered into under Exemption 15 of *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for exemptions from procurement where the marketplace is restricted by statement of licence or third-party ownership of an asset (excluding public utility plant). | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**01.12.2022**Start**09.12.2022**Term**Initial term of two years with a maximum term of three years. |
| **14. Contract No. 520070****EXTERNALLY HOSTED GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM PLATFORM****AAM Pty Ltd – $500,000** | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$500,000** | Arrangement entered into under Exemption 9 of Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022-23* which allows for the extension of a contract while Council is at market. | N/A | **Delegate**CPO**Approved**01.12.2022**Start**01.07.2023**Term**Initial term of three months with a maximum term of six months. |
| **15. Contract No. 533564****PROVISION OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTION EFFICIENCY SERVICES****Data Interactive Pty Ltd – $600,000** | CPA (Preferred Supplier Arrangement)Schedule of rates**$600,000** | Contract entered into without seeking competitive tenders from industry in accordance with Council’s *SP103 Procurement Policy and Plan 2022‑23.* | N/A | **Delegate**E&C**Approved**05.12.2022**Start**12.12.2022**Term**Three years |
| **TRANSPORT FOR BRISBANE** |
| Nil |  |  |  |  |

**ADOPTED**

#### D GARDNER ROAD EXTENSION – PRIESTDALE ROAD TO UNDERWOOD ROAD PROJECT

 **112/20/439/595**

**386/2022-23**

24. The Divisional Manager, Brisbane Infrastructure, provided the information below.

25. The Gardner Road Extension – Priestdale Road to Underwood Road project in Rochedale will involve widening the northern section of Gardner Road and constructing a new southern section, connecting Priestdale Road in the north, adjacent to Rochedale State High School, to Underwood Road in the south.

26. The project has been designed to improve safety for all road users by extending Gardner Road and upgrading the two adjoining intersections, provide access to emerging communities and become an important north-south link within the larger Rochedale urban community area.

27. The project will create a divided four lane carriageway, with two lanes in each direction, from the Priestdale Road intersection to the Underwood Road intersection, as well as improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists by providing new shared paths and on-road cycle lanes and better connections to recreation and commuter networks in the area. The project plan is shown at Attachment E (submitted on file).

28. The project will involve:

- extending Gardner Road from Priestdale Road to Underwood Road, with two through lanes in each direction

- constructing a new signalised intersection at Priestdale and School Roads, including pedestrian crossings

- constructing a new bridge structure over the Bulimba Creek east tributary including installing crossing structures for fauna movement under the bridge

- installing a new 1.8 metre-wide footpath on the eastern side of the new section of Gardner Road, including connections to existing footpaths in the area, increasing opportunities for active travel

- installing a new 2.5 metre-wide shared path on the western side of the new section of Gardner Road, including links to the existing shared path at Underwood Road, and to Priestdale Road

- installing a new 2.5 metre-wide shared path on the northern side of Priestdale Road, which extends east and west of the intersection with Gardner Road, tying into the existing shared path

- on-road cycle lanes through the new section of Gardner Road, which tie in with existing bike lanes at both Underwood Road and Priestdale Road.

29. It is not possible to construct the project within the existing road corridor. To complete the project, it will be necessary to acquire private land described at Attachment B (submitted on file), and shown on the plans at Attachment C (submitted on file), under the provisions of the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* (the Act).

30. On 10 June 2022, the Executive General Manager, City Projects Office, Brisbane Infrastructure approved the issuing of Notices of Intention to Resume to acquire the land required for the project. Council issued those notices on 10 June 2022.

31. Objections were received from the property owners of 275 and 316 Priestdale Road, Rochedale, and 566 Underwood Road, Rochedale. The objections were considered by Council’s resumption delegate and the objection material is set out at Attachment D (submitted on file).

32. Upon completion of the resumption process, all interests in the resumed land are converted to a right to claim compensation, pursuant to the provisions of the Act. Negotiations for compensation will occur concurrently with the resumption process.

33. The Divisional Manager provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 6 February 2023.

34. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE AS PER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A**, hereunder.

**Attachment A**

**Draft Resolution**

**DRAFT** **RESOLUTION TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES, FOR THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE GARDNER ROAD EXTENSION - PRIESTDALE ROAD TO UNDERWOOD ROAD PROJECT**

As:

1. on 10 June 2022, Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*, issued Notices of Intention to Resume for the privately owned land identified in Attachment B (submitted on file)
2. objections in writing were received to three of those notices from the owners of the parcels of land
3. Council has duly considered the objection and made a recommendation for the treatment of the objection, as set out in Attachment D (submitted on file),

and Council is of the opinion that:

1. the land described in Attachment B (submitted on file) is required for road purposes and incidental to road purposes (batter bank)
2. it is necessary to acquire the said land

then Council approves:

1. City Legal, City Administration and Governance, making the required application to the Minister for Resources for the approval of the taking of the land and registered interests under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
2. that all relevant steps be taken to clear the improvements on the land and dedicate the land as road.

**ADOPTED**

#### E AMENDMENT TO *BRISBANE CITY PLAN 2014* – PLANNING SCHEME POLICY AMENDMENTS – ASSOCIATED WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

 **152/160/1218/525**

**387/2022-23**

35. The Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability, provided the information below.

36. Amendments are proposed to be made to the *Brisbane City Plan 2014* to the Infrastructure design planning scheme policy (IDPSP) and the Transport, access, parking and servicing planning scheme policy (TAPSPSP) (the proposed amendment) to update specifications for parks including shade requirements, ninja course embellishments, and to align with the revised Desired Standards of Service (DSS) for the parks network proposed in the amendment to the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP amendment 1B).

37. At its meeting on 29 November 2022, Council resolved to progress LGIP amendment 1B for State review and request the Minister’s agreement to publicly consult on the proposed LGIP amendment 1B.

38. The proposed amendment will achieve the following outcomes.

- Maintain the currency of the IDPSP through:

- aligning the DSS for the parks network with those changes proposed as part of the LGIP amendment 1B

- providing increased clarity and certainty to applicants regarding trunk park design and embellishment standards

- strengthening Council’s requirements for shade provision over playgrounds in line with best practice to support delivery of the Sun Safe Suburban Playgrounds program and Council’s commitment that every playground in Brisbane will be shaded

- ensuring alignment and consistency with design specifications contained within the recently adopted Brisbane Standard Drawing: *BSD-10281 – Dog off leash areas general arrangement and layout sheets 1 & 2* (publish date March 2021)

- other changes to align with current Council practices:

- remove references to wood-fired barbeques as an alternative to electric barbeques

- include location information and guidance for Ninja courses, a new type of hybrid fitness/play embellishment that is increasingly popular.

- Maintain the currency of the TAPSPSP by aligning changes proposed as part of the LGIP amendment 1B and IDPSP amendments above, as they relate to vehicle servicing and car parking provision requirements for new parks.

39. The process for amending a planning scheme policy is set out in Part 1 of Chapter 3 of the *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules* (the Guideline). In accordance with the Guideline, the proposed amendment is an amendment to a planning scheme policy. The proposed amendment has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Guideline and is set out in Attachment C (submitted on file). The schedule of amendments is set out in Attachment B (submitted on file).

40. Should Council decide to proceed with the proposed amendment, pursuant to section 3.1 of Part 1 of Chapter 3 of the Guideline, Council must publicly consult on the proposed amendment. Public consultation for the proposed amendment and the LGIP amendment 1B will be concurrent.

41. The Divisional Manager provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 6 February 2023.

42. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE AS PER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A**, hereunder.

**Attachment A**

**Draft Resolution**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION TO DECIDE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN PLANNING SCHEME POLICY AND THE TRANSPORT, ACCESS, PARKING AND SERVICING PLANNING SCHEME POLICY**

As Council:

1. pursuant to section 2.1 of Part 1 of Chapter 3 of the *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules* (the Guideline) made under the *Planning Act 2016*, decides to make amendments to the Infrastructure design planning scheme policy and the Transport, access, parking and servicing planning scheme policy contained in Schedule 6 of *Brisbane City Plan 2014* to maintain its effectiveness and the currency of infrastructure design standards, and align with the proposed Local Government Infrastructure Plan amendment 1B
2. pursuant to section 2.2 of Part 1 of Chapter 3 of the Guideline, has prepared the proposed amendment in Attachment C (submitted on file) to amend the Infrastructure design planning scheme policy and Transport, access, parking and servicing planning scheme policy in the manner stated in section 1, and as identified in the Schedules in Attachment B (submitted on file),

then Council:

1. directs, pursuant to section 3.1 of Part 1 of Chapter 3 of the Guideline, that public consultation be carried out on the proposed amendment.

**ADOPTED**

#### F MINOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO *BRISBANE CITY PLAN 2014* – PACKAGE M

 **152/160/1218/522**

**388/2022-23**

43. The Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability, provided the information below.

44. Council is committed to facilitating economic growth and maintaining prosperity in Brisbane through sustainable development regulated by *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (the planning scheme). This requires a robust and resilient planning scheme that reflects changes over time, in line with community and industry expectations. Minor and administrative amendments are proposed to the planning scheme (the proposed amendment) (refer Attachments B, C and D, submitted on file) to maintain their effectiveness and currency.

45. The proposed amendments will achieve the following outcomes.

- Maintain the currency of the planning scheme through undertaking zoning and overlay map changes to reflect current development approvals.

- Update references and notes in line with recent changes to the *Planning Regulation 2017* for dwelling houses and rooming accommodation.

- Improve the effectiveness and usability of the planning scheme through enhancing the format and presentation, undertaking mapping and text refinements.

46. It is proposed that the amended planning scheme will take effect from 10 March 2023.

47. The Divisional Manager provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 6 February 2023.

48. **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE AS PER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A**, hereunder.

**Attachment A**

**Draft Resolution**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION TO DECIDE TO ADOPT MINOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO *BRISBANE CITY PLAN 2014* – PACKAGE M**

As Council:

1. decides, pursuant to section 5.1 of Part 2 of Chapter 2 of the *Minister’s Guidelines and Rules* (the Guideline) made under the *Planning Act 2016*, to make minor and administrative amendments to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (the planning scheme)
2. pursuant to section 2.1 of Part 1 and section 5.2 of Part 2 of Chapter 2 of the Guideline, has prepared the proposed minor amendment and the proposed administrative amendment to amend the planning scheme in the manner stated in section 1 of Attachment B (submitted on file) and as identified in the Schedules in Attachment B (the proposed amendment),

then Council:

1. decides, pursuant to section 3.1 of Part 1 and section 6.1 of Part 2 of Chapter 2 of the Guideline, to adopt the proposed amendment
2. directs that notice of the adoption of the proposed amendment be given in accordance with section 3.2 and section 3.3 of Part 1 and section 6.2 and section 6.3 of Part 2 of Chapter 2, and Schedule 5 of the Guideline.

**ADOPTED**

Chair: LORD MAYOR, Establishment and Coordination Committee decisions please.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Mr Chair. Item A is the Carbon Neutral Council Emissions Reduction strategy.

*Councillors interjecting.*

Chair: LORD MAYOR, first you have to move it.

LORD MAYOR: Oh, sorry.

## NOTATION OF *DECISIONS* OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE AS DELEGATE OF COUNCIL:

### ESTABLISHMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (Information report)

The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER), Chair of the Establishment and Coordination Committee, moved, seconded by the DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Krista ADAMS), that the report setting out the *decisions* of the Establishment and Coordination Committee as delegate of the Council during the Summer Recess 2022-23, on matters usually considered by that Committee, be noted.

Chair: LORD MAYOR, is there any debate?

LORD MAYOR: Yes, so as I was about to say, item A is the Carbon Neutral Council Emissions Reduction Strategy and also Council’s 2021-22 Annual Report to the Australian Government’s Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program. Now we’re very proud of Council’s carbon neutral status as certified by Climate Active, an agency of the Commonwealth Government. We’re also very proud that going beyond carbon neutral, we are now striving towards a carbon emission reduction of more than 30% by the time the Olympic Games come around. Now this is something that our emissions reduction target and strategy is on par and in lockstep with the Queensland Labor Government’s emission reduction strategy. So it will be interesting to hear what Labor Councillors say about that target and that strategy, given it’s the same target that the State Labor Government has.

 But there are some differences that I need to point out. First of all, not one single government department in the Queensland Government is carbon neutral. The Queensland Government itself is not carbon neutral. Now if you would ask yourself, a government that is serious about climate action surely would be taking climate action, what would be one of the first things that they would do? Make their departments, even just some of the departments, carbon neutral.

 So I went to a search to identify whether any government departments in the Queensland Labor Government are either carbon neutral or on the path to being carbon neutral as certified by Climate Active. You know what I could find? None. But you’ll be pleased to know that the Department of Environment plans to be carbon neutral by 2030. Not next year, not this year, not in five years’ time, but 2030. So the Department of Environment in the Labor State Government plans to be carbon neutral as certified by Climate Active by 2030. Wow, wow.

 Now adding on to this, I’ve made it very clear in the past, I get really frustrated by people who grandstand and say we should be doing more and then not doing anything. You’ll remember that there was a series of virtue signalling motions put forward in councils all around Australia of declaring a climate emergency, remember that? It was like oh, if you don’t declare an emergency you obviously don’t care and we’re like been there, done that, we’ve moved on, we’re actually doing something.

 Well I went back and had a look at the Climate Active website to work out how many councils around Australia had declared a climate emergency and then how many have actually become carbon neutral. So in New South Wales, for example, 38 councils declared a climate emergency, a similar number in Victoria. In Queensland there were two councils that declared a climate emergency, I will point out that neither of those councils are carbon neutral. So they declared an emergency and then did absolutely nothing to make their own operations carbon neutral.

 Now if you go to the Climate Active website and you search for city councils and determine how many councils around Australia are certified in the Climate Active program as carbon neutral, you get less than 15. There are 500 local governments in the whole of Australia, 500, less than 15 are certified as carbon neutral and a whole lot more declared climate emergencies. I mean really? You can say you care about something or you can actually do something about it. These guys laugh because their friends up the road say they care, they set a target and they’ve done nothing. Can’t even get one department, not even the environment department is carbon neutral.

 So let’s find out which councils in Australia are carbon neutral. Brisbane City Council, the City of Yarra, the City of Sydney, the City of Subiaco in WA, City of Melbourne, City of Darebin, City of Adelaide, Bayside City Council, the City of Logan, congratulations Logan, they are the second Queensland council to become carbon neutral. Guess what, they did not declare a climate emergency either, they just got on and did it. So congratulations Mayor Darren Power and the Logan City Council for becoming the second city in Australia, sorry, in Queensland to be carbon neutral. There’s also Maroondah City Council, the City of Moonee Valley and Moreland City Council.

 That’s all I could find out of 500 local governments. Really, it’s actually quite disappointing. So we will continue not only to make our operations carbon neutral, as certified by this national agency, but we will strive to reduce our emissions by more than 30% by the time the Olympic Games come around. Now that’s going to take a lot of effort across every range, every area of Council. One of the key things that we’re working on at the moment is dealing with Minister Bailey about making sure that our transport fleet can be zero tailpipe emission vehicles going forward and we’re looking forward to our progress in that respect.

 We’re also gearing up our food and organics recycling program, which is already available in 6,000 households and we’re looking forward to expanding that. This is over and above our major programs to increase recycling, to reduce food waste, to also reduce the emissions of Council facilities and also to generate green power. So not only have we made our facilities more energy efficient, we’ve also installed a whole range of solar arrays on the roof. We generate green electricity by capturing and burning, to create green power, landfill gases from a number of sites across the city and there’s a whole range of initiatives that have seen us already at this point in time reduce our emissions as an organisation by 20,000 tonnes, 20,000 tonnes.

 So to put it in perspective, already where we’re at and that’s not even looking at the big 30% reductions that we’ll get going forward, that’s equivalent to taking 4,300 cars off the road. So these are the emission reductions we’ve already achieved. But obviously when it comes to becoming carbon neutral, when it comes to net zero, you reduce your emissions and the emissions that you can’t reduce or haven’t reduced, you offset. This is global practice, this is not something that is somehow questioned, this is the way it is done. You reduce your emissions and the emissions that have not been reduced, or are remaining, are offset.

 How do you offset them? You accept that we live in a global environment. We accept that emission reductions in Australia are important, but so are emission reductions around the world. Particularly someone living in a situation of poverty in another part of the world being given the opportunity to have renewable power supplies is important. So it is important that we treat this as a global issue, which is what it is and we have a range of both local offsets and international offsets, acknowledging that there is a global market for offsets. We also make sure that we don’t invest in offsets that might be questionable. We don’t invest in offsets that we can’t guarantee are being made appropriately.

 So I can confirm that we do not buy offsets from land-based carbon abatement projects outside of Australia. These are ones that have had question marks raised about them. We do not buy those. We do not purchase offsets from Verra, but in fact we simply trade other offsets on a platform provided by Verra. So we’re not buying offsets from Verra, we’re simply using their platform to trade offsets. So this is something that we’ll continue to monitor and manage going forward and obviously we’ll continue to strive to reduce our emissions as a city.

 It’s something that we should all be very proud of. We’re one of less than 15 councils in Australia to be certified as carbon neutral. But that is not enough, we are striving for massive emission reductions going forward. I can tell you, Adelaide City Council is carbon neutral, good on them, they have 25,000 residents, the City of Adelaide has 25,000 residents. In fact the City of Sydney has 215,000 residents, there is nothing of our scale in local government that is carbon neutral. We’ll continue to be carbon neutral, we’ll continue to strive for massive reductions.

Chair: LORD MAYOR, your time has expired.

 Further debate?

 Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair. That was more fantastical than *Alice in Wonderland*, that little story there. It’s an embarrassment to the people of Brisbane to have this policy and this LORD MAYOR claiming, claiming that we are in fact carbon neutral when there are so many question marks now, so many question marks about using carbon offsets to simply claim carbon neutrality. We of course support the targets, I don’t know what the LORD MAYOR thought I’d get up and say, we don’t support the same target as the State Government because they’re proposing it. Of course we support those emissions reductions targets, we just don’t have any faith that you will get us there, LORD MAYOR.

 Because this fancy report that’s before us today, a nice glossy report, doesn’t change the fact that the only way in which you are achieving carbon neutrality is by purchasing overseas carbon credits, using millions of dollars of ratepayers’ money, to use to purchase carbon credits in China and India and other places as well. That’s bad enough but we’re now seeing these reports that the carbon offsets provided by Verra, the company that this LNP Administration uses, are potentially phantom credits and don’t represent genuine carbon reductions.

 Now the LORD MAYOR’s just claimed he doesn’t, his Administration doesn’t purchase any off Verra, it just uses the platform and they’re the intermediary, I guess, in which they purchase them from. They then provide paperwork in a tick and flick exercise to Climate Active, which then certifies Council as carbon neutral. I wonder whether the LORD MAYOR watched *Four Corners* last night. He might not have had time, I do suggest that he does watch that program, because there was some startling information in that program given by former employees of Climate Active about their approach to verifying the carbon credits purchase through platforms like Verra.

 There are no eyes on the ground, there are actually no mechanisms to ensure that overseas purchased carbon credits are genuine carbon credits. Now the LORD MAYOR can stand up and wave his arms around and say this is a Commonwealth platform and everyone uses this platform. Sure he can say that, but he cannot guarantee—he’s claiming that this Administration, that this Council under his Administration is carbon neutral, whether it’s through the Climate Active platform or the Verra platform or any other platform that his Administration uses to purchase overseas carbon credits. There is no guarantee that those carbon credits are genuine.

 That’s been laid bare now and I suggest that he looks at that investigative report that *Four Corners* did last night, because that is going to raise a whole lot of questions about whether the Brisbane City Council is genuinely carbon neutral. Now we know this is all about greenwashing, the LORD MAYOR is terribly worried about what’s going to happen in March next year. But we warned years ago, we warned years ago that if you don’t have eyes on those projects then you really can’t ensure those claims are true.

 If those carbon credits are generated locally here in Australia and you can see the tangible benefits of those schemes, then sure you can, but many of those projects are uncovered by *The Guardian* recently and *Four Corners* last night, are in fact accelerating carbon emissions through their actions. But each time Labor raise concerns that simply purchasing carbon credits to offset emissions was lazy, a very lazy LNP approach and fraught with danger and instead we needed to find local solutions, the LNP laughed it off. Well the evidence now is very clear, being lazy can’t be an option anymore for Brisbane if we want to be genuinely carbon neutral. Greenwashing by purchasing carbon credits won’t cut it anymore.

 This report confirms something we’ve known for a very long time, Chair, that diverting organic waste from landfill is clearly not on the priority list for this LNP Council. We know that that is the single most effective way for a Council to reduce emissions. This report makes that very clear, but what it doesn’t make clear is what Council is going to do to reduce emissions, to reduce the burden on ratepayers having to buy overseas carbon credits to achieve genuine carbon neutrality. Practices and technology in transport, construction and energy use obviously must play a part in reducing our carbon footprint, not just this organisation as Council’s carbon footprint, but also the residents of Brisbane’s carbon footprint.

 But the only way to reduce emissions for every single resident that lives in Brisbane and it is something we can all do together collectively, is FOGO, food organics garden organics, organic recycling on an industrial scale. Whatever we want to call it, we need to get organic material out of landfill. We also know that there are more than 70 councils, it’s heading well towards 100 councils probably now around Australia and many here in Queensland, that are rolling out a genuine organic recycling system in their cities. It creates local jobs, generates local carbon credits and reduces fees and charges for residents.

 But we know that this LNP Mayor, Adrian SCHRINNER and his LNP Council are definitely not serious about FOGO because the papers before us today prove that. They’re not serious about diverting 80,000 tonnes of organic material from landfill each and every year. The report says that in the last five years some 182,000 tonnes of organic waste was diverted from landfill thanks to residents out in the suburbs of Brisbane, who took the opportunity to have a green garden waste bin at home. That accounted for that diversion of organic material going into landfill.

 But what this report doesn’t say is that during that same period, 400,000 tonnes of other organic material was deposited into landfill to rot and to emit dangerous gases into the atmosphere. This LNP Administration is not serious about a Brisbane-first approach to cutting emissions and achieving genuine carbon neutrality. You don’t have to believe us when we say that, that they’re not genuine in their approach to a Brisbane-based carbon neutral approach, you can just believe the report that’s before us today. It lays it out in black and white.

 Emissions reduction strategies listed in the waste management section don’t mention FOGO or organic recycling on a citywide scale, or whatever term you want to use for FOGO, once. It doesn’t mention it, it simply says that this Administration is going to continue on in a business-as-usual approach to organic waste management. What they’re currently doing now, which is nothing. It’s not good enough what they’re doing now, but they’re going to continue to just do the same thing and hope for a different result. They say they will also continue to do work with Council staff to contribute to a zero‑waste ambition. I think that’s the only sort of new thing that’s going to be happening in the waste management space in achieving carbon neutrality.

 So the LNP we know from their actions have personal ambition, a lot of personal ambition themselves. But it’s clear when you look to the future of Brisbane as a city, they have no ambition for the people of Brisbane. They have no plan for the future. They are—this is a great example of why the LNP and Brisbane City Council are the very definition of conservative in a political sense. Continue to do the same thing, their approach is they see a problem on the horizon, so they window dress a bit to sort of make out like they’re doing something. But they really don’t want to change, they’re resistant to change. They like how it was before, they don’t want to deal with problems that are facing our city.

 I guess *The* *Courier-Mail* was absolutely dead on. I don’t always agree with *The* *Courier-Mail* but they were dead on when they described SCHRINNER as a strong conservative voice here in Brisbane. He and his Administration is now very much a relic of the past. You can’t bring this document to Council today and say oh, look at the LNP, they’re the teals of Brisbane, they’re the clean, green, sustainable team. They absolutely aren’t. They’re not serious about the challenges facing the residents of Brisbane for decades to come. If they were serious they’d be talking about spending ratepayers’ money investing in industries here in Brisbane that support jobs, reduce emissions and reduce fees and charges for residents. But instead they will say nothing to see here, let’s just buy some overseas carbon credits and that’ll do. Well unfortunately, LORD MAYOR, that won’t do for the people of Brisbane.

Chair: Further speakers? Any further speakers?

 Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, thank you, Mr Chairman. I rise to speak on item A, the Council Carbon Neutral Emissions Reduction Strategy and Council’s Annual Report to the Australian Government’s Carbon Neutral Program. I agree with many of the things that the Opposition Leader has just said, namely that Brisbane City Council is continuing to do the same thing and they’re definitely not getting good outcomes for the people of Brisbane. I just want people at home to understand what we’re actually talking about here, because the LORD MAYOR stands up and says Brisbane’s a carbon neutral city. That’s not actually true, that is not true.

 Brisbane City Council Proprietary Limited, the corporation, has bought a bunch of offsets and done a few other things and the Council corporation is carbon neutral—even that’s debateable but we’ll get to that—not the City of Brisbane. Now the big issue that we have here is in cities all over the world councils are leading change within the communities that they represent. This LORD MAYOR and this Council are not doing that. For as long as I’ve been here they’ve talked about the same thing, which is we’ll buy some credits, we’ll put a few solar panels on the roof of the Council buildings, we’ll buy a few buses that are a bit better for the environment and street lights, but they got the money from the Feds to do that. That’s pretty much it.

 Composting has largely been kicking and screaming and it’s interesting to hear the LORD MAYOR say he’s going to roll it out more, because it’s not like he’s been talking to the community about that, or to Council or to us. So it’s very interesting to hear some of these things. What the LNP has fundamentally failed to do—and this is after being in this Council, controlling this Council fully for nearly two decades—is recognise that there is a leadership, a policy and a practical role here for Council the corporation to help Brisbane City, the people who live in it, become—reduce their energy consumption. To offset their carbon emissions, to reduce their energy use and to generally make a contribution to reducing carbon emissions.

 That is the objective of all three levels of government in Australia. Now there might be a little disagreement here and there about what that should be, but we are all agreed we need to reduce our energy use, we need to improve the way in which we manage carbon offsets. This Council fundamentally doesn’t do this. Now I’ve stood up and said this several times over the last few years and I don’t think the LNP will actually listen to me, but this is where Council should be going. Buying a few carbon offsets absolutely is not getting the job done.

 Now I just want to talk a little bit about what’s actually in this report as well. The first thing that’s in here and the LORD MAYOR made a big point about saying we don’t buy any emissions from Verra, well I don’t know what the LORD MAYOR’s looking at but his report that he’s put forward, clearly Verra is being used as the broker for carbon offsets. Now I did not see *Four Corners* but I am familiar with *The* *Guardian* article and their investigation, which indicated that up to 90% of all of Verra’s carbon reduction projects were possibly worthless or phantom credits, 90%.

 Now this is the organisation from whom Council is purchasing the bulk of their carbon credits. There is a massive problem with that. So this Council not only has failed the City of Brisbane and that’s its residents to work with them, because that’s the objective here. If by 2032 we want to have a green city, that does not mean to a single person outside this room, the corporation sitting up there on George Street, it means the people based in the city. The householders, the businesses, the retailers, the sporting clubs, all of those people. This Council’s view of what is considered to be carbon neutral is too narrow and that is what needs to change.

 We should be looking at things—and I’ve said this many times before as well. When I first started in this Council you got a rebate for having a water tank. We’re going to go into another drought and there’s nothing like that. When I started here in Council you got energy efficiency devices in your household. Council came out and helped you reduce your household energy emissions. We’re not doing anything like that. This Council doesn’t contribute to solar power and solar projects and the LORD MAYOR will stand up and say this is all to do with other levels of government. It’s not, it’s not. The LORD MAYOR wants to stand up and say we’re a carbon neutral city, no, we’re not. It’s a carbon neutral corporation that’s buying dodgy offsets from a discredited broker. That’s what’s going on here. Not actually helping this city to become carbon neutral, which is a great goal, a great goal.

 We should be looking at planning changes. Yes, Council has to work with the State, but the fact that new homes, new apartments can be built that do not include energy efficiency measures, water reticulation and reuse as standard, solar power as standard in any new homes being built, is just outrageous. Again the State and Council have a role to play here. These little boxes are getting built in the suburbs and often it’s not even meeting the basic requirements that are in City Plan now, which is to allow breezes through two different accesses in the apartments.

 We’ve now got apartments being built that don’t have external windows, it’s just crazy, crazy. You don’t see any apartments—now Council’s allowing rooftop terraces even in low to medium density areas, where are the solar panels going to go? They can’t go on the roof, so there are massive problems with the way in which this Council is approaching planning to make sure we get well built homes that can meet the environmental needs of our city. That means weathering drought as well as weathering foods.

 Trees is another big one. This Administration loves to talk up how it’s planted two million trees. It will never ever report on how many trees it cuts down every single day. This Council is not even replacing the number of trees that it removes. There are no protections for trees on private property and we see the first thing that any developer does when they buy a block is knock down every single tree on that block. Council should be looking at more and innovative ways to protect trees on both public property and private property and that is not being done.

 We need to look at planting more trees. This Council’s given up in my area, I’m sorry, Councillor, you’ve got contaminated land, we couldn’t possibly plant a tree there. Well that contaminated land is all over the city and what’s this Administration doing about looking at innovative ways to actually plant out, decontaminate and to green up these areas? Absolutely nothing. Now this Administration is getting it wrong. Claiming that you have a carbon neutral city when you are buying dodgy offsets from a discredited company is not carbon neutrality. It’s not leadership and it’s not what this city needs.

 I don’t profess to be the greenest person going and have all the solutions on this, but there are simple, practical things that we should be doing without question. Water is one of the biggest ones. Look at the storms we’ve had today, all this water is running off. Stormwater harvesting systems should be standard in any new major buildings, solar power should be standard in any major new buildings, we should be looking at vegetation. This Administration’s got rid of setbacks altogether, so you can’t even plant a tree anywhere. You can’t get them to look in the planning solution, the courts now basically say landscaping can also be driveway, can also be open space and there’s less room for trees on most blocks in the city as well.

 So look, I think this is an exercise in greenwashing. I don’t think the Council is getting this right and I think that the LORD MAYOR is trying to bamboozle people into thinking this city is doing something positive on reducing our carbon emissions, which is a commendable goal, when they’re not. I’ll leave everybody with just a couple of figures from the report itself. The report says—and I’m on page 12—over the six years that Council has tracked its emissions, year 1, when it went to year 2 they went up, year 3 it went down, year 4 it went up, year 5 it went down. Year 6, which is the year they’re reporting on, it actually went up. So emissions are going up, not down.

Chair: Councillor JOHNSTON, your time has expired.

 Are there any further speakers?

 Sorry, Councillor, yes.

Councillor CUNNINGHAM: Thanks, Mr Chair. I rise to speak in item A. As the previous Environment Chair, the Schrinner Council’s ongoing commitment to not only carbon neutrality but also to meaningful and long-term emission reduction, is something that I’m proud to support and proud to talk about today. You see critics present these outcomes as a binary choice, Mr Chair. Don’t offset emissions, just reduce them. But Mr Chair, in Council we are actually doing both and I’m really proud of that. We do have the runs on the board, Mr Chair. The fact that we are even here today talking about this in the Chamber shows that this is clearly very important for the Administration.

 We not only have our carbon neutral disclosures report, but also our detailed carbon emission reduction strategy. Council has a sophisticated approach to accounting our footprint and also the ways that we can reduce it. We have achieved a seven per cent reduction in emissions and about two years ago, Mr Chair, we employed the services of Mr Craig Reucassel to launch the Brisbane carbon calculator. This is a very practical initiative that this Administration has introduced to help residents understand exactly what their emissions are and the simple steps that they can take every single day to help reduce their emissions.

 We use 100% renewable energy for our buildings and our facilities and we have a number of achievements when it comes to solar and LED lighting upgrades and also our innovation in asphalt production. We were early to move on the electrification of public transport, something that other councils and state governments have failed to do. We are now well on the journey when it comes to food waste recycling.

 Notwithstanding the achievements, we have set ambitious targets for our years ahead. Let’s not just talk, we have a detailed strategy, we have an implementation plan to get us there and I’m very proud about it, as it’s set out in this item. We have a team of dedicated energy and carbon experts in Council who advise our Administration and I would like to place on record my thanks for their work. I also commend Councillor DAVIS and the LORD MAYOR for their strong and unwavering leadership in this space.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor STRUNK.

Councillor STRUNK: Thank you, Chair. I wasn’t going to speak on this item, but listening to Councillor CUNNINGHAM’s waxing lyrical of what this Council’s actually doing, I just wanted to bring up a couple of items, really coalface stuff. The first one was kitchen tidies. Now these kitchen tidies have been around for probably a few years and we came across them on a list of what was in storage for Council, along with some other stuff as well. Anyway, so we grabbed a few hundred to start with and we went through those. People came into the ward office, believe it or not, came into the ward office to pick up a kitchen tidy, so that they could compost at home.

 Eventually the stock depleted, we couldn’t get anymore and then we were told that there were some other kitchen tidies that were going to be ordered to replace those. We kept checking, they didn’t come through and then we started getting calls from people that actually received *Living in Brisbane*, I believe it was a *Living in Brisbane* edition, saying that you could pick up a kitchen tidy if you wanted to compost at home, but you had to go into the ward office. We contacted the stores and they said we haven’t got any, but they’re on order, but it’s going to cost you about $5.40 for each one of those this time. So listen, that’s a very practical thing that this Council is supposedly doing, but isn’t doing. I wonder why that’s the case. You say one thing, but you do another.

 The other one was worm farms. There was a good quantity of worm farms in the stores as well and we ordered 100, they came in and of course they took up a lot of room. But I’ll tell you what, the people, my residents were up for them, they really were. All we had to do was to put something out and every week at least another 10 were being picked up, because people are keen as mustard to compost and of course those worm farms also give you some really great fertiliser as well. If there’s one thing about people in my ward, they’re great gardeners and they really love those, but we can’t again get any more, they’re gone and they’re not going to be replaced it looks like.

 So you talk about all this carbon neutral stuff, but when it comes to the coalface stuff, if you’re doing it you’re not doing it well enough. But in a lot of cases you’re doing it or you say you’re going to do it, but you’re not doing it at all. I just think that is just so disingenuous to the people of my ward that really were up for doing local composting and were going to get behind the program. Thank you, Chair.

Chair: Thank you.

 Further speakers?

 Councillor DAVIS, are you rising to your feet? Yes.

Councillor DAVIS: Thank you very much, Chair. I rise to speak on item A of this E&C information report. Earlier this month, Council submitted its Annual Report to Climate Active, including our public disclosure statement, our carbon inventory and for the first time, Council’s Emissions Reduction Strategy. As the Chamber is aware, the Federal Government now requires carbon neutral certified organisations to adopt a minimum emissions reduction target of 30% over a 10-year period and the strategy before us today is part of that. Mr Chair, under this LNP Administration, Council has become the largest carbon neutral government organisation in Australia. We are a huge organisation and we do have a big carbon footprint and that’s why I’m very excited that in this strategy we’re bringing together all of the work we’re doing across Council programs, to reduce our emissions and to keep Brisbane clean, green and sustainable.

 As we see in the strategy, most of our emissions come from construction, from public transport and waste management. Mr Chair, these are our core businesses and many of these emissions are currently unavoidable. We have to deliver an essential public infrastructure, a public transport network and of course collect the rubbish. That’s what our residents expect and that’s what we deliver. We’re taking steps to do so in a practical and sustainable way, unlike those opposite who think the solution to an output of almost 600,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide is to declare a climate emergency and slash red bin collection in half. But under the Schrinner Administration’s emissions reduction strategy, we will continue to deliver the basic and essential functions of local government in a clean and green way.

 Already we’re purchasing 100% Australian renewable energy to power our facilities and have grown our solar portfolio to more than 3.2 megawatts’ worth. The new Brisbane Metro depot at Rochedale, which I know Councillor MURPHY is working very hard to deliver, will be the biggest ever solar plant in Council’s history. Once complete, the new Brisbane Metro depot will reduce our carbon footprint by more than 1,600 tonnes each year and that’s the equivalent of taking about 550 cars off the road each year. Of course the depot will service and power our new fleet of 60 zero tailpipe emissions Metro vehicles and we’re working towards an agreement with the State to phase out diesel buses in our 1,200 strong fleet.

 In waste management, we’re embracing the exciting potential of landfill gas capture technology. At the Brisbane landfill in Rochedale we’re not only saving the atmosphere from harmful methane emissions, but we’re generating enough green energy to power 17,000 homes. In construction, just as one example, we’re delivering the cleanest and greenest road resurfacing program in Australia, recycling more than 200,000 tonnes of asphalt each year to deliver the Smoother Suburban Streets program. We’re also leading the way in recycling and repurposing one of the most difficult materials plaguing landfill across the globe, with Councillor MARX leading our investment in innovative ways to recycle rubber to use to produce even more sustainable roads.

 Mr Chair, this strategy captures what the Schrinner Council is all about, effective and practical climate action, not virtue signalling. It’s our roadmap of achievable, real-world solutions towards a net zero Council. In fact most of these are things that we’re already doing and it’s working. Mr Chair, the progress we’re making on reducing Council’s carbon footprint, last year when we submitted our report to Climate Active, Councillor CASSIDY stood up and said our carbon footprint is getting bigger.

 Well I’m pleased to say that he’s wrong, Mr Chair, because this year’s public disclosure statement, which clearly he hasn’t read, continues to show a strong downward trend in our footprint, which has reduced by about seven per cent since we first became carbon neutral. Given the progress that we’ve made so far and the accelerating advancements in technology we are embracing, I’m very, very confident that we will meet and beat our emissions reduction target by 2031, as we gear up to host the first ever carbon positive Olympic and Paralympic Games.

 Mr Chair, there were a number of things that were spoken about by some Councillors opposite and I just want to restate a few things and that is about what we achieve and what we show in our public disclosure statement to Climate Active. Again Councillor CASSIDY sits in the Chamber and he declares that in his opinion we aren’t carbon neutral. I would take the opinion of our carbon specialists in Council ahead of Councillor CASSIDY, because Council does the responsible thing, Mr Chair and offsets its emissions with investment in carbon abatement projects around the world. Whilst it might be his opinion, Mr Chair, it’s not the Federal Labor Government’s opinion, because they continue to certify Brisbane City Council as carbon neutral.

 The LORD MAYOR has always said and he restated it today, that tackling climate change is a global problem that requires a global response. What happens in China and what happens in India and anywhere in the world, it does affect us, our climate and our way of life. So why shouldn’t we be investing in carbon offsets overseas, particularly in some of these developing nations with far worse footprints than our own? We may be a local government, we are a local government—

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Point of order, Chair.

Chair: Point of order to you, Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Will the Councillor take a quick question?

Chair: Will you take a question, Councillor DAVIS?

Councillor DAVIS: No.

Chair: No.

Councillor DAVIS: We are a local government, Mr Chair, with a global view. We don’t take the view that because it’s outside of our patch we can’t do anything about it. Mr Chair, I did watch the *Four Corners* program last night and the reported claims that were made in that episode were quite concerning, particularly for some of the local communities. But like in any market, there are some participants out there that don’t do the right thing, but this is exactly why Council does not buy this type of offset. Council has had no dealings with the companies that were named in that report and I understand that in light of it, action has been taken against at least one of these rogue companies.

 What was also clear from the episode is that offsetting emissions is the right thing to do and that’s why we do it. I can’t speak to Climate Active’s own processes, but it is a Federal market authority and it’s the one that is the most trustworthy source that we have today. Offsets that are purchased by Council are subject to an incredibly rigorous scrutiny. We do everything in our power to interrogate the integrity of the offsets that we purchase and these offsets must be accredited by Climate Active, which is again the Federal body that’s been established, might I say by the Rudd-Gillard-Rudd Labor Government as the National Carbon Offset Standard.

 Climate Active only recognises two international offset projects accredited by two reputable standards and that’s the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and the Gold Standard. On top of this, Council undertakes its own due diligence on carbon abatement projects that we invest in. We conduct our own research into these projects and their operators. We don’t purchase land-based offsets from overseas because we know that they might be vulnerable and some of the risks that are highlighted in last night’s *Four Corners* program, we are aware of this and that’s why we don’t invest in them.

 In our evaluation process we support projects with independently verified social, economic or environmental co-benefits, or evidence of stakeholder engagement processes and environmental assessments more highly than others. Because offsets are financial instruments, they are traded by Corporate Treasury under Council’s financial risk management framework and we undertake due diligence of all brokers that we process through. Mr Chair, Verra is an organisation which accredits international offsets projects against the Verified Carbon Standard and verified projects are then listed on the Verra registry. Verra doesn’t run or manage projects and nor do we buy offsets from Verra.

 The Federal Government through Climate Active recognises the VCS as one of only two reputable international standards tradeable in Australia. Council hasn’t spent anything with Verra, our investment goes towards the projects generating the offsets. Mr Chair, there are many organisations that use offsets to claim carbon neutrality, including Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide City Council, as well as the LORD MAYOR said, another 11 local governments. It’s also used by Labor’s friends in the super industry, like Cbus and Care Super. Could you imagine, Mr Chair, the irony of Councillor CASSIDY telling Planet Ark, Australia’s most trusted environmental not-for-profit, that their climate credentials are bogus, because they use Verra offsets too. Mr Chair, we are proud of the work that we are doing in this space.

Chair: Councillor DAVIS, your time has expired, thank you.

 Is there any further debate? No further debate?

 LORD MAYOR.

LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Mr Chair. Well that’s been an interesting discussion and really what it comes down to, if you really want to summarise what’s been said, it’s an Administration—Council here that’s leading the way in Australia for local government when it comes to climate action. Then it’s a group of people with their heads buried in the sand on the other side that can’t get their head around the fact that an LNP Administration could be leading the way. They just cannot, they cannot comprehend it, they cannot get their head around it when their own Labor colleagues all over the place aren’t actually taking any real action. So this really says it all, it really says it all.

 Councillor CASSIDY trying to portray me as some kind of conservative was funny. Quite a few people in my own party don’t think that, so there’s even been people trying to kick me out because I’m not conservative enough, but that’s okay, I didn’t join a conservative party; I joined the Liberal Party, I am a Liberal. I know that Councillor CASSIDY and his colleagues don’t understand what a Liberal is, but a Liberal is about actually taking action to get things done. It is about making sure rather than virtue signalling, we actually do something about it. Because in the end, outcomes are the important thing here and so we’ll continue to progress in getting the best environmental outcomes, the best outcomes for our city.

 I would also say that Councillor DAVIS pointed out some other organisations whose reputation has been besmirched by Opposition comments. Well, let me point out another couple of great organisations in the Brisbane community who aren’t large organisations, but are really taking real action: Corinda State High School, is certified as carbon neutral in the Climate Active program—I wonder if they’re going to get attacked for having some kind of bogus accreditation; the Ashgrove West Kindy is carbon neutral under the Climate Active program, is that a bogus certification as well? Or is it just because it’s an LNP Administration? They are so transparent, they are so transparent in their views, they are so transparent in their politics. We are transparent in our actions.

Chair: Thank you.

 We now move to the vote on this report.

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion was declared **carried** on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillors Jared CASSIDY and Charles STRUNK immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared **carried**.

The voting was as follows:

AYES: 18 - The Right Honourable, the LORD MAYOR, Councillor Adrian SCHRINNER, DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor Krista ADAMS, and Councillors Greg ADERMANN, Lisa ATWOOD, Fiona CUNNINGHAM, Tracy DAVIS, Fiona HAMMOND, Vicki HOWARD, Steven HUANG, Sarah HUTTON, Sandy LANDERS, James MACKAY, Peter MATIC, David McLACHLAN, Ryan MURPHY, Angela OWEN, Steven TOOMEY and Andrew WINES.

NOES: 6 - The Leader of the OPPOSITION, Councillor Jared CASSIDY, and Councillors Kara COOK, Peter CUMMING, Steve GRIFFITHS, Charles STRUNK, and Jonathan SRIRANGANATHAN.

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Councillor Nicole JOHNSTON.

The report read as follows⎯

#### A *CARBON NEUTRAL COUNCIL EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGY 2022-23 TO 2027-28* AND COUNCIL’S 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT’S CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL PROGRAM

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1. The Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability, provided the information below.

2. To maintain its carbon neutral certification, Council must provide an annual report to the Australian Government’s Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program. The annual report is made up of documents that demonstrate compliance with the program’s requirements during the reporting period and includes the following for 2021-22:

- cover letter to the Australian Government’s Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Attachment A, submitted on file)

* 2021-22 Carbon Inventory for Council and its wholly owned subsidiaries, providing full details of the annual carbon footprint and emissions calculations (Attachment B, submitted on file)
* 2021-22 Public Disclosure Statement, providing a summary of Council’s annual carbon footprint, emissions reduction measures, changes in emissions over time and carbon offsets purchased to negate remaining emissions (Attachment C, submitted on file)
* 2021-22 Technical Assessment Report (Attachment D, submitted on file)
* 2016-17 Base Year Recalculation Audit Report (Attachment E, submitted on file)
* *Carbon Neutral Council Emissions Reduction Strategy 2022-23 to 2027-28* (Attachment F, submitted on file).

3. Following confirmation of Council’s certification for 2021-22, the Public Disclosure Statement will be published on the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program website and is also to be published on Council’s website. The Carbon Inventory and other documents are not required to be published.

4. To ensure the accuracy and completeness of carbon neutral claims, the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program requires periodic assessment and verification by an independent third-party auditor. This includes technical assessment of the Carbon Inventory and Public Disclosure Statement every three years and audit of adjustments to base year emissions to reflect changes in calculation methodologies and ensure the comparability of emissions over time.

5. In 2021-22, Council’s operational carbon footprint was 574,453 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂-e) after accounting for emissions reduction measures, including:

- the purchase of 44,881 megawatt hours of renewable energy

- installation of 388 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic systems on 18 community leased facilities

- ongoing utilisation of recycled asphalt, reducing bitumen and aggregate used in asphalt production.

6. Council’s 2016-17 base year emissions were also recalculated in 2021-22 using nationally consistent methodologies introduced under the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program in 2020-21. The recalculated base year carbon footprint is 623,659 tCO₂-e, indicating that operational emissions have reduced seven per cent over the six years to 2021-22.

7. From 2021-22, all Climate Active certified organisations must outline an emissions reduction strategy, including a time-bound emissions reduction target. Council recently approved an update to its *CS5* *Carbon Neutral Policy* to include an emissions reduction target of at least 30% on 2016-17 levels by 2031-32 and commitment to outline priority activities in an emissions reduction strategy. The *Carbon Neutral Council Emissions Reduction Strategy 2022‑23 to 2027-28* delivers on this commitment and meets the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Program requirement.

8. The Divisional Manager provided the following recommendation and the Committee agreed at the meeting of 30 January 2023.

9. **DECISION:**

**THAT E&C, AS DELEGATE OF COUNCIL DURING RECESS, APPROVES THE *CARBON NEUTRAL COUNCIL EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGY 2022-23 TO 2027-28*, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT F,** submitted on file**, SUBMISSION OF COUNCIL’S 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT’S CLIMATE ACTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL PROGRAM, INCLUSIVE OF ATTACHMENTS A TO F,** submitted on file**, AND PUBLICATION OF THE 2021-22 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT C,** submitted on file**, ON COUNCIL’S WEBSITE.**

**NOTED**

Chair: Councillor DAVIS, Environment, Parks and Sustainability Committee decisions please.

## NOTATION OF *DECISIONS* OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE AS DELEGATE OF COUNCIL:

### ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tracy DAVIS, Civic Cabinet Chair of the Environment, Parks and Sustainability Committee, moved, seconded by Councillor James MACKAY, that the report setting out the *decisions* of the Establishment and Coordination Committee as delegate of Council during the Summer Recess 2022-23, on matters usually considered by the Environment, Parks and Sustainability Committee, be noted.

Chair: Councillor DAVIS, is there any debate?

Councillor DAVIS: Thank you, Mr Chair. We had a number of items considered during the recess. The first, item A, was a park naming, which was the formal renaming of the park known as ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ on the corner of Tathra Street and Webster Road, Stafford, as ‘Tathra Place Park’. Item B was also a park naming, which was the formal naming of the playground node at O’Callaghan Park at 340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere as ‘Uncle Lewis Orcher Place’, who was a very well‑known and very well respected Elder in the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

 Item C, there were three petitions requesting Council support of a proposed memorial in Calamvale District Park in Calamvale. I know Councillor OWEN has been working very closely on this particular memorial. Item D was a petition requesting that Council remove or relocate the gazebo in the Avenue Park at Sunnybank Hills. I’ll leave further debate to the Chamber.

Chair: Thank you.

 Is there any debate?

 Councillor CASSIDY.

Councillor CASSIDY: Thanks very much, Chair. I rise to speak on item B, the park naming at O’Callaghan Park. Sorry, the place naming at O’Callaghan Park, the new playground as Uncle Lewis Orcher Place. Uncle Lewis Orcher was one of the most powerful and passionate men I have met in my time as Councillor. I got to know Uncle Lewis through his work at the Koobara Kindy, where he was a board member right up to the day he died. Throughout his life, Uncle Lewis committed a vast amount of time and effort across our community working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

 He worked for Dundalli House, Murri Watch, the Umpi Korumba Corporation and the Aboriginal Legal Service, as well as Koobara Kindy. Uncle Lewis truly lived a life of service and many in my community can attest to the impact that he had on them. He was a fierce advocate, a compassionate Elder and a real friend to so many on the northside of Brisbane. After his passing in February last year, I was approached by his family about naming the soon to be upgraded O’Callaghan Park playground in his honour.

 As a long-term Zillmere local and respected community Elder, Uncle Lewis had a strong connection to O’Callaghan Park and the nearby Zillmere PCYC (Police and Community Youth Club) right next door, becoming a vital part of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth justice program. It was at the Zillmere PCYC where Uncle Lewis and a busload of kids from his beloved Koobara Kindy, as well as kids from other local schools, sat in the hall to watch Kevin Rudd’s National Apology speech. He often referred to both this moment and the ceremony that took place a decade earlier, where Labor Lord Mayor Jim Soorley welcomed Indigenous Elders into City Hall and presented them with the keys to the City of Brisbane. Those were some of his political heroes, as he used to say.

 As I said in this Chamber about a year ago, after his passing, Uncle Lewis was one of my political heroes. To see his legacy and profound impact on our community, all you have to do is look around the northside. After working through the necessary requirements with Council and consulting other local organisations, I’m proud to see this park naming progress today. A special thanks to Suzie Orcher for providing so much valuable and rich information about the life of Uncle Lewis and to local organisations like Koobara Kindy, Kurbingui and Zillmere Community Centre, for their support of this application.

Chair: Thank you.

 Is there any further debate? No further debate?

 Councillor DAVIS—

 Sorry, Councillor OWEN, I didn’t see you standing. Sorry, Councillor OWEN.

Councillor OWEN: Thank you. Mr Chair, it gives me great pleasure to speak tonight on item C and, particularly, this is a very important local addition to not only our community as a local memorial, but also it is of significance for our City of Brisbane and for those who have served our nation in terms of conflict and in peace and have put themselves on the front line for the democracy that we have the privilege of bearing the benefits of today. There can never be enough said for the sacrifice that has been made by so many who have gone before us and I would just like to say to my local veterans who are working with me on this project, an absolute debt of gratitude is owed to all of you for your feedback, your interest and your contribution to this memorial and the process that we have been undertaking.

 In fact, at four o’clock this Thursday afternoon, we will be meeting once again to start the preparations for Anzac Day and through you, Mr Chair, to Councillor DAVIS, I would like to say it’s great to know that we will actually be breaking ground within the next week and a half, and it is something that the veterans are certainly looking forward to. For many of my residents, they have had to either go up to Sunnybank or down to Greenbank, which is actually in Logan. They asked me a number of years ago, can we have our very own memorial, so there has been a process that our local community has certainly undertaken and there is significant support for this memorial.

 So I am very, very pleased that it will be actually constructed in Calamvale District Park. The funding for the memorial has been provided through my Lord Mayor’s Community Fund for Calamvale Ward, and I think that this is a really appropriate recognition of the service of all of our local veterans, our men and women who have served our nation in uniform over the many years and continue to do so. In closing, Mr Chair, I would just like to say all who have served, Thank You for your service.

Chair: Thank you.

 No further debate?

 Councillor DAVIS, no right of reply?

 Okay, we now move to the vote on this report.

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion was declared **carried** on the voices.

The report read as follows⎯

#### A PARK NAMING – FORMAL RENAMING OF THE PARK KNOWN AS ‘FATHER JACK MADDEN PLACE PARK’, CORNER OF TATHRA STREET AND WEBSTER ROAD, STAFFORD AS ‘TATHRA PLACE PARK’

 **161/540/567/231**

**390/2022-23**

1. The A/Manager, Program Planning and Integration, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure, provided the following information.

2. A petition was received from St Clement’s on the Hill Anglican Church (the Church) requesting that Council formally rename the park known as ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ (D0941, B‑RE-2670), at the corner of Tathra Street and Webster Road, Stafford. ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ is classified as a Local Landscape amenity park. The petition contained 73 signatures, and the recommendation to proceed with the park renaming was adopted by Council at its meeting held on 24 May 2022.

3. Council records indicate the naming of this park as ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ was approved by Council in 1998, after receiving a request from the Church.

4. While the ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ park naming sign was removed approximately 10 years ago, an official renaming of the park did not occur.

5. In acknowledgement of the petitioners’ request for an Aboriginal name, Councillor Fiona Hammond, Councillor for Marchant Ward, made representations to local Aboriginal Elders in respect to a suitable Aboriginal name for this park, however, were unsuccessful in these representations. Councillor Hammond subsequently contacted the petitioners who favoured ‘Tathra Place Park’ as an alternative name.

6. Naming the park as ‘Tathra Place Park’ is in keeping with Council’s policy to assign a default name to parks upon their creation, generally derived from an adjacent street address or feature.

7. Councillor Hammond supports the request to rename the park to the street name, Tathra Street, and to reflect the name change on Council’s websites and databases.

8. Integration and Outcome, Program Planning and Integration, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure, has considered the renaming request and has recommended that approval be granted to formally rename the park ‘Tathra Place Park’.

Funding

9. Funding for the name sign is available in Program 6 – City Standards, Community Health and Safety.

Consultation

10. Councillor Fiona Hammond, Councillor for Marchant Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

11. Formally renaming the park known as ‘Father Jack Madden Place Park’ to ‘Tathra Place Park’ will address the petitioners’ request to have the name changed.

12. The A/Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting held on 12 December 2022.

13. **DECISION:**

**THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO FORMALLY RENAME THE PARK KNOWN AS ‘FATHER JACK MADDEN PLACE PARK’, CORNER OF TATHRA STREET AND WEBSTER ROAD, STAFFORD, AS ‘TATHRA PLACE PARK’ IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL’S *OS03 NAMING PARKS, FACILITIES OR TRACKS PROCEDURE*.**

**NOTED**

#### B PARK NAMING – FORMAL NAMING OF A PLAYGROUND NODE AT O’CALLAGHAN PARK, 340 ZILLMERE ROAD, ZILLMERE, AS ‘UNCLE LEWIS ORCHER PLACE’

 **161/540/567/230**

**391/2022-23**

14. The General Manager, Program Planning and Integration, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure, provided the following information.

15. Councillor Jared Cassidy, Councillor for Deagon Ward, received a request from a resident to name a playground node (Node ID 16332) at O’Callaghan Park (D0243, B-RE-1989), 340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere, after the late Uncle Lewis Orcher, who was a Wakka Wakka/Kabbi man.

16. Uncle Lewis was born in Brisbane, raised in Cherbourg, and commenced employment in the role of Welfare Officer for the Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Family Resource Centre and Kindergarten Inc. (now known as the Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-prep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (the Corporation)) in 1993, at the office premises near the Zillmere railway station on Zillmere Road.

17. In 1993, Uncle Lewis worked tirelessly to secure funding for a cultural event on the northside of Brisbane to showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to the wider community. This resulted in the Corporation hosting its first National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) event at O’Callaghan Park, an event that continued for the following four years.

18. Uncle Lewis also organised other events at O’Callaghan Park such as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day, the Cultural Awareness Day, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kindergarten Sports Day.

19. Uncle Lewis was with the Corporation for 20 years from 1993 to 2012, and until his passing on 3 February 2022, continued to support the Corporation as a proactive board member, mentor, social justice advocate and cultural advisor.

20. Uncle Lewis was passionate about social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, especially young people. He worked with many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations including Dundalli House, Murri Watch, Umpi Korumba Corporation and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in Brisbane, with the aim of addressing the imbalance of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

21. In respect to consultation with the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities regarding the playground node naming, the following support was received through the Deagon Ward Office:

* Aunty Gloria Rankine, Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-prep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation
* Kevin Maund, on behalf of the Northside Elders
* Suzie Orcher, Evander Orcher and Cindy Macklin (on behalf of Lewis Orcher Jnr).

Funding

22. Funding for the name sign is available in Program 6 – City Standards, Community Health and Safety.

Consultation

23. Councillor Jared Cassidy, Councillor for Deagon Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

24. Formally naming a playground node at O’Callaghan Park as ‘Uncle Lewis Orcher Place’, will acknowledge Uncle Lewis Orcher’s tireless contribution to the Zillmere community.

25. The General Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting held on 30 January 2023.

26. **DECISION:**

 **THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO FORMALLY NAME A PLAYGROUND NODE AT O’CALLAGHAN PARK, LOCATED AT 340 ZILLMERE ROAD, ZILLMERE, AS ‘UNCLE LEWIS ORCHER PLACE’, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL’S *OS03 NAMING PARKS, FACILITIES OR TRACKS PROCEDURE*.**

**NOTED**

#### C PETITIONS – REQUESTING COUNCIL SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MEMORIAL IN CALAMVALE DISTRICT PARK, CALAMVALE

 **137/220/594/48, 137/220/594/53 and 137/220/594/56**

**392/2022-23**

27. Three petitions requesting Council support of a proposed memorial in Calamvale District Park, Calamvale, were presented to Council. Petitions 137/220/594/48 and 137/220/594/53 were presented to the meetings of Council held on 30 November 2021 and 7 December 2021 respectively, by Councillor Angela Owen, and received. Petition 137/220/594/56 was received during the Summer Recess 2021-22.

28. The Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability, provided the following information.

29. The petitions contain a total of 287 signatures.

30. Calamvale District Park contains a variety of recreation facilities and is well-used by visitors from the local and surrounding areas. Recognising the importance of this community resource, new facilities, including memorials, need to be carefully considered to ensure they complement and enhance the visitor experience.

31. Memorials help define a sense of place, history, and community. They are key components in place making, public amenity, open space planning and urban design. They reflect the stories of the people and events that have made significant contributions to our sense of place and identity.

32. When assessing new memorial proposals, the design and placement of a memorial in public open space must:

* not impose on public space
* be consistent with community interest
* be minimal
* have a clear association and strong significance to the proposed location
* not detract from the aesthetic value of the space
* not have a negative impact on the current or foreseeable future use of the space by the community
* not present a safety or environmental risk
* must not detract from the space and enjoyment of it by others or create a sense of solemnity or morbidity.

33. Previous correspondence between Council’s Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability, and Councillor Angela Owen, Councillor for Calamvale Ward, indicates that the factors listed above have been considered and support for the proposed war memorial is given on this basis.

Funding

34. This project will be funded through the Calamvale Ward Suburban Enhancement Fund.

Consultation

35. Councillor Angela Owen, Councillor for Calamvale Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

36. The submission will respond to the petitioners’ concerns.

37. The Divisional Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting held on 30 January 2023.

38. **DECISION:**

 **THAT** **THE DRAFT RESPONSE, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A,** hereunder, **BE SENT TO THE HEAD PETITIONER.**

**Attachment A**

**Draft Response**

**Petition References:** 137/220/594/48, 137/220/594/53 and 137/220/594/56

Thank you for your petitions requesting Council support of proposed memorial in Calamvale District Park, Calamvale, honouring those who serve and have served our nation in uniform.

Calamvale District Park contains a variety of recreation facilities and is well-used by visitors from the local and surrounding areas. Recognising the importance of this community resource, new facilities, including memorials, need to be carefully considered to ensure they complement and enhance the visitor experience.

The war memorial is supported and has progressed from consultation and design, through to tender, with construction scheduled to commence in 2023.

Please let the other petitioners know of this information.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Grant Murray, Outcome Manager, Program Planning and Integration, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure on (07) 3178 7935 or by emailing grant.murray@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this matter.

**NOTED**

#### D PETITION – REQUESTING COUNCIL REMOVE OR RELOCATE THE GAZEBO IN THE AVENUE PARK, SUNNYBANK HILLS

 **137/220/594/77**

**393/2022-23**

39. A petition requesting Council remove or relocate the gazebo in The Avenue Park, Sunnybank Hills, was presented to the meeting of Council held on 22 March 2022, by Councillor Kim Marx, and received.

40. The Executive Manager, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure, provided the following information.

41. The petition contains 19 signatures.

42. The gazebo in The Avenue Park was installed by the developer of the estate more than 22 years ago. Following the park being handed to Council in 2019, Council's Connected Communities, Lifestyle and Community Services, undertook a safety inspection of the gazebo based upon the key principles of *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design for Queensland*. At the time, it was found that there were sound sightlines through the Eaton Place, Sunnybank Hills portion of the park from all the active edges which include footpaths, adjoining open space parkland areas and street corridors. There were mature trees throughout the park with no lower-level foliage to obscure sightlines and there was effective casual surveillance of the park by the adjoining residential properties.

43. Following receipt of this petition, further inspections undertaken by Council have found that whilst these sightlines are still sound, significant anti-social use of the gazebo can be identified by the presence of graffiti and other illegal activity. Due to this and the location of the gazebo not servicing or supporting other recreational uses within this parkland corridor, Council warranted that the gazebo be removed. Works were scheduled and the gazebo was removed in October 2022.

44. Council recommends residents to continue to report all suspicious or criminal activity directly to the Queensland Police Service via Policelink on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or in the event of an emergency, 000.

Consultation

45. Councillor Kim Marx, Councillor for Runcorn Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

46. The submission will respond to the petitioners’ concerns.

47. The Executive Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting held on 30 January 2023.

48. **DECISION:**

 **THAT** **THE DRAFT RESPONSE, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A,** hereunder, **BE SENT TO THE HEAD PETITIONER.**

**Attachment A**

**Draft Response**

**Petition Reference:** 137/220/594/77

Thank you for your petition requesting Council remove or relocate the gazebo in The Avenue Park, Sunnybank Hills.

In 2019, Council's Connected Communities, Lifestyle and Community Services, undertook a safety inspection of the gazebo based upon the key principles of *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* *for Queensland*. Following receipt of this petition, further inspections undertaken by Council determined that the gazebo warranted removal as it was predominantly being used for anti-social and undesirable gatherings. Works were scheduled and the gazebo was removed in October 2022.

Council recommends residents continue to report all suspicious or criminal activity directly to the Queensland Police Service via Policelink on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or in the event of an emergency, 000.

Please advise the other petitioners of this information.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Adrian Paterson, Manager Program and Planning - Greenspace, Program Planning and Integration, City Standards, Brisbane Infrastructure on (07) 3407 0602.

Thank you for raising this matter.

**NOTED**

## PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:

Chair: Councillors, are there any petitions?

Councillor HAMMOND: Thank you, Mr Chair. I have a petition for Aspley and also one for Stafford.

Chair: Thank you.

 Any further petitions? No further petitions?

 Can I have a motion for receipt of the petitions please?

**394/2022-23**

It was resolved on the motion of Councillor Sandy LANDERS, seconded by Councillor Charles STRUNK, that the petitions as presented be received and referred to the Committee concerned for consideration and report.

The petitions were summarised as follows:

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| **File No.** | **Councillor** | Topic |
| 137/220/594/189 | Fiona Hammond | Requesting Council engage with the Stafford community and stakeholders regarding the Stafford Bowls Club redevelopment. |
| 137/220594/190 | Fiona Hammond | Requesting Council resurface Hillrise Street, Aspley. |

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chair: Councillors, General Business.

 Councillors, are there any statements required as a result of and Office of the Independent Assessor or Councillor Ethics Committee order? No?

 Are there any matters of General Business?

 Councillor HAMMOND.

Councillor HAMMOND: Thank you, Mr Chair. I rise to speak about a few achievements from the Marchant Ward over the recess. We’ve seen the opening—or the switching on of the lights at Kirby and Ellison Road upgrade. This has been a long‑anticipated upgrade for the residents of Aspley and very welcome. We’ve had so many thank yous because now it’s safer for people to cross, especially if you’re going to the Guide hut or to our wonderful Marchant Park. It’s been a real welcome to the local area. Also the new toilets at Frederick Annand Park are finally open, thank you very much to Councillor DAVIS’ team. Bradbury Park, everyone, Bradbury Park just keeps on getting better. I can’t wait for the anticipated opening in the next few months.

 Now something a little bit embarrassing, but I’m going to share for you. Marchant Park Warehouse Cricket had a cricket tournament over the weekend, over last week, for blind bowls and inclusive bowls, which was a great achievement, and I must thank Australia Cricket, Warehouse Cricket for putting this event on. However, as a youngster I was a cricket tragic. Kepler Wessels was my hero, I have been waiting to meet Kepler Wessels. For those youngsters or in the team who don’t know who he is, or not a cricket tragic, he played for Brisbane, he played for Australia. He’s the first international cricketer who has made 100 runs for two different countries.

 He was also the Captain of South Africa in 1994, which I had the great privilege of sitting in Newlands, watching that test, supporting Allan Border, but of course supporting my Kepler. Now my daughter, this is what a tragic I was, was going to be called Kepler if she was a boy. However, Kepler King did not work too well at that stage. Kepler Wessels, I must thank you for your passion in sport, not only for cricket, but also your training of boxing and everything else, but I also have to apologise for the very embarrassing meeting of the local Councillor. I was a big groupie, I had to apologise, I just kept on speaking without thinking, the foot was in the mouth, but he was very gracious and did laugh, so again thank you so much to Australia Cricket for putting this wonderful event on.

 I’m happy to say Marchant Ward will be hosting—I’m not going to give too much information, but I know the DEPUTY MAYOR’s going to be a batter—an event on 18 September this year, where we’re going to be including blind cricket as part of this. We are going to have the Marchant 11 play at Gibson Park against Stafford District Cricket to raise awareness for cricket. I can’t wait to expose my team, but it’s a big secret now, I’ve already said one, the DEPUTY MAYOR, I’m a bowler. So let’s see how we go. To finish it off, after the main game with the all abilities cricket, so I’d like to thank again District Cricket for being a part of this and, yes, I may have to write a letter to Kepler Wessels, the great allrounder, to see if he’ll join our team. Thank you.

Chair: Any further General Business?

 Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Thanks, Chair. I rise to speak on a couple of things, bus routes, greenspace zoning issues. Just first off, I’d like to thank Councillor MURPHY and the Transport team for their great work on the new 86 bus route. It’s really exciting for The Gabba Ward to have our first free bus service ever, as far as I’m aware. I want to sincerely thank and congratulate the Mayor and the Chair of Transport and the entire team for pulling that service together. I think it’s a real asset to the community. I’m already hearing a lot of positive feedback from residents and seeing that the usage numbers are slowly increasing. I hope that the Mayor will be alert to the fact that that is proving to be a very popular service already and that it won’t just be a one-year trial, that we’ll be able to keep that service operating long term. It’s filling an important need in terms of connecting different parts of West End and South Brisbane.

 I also did just want to highlight that it would be great if that service started a bit earlier. LORD MAYOR, as you might be aware, currently the service runs from 10am until 11pm, and it’s great to have a service that runs until 11pm seven days a week. I appreciate that a lot of services don’t run that late or on weekends, we do have 30,000 people in West End and South Brisbane, so it’s serving a big catchment. But the point is, LORD MAYOR, it would be ideal if that service could start a little bit earlier, 10am is good, but 8am would be a lot better. I understand one of the main reasons that the initial timetable didn’t start a bit earlier was that it’s been hard to secure enough bus drivers for the morning peak periods in Brisbane at the moment. I accept that that’s a genuine challenge, but I hope, through you, Chair, LORD MAYOR, that as the availability of bus drivers increases, we’ll look to put those services on for the morning peak as well.

 Secondly, I just wanted to note that we had a recent announcement in the Mayor’s newsletter about a dog off-leash area for South Brisbane. I’ve been talking for some time about the need for a dog off-leash area and I wanted to thank Councillor DAVIS for hearing that need and doing her best within the constraints that are available to us. But I think the location, to be blunt, it’s better than nothing, but it’s suboptimal and what it really highlights is that we do still need new parkland somewhere in the centre of West End. The dominant strategy from the LNP at the moment seems to be that we’ll wait until the Olympics and then after the Olympics we’ll secure some of that riverside land along Parmalat. I want to say very clearly to Councillor DAVIS and to the LORD MAYOR that we can’t wait until the early 2030s to get new parkland for the 4101 postcode.

 I’ve said it here before about West End’s population has increased from about 8,000 to 16,000 in the last couple of years and South Brisbane’s population has increased from about 6,000 to 14,000, so we’ve had an increase of something like 20,000 people in the 4101 postcode, and no significant increase in parkland. So LORD MAYOR, I know you can’t magically create parkland overnight, but I want to emphasise to you that you’re going to have to create new parkland before the Olympics and before that riverside industrial land that’s set aside for the media centre, et cetera, becomes available. So we do need to create new parkland somewhere in the 4101 postcode. I know that in the Local Government Infrastructure Plan there is a new park identified in the LGIP, but the Council officers, I think, haven’t been given the support they need from the Administration to identify and secure sites within the LGIP defined area.

 So there’s a park there, it’s been a commitment of the Administration for some time that the park would be delivered, but you haven’t done it. So that’s a growing concern and it makes it really hard to find space for dog off-leash areas. It also makes it hard to find space for a skatepark. I’ve been going on about a skatepark for some time now and we still don’t have a skatepark in the 4101 postcode. It’s a very young community, it’s a community that really values those kinds of recreational activities and all we’ve got is a tiny little pin drop of a bowl over in Kangaroo Point that’s not really accessible for West Enders anyway. So I really would like to see this Administration take that need for a new skatepark facility in the inner southside seriously.

 Finally, just on planning matters, I wrote to Councillor ALLAN quite some time ago about what kinds of land uses and activities were permitted on industrial sites. Councillor ALLAN, through you, Chair, I don’t think I ever did receive a proper response to that. I’m sure it’s coming, but it’s been several months now. The issue is essentially that there are many kinds of activities that have operated in warehouses for many years now and I think, particularly, of live music concerts, dance studios, art workshops, et cetera. These are essentially industrial activities in that they are industries which can generate a lot of noise and often require a lot of space. But the standard interpretations of Council’s City Plan don’t ordinarily permit those kinds of activities in industrial sites, and I think that needs to change.

 I think we’re long overdue for a change in that respect and it wouldn’t be that hard for the Council to do it. It doesn’t necessarily need to create new use codes; it just needs to allow uses like theatre use in the industrial zones of City Plan. So it’s not a change that should take a great deal of extra administrative work, but I think the core point here is that these uses are already happening. For decades, musicians and artists and dancers have been using warehouses and industrial sites for dance classes, for even concerts, for recording studios, et cetera. Unfortunately, this Administration, I think, has been a little too slow at recognising and formalising those uses. So it’s not that I’m asking for something new to happen, or a change in how industrial land or industrial sites are currently used. I’m simply saying let’s recognise the long running uses of these sites for artistic activities and make the necessary changes in City Plan to support that.

 The same probably goes for gym activities. I’ve had a conversation recently with someone from one of the doggy day care services, currently there’s nowhere for day care for dogs to operate in the city. It’s not allowed on residential zoned land, it’s not allowed on retail sites. A lot of those doggy day care facilities have been set up in industrial sites, in warehouses, but they also technically aren’t allowed there. I believe in Councillor CUNNINGHAM’s ward possibly one was shut down recently, or there was a place operating in Coorparoo and, basically, they had to let staff go and close down the business because the Council said that that particular use didn’t comply with City Plan. To you, Councillor JOHNSTON, I don’t think the problem is that they need a DA (Development Application), I think the problem is that it’s not a defined use. So they don’t actually know—the Council officers don’t actually know how to class or categorise it.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor SRIRANGANATHAN: Yes, the experience has been that it’s been quite hard to get DAs for some sites. Anyway, the broader point is just that we do need that reform of industrial land zoning. Councillor ALLAN, I’ve been waiting quite a while just for a reply to my email, to at least let me know whether you support those suggestions, or whether the Administration is headed in a very different direction. One of the requests in that email was to at least give some guidance to the compliance and enforcement teams that change is coming, so that they don’t need to be too aggressive about shutting down recording studios and dance studios and small theatres that are currently operating in those warehouse spaces.

 Because at the moment, if they get one single noise complaint they’ll go out to the industrial precinct and find wherever that dance studio is operating and issue them show cause notices and tell them that they need to spend tens of thousands of dollars on DAs, et cetera, in order to operate, which is not viable for a smaller business that’s just a short-term tenant. So this is becoming a really big issue across the city. I’ve heard from now dozens of different businesses and artists and community groups that are trying to operate sustainably in these sites.

 Yes, fitness groups as well, there’s a really wide range of activities that are quite appropriate for those industrial areas, because they need to make a bit of noise and because they need a lot of space. Given that the sorts of activities that those industrial sites were once used for probably aren’t as commercially viable in Australia these days, at least not in the inner city, that it’s time to make those changes and I hope it doesn’t take too much longer.

 Finally, I just wanted to make a really quick point that the public demand for more greenspace in new developments is still growing. I regularly get complaints from residents that there’s not enough trees or greenery within the new development projects, both high density apartments, but also suburban subdivisions. I don’t think the Council’s deep planting changes recently go far enough. I think we need to be requiring firmer deep planting minimums on suburban and detached dwelling developments. We also need to be increasing those deep planting minimums for high density apartments. So hopefully the Administration hears the community on that and starts to take a bit more notice. Thanks.

Chair: Thank you.

 Any further speakers in General Business?

 Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Yes, earlier today, I said in the motion of condolence with respect to the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria that I suspected that the LORD MAYOR had spent more on his overseas trip to the US than he was spending on earthquake relief. I’ve now caught up with some E&C papers and I can see that the LORD MAYOR and his staff member, the cost was $21,000, which was slightly under the amount that he’s given for earthquake relief in Türkiye. But then I noticed that the Environment Chair is going on a junket to Japan as well, so that’s $10,000.

 So $31,000 for LNP Councillors and staff to go on overseas junkets and $25,000 for earthquake victims in Syria and Türkiye. I just thought it should be on the public record that the LORD MAYOR thinks that overseas junkets for himself and his mates is more important than helping poorer countries recover from one of the most horrific natural disasters in the world. I didn’t even have the facts and figures and I was pretty much on the money. I think it’s disgusting.

Chair: Further General Business?

 I declare the meeting—

 Sorry, Councillor CUNNINGHAM.

Councillor CUNNINGHAM: Thanks, Mr Chair. I rise to speak just very briefly, if I can, about the 19 Days of Handstands challenge. Nearly three years ago, Hannah Clarke, Aaliyah, Laianah and Trey were murdered at Camp Hill, and it’s been a long three years for her parents, Sue and Lloyd. Every day they’ve worked to create awareness about coercive control and bring about change. Mr Chair, they’ve achieved remarkable progress, even bringing about that legislative change and they’ve also been named Queensland’s Australians of the Year. They’re also making progress towards completing Hannah’s Sanctuary and this is a place for women and children to begin rebuilding their lives after leaving a DV (Domestic Violence) perpetrator. It’s been a really difficult journey for them.

 Amongst all the grief and the overwhelming sadness, Sue and Lloyd still find moments of happiness when they remember Hannah and her children. Sue and Lloyd also want Hannah to be remembered for all the fun and the loving stuff that they did together and that happened to be handstands. So that’s what’s behind the 19 Days of Handstands campaign. I have to admit, and you probably know that I’m terrible at handstands, but I’m giving it a go to show my support for her family and to show support for thousands of other victims who suffer just like Hannah did. I want to say thank you to my colleagues, both here in the Chamber and abroad, who have jumped on and got involved in the handstand challenge, especially as well to my local State MP (Member of Parliament) who gave it a go yesterday. You can join in on social media too, please make sure that you tag Small Steps 4 Hannah and #19daysofhandstands. Thank you.

Chair: Further General Business?

 Councillor HUANG.

Councillor HUANG: Thank you, Mr Chair. I just rise to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy belated Lunar New Year. This year, the Lunar New Year actually was a bit earlier. Normally, Lunar New Year falls in the month of February, but this year it fell on 22 January. Of course, it is one of the most significant celebrations in Asian culture, but there’s a bit of variance. In every other country we celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, whereas in Vietnam, they celebrated the Year of the Cat. So I did a bit of research, there were a few myths and stories and one of them was there were no rabbits in Vietnam, that’s why they replaced rabbit with cat. I’m not sure how accurate that is, but anyway, I’m sure everyone enjoyed the festivities and celebrations of the Lunar New Year.

 Of course, there were lots of events celebrated and I’m sure probably all of you have been to some kind of Lunar New Year celebration, but I’d like to thank the LORD MAYOR for hosting a civic reception in City Hall here. It’s widely welcomed and liked by the multicultural communities, because normally the State Parliament and Brisbane City Council celebrate with a reception. But this year apparently the Premier went on holiday and forgot to book the date, so there was only a celebration hosted by Brisbane City Council, by the LORD MAYOR, Adrian SCHRINNER. So I think that shows about how much we care about the multicultural communities.

 Of course, talking of the Lunar New Year, I have to say the Year of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity and, of course, according to the LORD MAYOR, in his words, it is also about multiplying. So hopefully everyone multiplies in their health and wealth, but it can be applied to more things. Also 2023 has been predicted to be a year of hope, so I’m sure Brisbane City Council under the leadership of LORD MAYOR Adrian SCHRINNER, will make sure that it is a year of hope for everyone in Brisbane. Thank you.

Chair: Further General Business?

 Councillor OWEN.

Councillor OWEN: Thank you, Mr Chair. Mr Chair, I rise to speak on some local events and also some very important people in my ward. Can I say to Councillor HUANG and to all of the people celebrating the Lunar New Year, xin nian kuai le, gong xi fa cai, chúc mừng năm mới. It is just my privilege to be able to go and celebrate at the many different functions right across the city with these people when they are celebrating the Lunar New Year, because it is an important part in their calendar. To all of the Punjabis who celebrated last month’s Lohri, it’s been a few years since I was in India and celebrated Lohri over there, but I know it is a very special time and there are many Punjabis who live in my ward, so I do extend that greeting to them for Lohri.

 Mr Chair, the weekend was very sad in a number of respects, because there was the memorial service for the Fall of Singapore at Anzac Square which I attended and laid a wreath. Also, I attended the memorial service for the earthquake victims for Türkiye and Syria, to join with those people in the local community who have lost loved ones, they are very, very devastated. It is incomprehensible the amount of lives that have been lost so quickly and to talk to people who had literally been in some of the same buildings that have collapsed into rubble a week prior to that earthquake, they are going through such feelings of emotion. It’s an emotional rollercoaster for them, so whatever we can do to support them, as I said to them on the weekend, that we as a City of Brisbane, when people choose to come and live in our city, they become part of our Brisbane family. Just as they are impacted, we are here to support them.

 Similarly, today many people may have seen that there are extreme fires raging out on the Western Downs. To our many volunteer rural firefighters, who trekked out from our surrounds at about 4am this morning, please stay safe and thank you for what you are doing.

 I would like to actually speak about some very special young people in my community and that is my school leaders. Today, I had 60 students here in City Hall who are school leaders in our local community, they are such inspirations. They really step up to the mark and it was wonderful to have them here, particularly, about a dozen students from the Calamvale Special School, because the obstacles that many of those students have overcome are significant. It was my privilege to welcome there here on behalf of Brisbane City Council and to embrace them all here as leaders, not only of their schools, but for our city. I think that in the hands of these young people, our city is going to be in great stewardship in years to come.

 It was so wonderful to see how they interacted with each other, liaised with each other and they have started that communication process school to school, school to Council and now they’re looking for other ways that they can help fundraise for those earthquake victims. So I think that that’s really, really important and it’s a great outcome. I just think that they have great leaders in their schools, in their school principals and their teachers, and I really appreciate the fact that they all came in here today.

 I would also just like to convey to the Chamber that there is a very, very special young lady who lives in my ward. I’ve known her for a number of years and she is going to be flying out to London on Sunday, because on Tuesday 20 December, she auditioned for the Royal Ballet School in London. Now over 1,400 ballerinas from right around the world, danced to go and receive an invite to London. Emily Buckley from Calamvale Ward will be going to London for the final auditions for the London Ballet School. So I just think that this is just an amazing achievement. In the last 12 months—and I want to make sure I get this right—Emily has performed at QPAC (Queensland Performing Arts Centre) in January last year in the Queensland Ballet’s double bill of Swan Lake and the Graduation Ball.

 She also—last March, competed in her very first Royal Academy of Dance Jacqueline Morland Awards and was awarded the winner of the intermediate foundation level. In April, she headed off to Melbourne and trained at the Australian Ballet School for a week as part of the interstate training program. In May, she was awarded the Jodie White-Bivona Scholarship with Ballet Theatre Queensland and, in September, the Australian Ballet School offered her invitee status for 2023. So in December she had a very, very successful audition with the Royal Ballet School, London, and has been invited to that final audition round and she will be departing this Sunday for London. I would just like this opportunity on behalf of the City of Brisbane to say to Emily Buckley, ‘we are very proud of your achievement, we are very proud of your dedication and hard work and we wish you well in London’. Thank you, Mr Chair.

Chair: Councillor—who was first?

Councillor HOWARD: Councillor STRUNK, because I want to finish on a high note.

Chair: Okay, Councillor STRUNK.

Councillor STRUNK: Okay, that’s a bit of a challenge. Well, chúc mừng năm mới. Happy New Year. I just want to say that the Lunar New Year celebrations this year were probably better than any other year I can remember since coming to work for a State Government Member back in 2001, and that’s saying a lot actually. But I think because of the COVID years, I think people were really up for a big party. So we started off with the Tet Festival, at least in my ward anyway and I thought Friday night was big, but Saturday was just—there were cars everywhere. People were just out to have a great time and they did, for two days in a row. So I don’t know how many thousands of participants there were for those two days, but then on that Saturday I went, I couldn’t even get in the car park, I had to go away, I had a stall there too, because there was just no parking.

 Anyway, so I went away, but my stall operated with my team, thank goodness that they went there early and got a car park. So anyway, I went away and as I was driving home, I went passed a couple of other huge events by the Catholic Church celebrating the Lunar festival as well in their premises at Lilac Street. It was just massive. Then I was told that of course the Buddhist temple in Freeman Road had another huge one. Then, of course, I attended about a week later another temple, which I thought was like a small congregation of people that occupy this temple, but I was wrong. It was almost equal to the Freeman Road, so I’m told. So it was a year that I’ll always remember in regards to the Lunar New Year.

 But I just want to pick up on a comment and I hope this is not a bit of a downer there, Councillor HOWARD, but I just want to make a comment in regards to Councillor HUANG when he indicated that the Premier was away on a holiday and wasn’t able to attend the Brisbane celebration. I can assure him that that’s probably the only year I’ve ever seen her go away at that time of the year and I worked for her for 10 years and of course I’ve been a Councillor for seven.

 So I have a pretty good idea of where she travels and when she travels and that was, as I say, the first year I can remember that she wasn’t able to—other than COVID years—attend the Tet Festival or Tet celebrations, which we did have some in the COVID years. So I just want to put that on the record, that we all deserve a holiday when we can take a holiday and, obviously, this year was at that Lunar New Year time. Anyway, I just wanted to put that on the record, but it was a great celebration this year. Thank you, Chair.

Chair: Thank you.

 Councillor HOWARD.

Councillor HOWARD: Thank you, Mr Chair and through you I’d like to thank Councillor STRUNK for his comments as well. But I’m going to talk about the Brisbane Greeters because today is their 11th birthday and I promised them faithfully that I would say something about them in the Chamber. So we all know what a fantastic job those Brisbane Greeters do and we really want to thank them for their ongoing commitment to sharing our city sites and stories, and visitors and locals alike just love the work that they do. So they showcase our city and they share the untold stories that only locals would know, like the elephant buried under Suncorp Stadium, did you know that? Or that the first Bulimba ferry was actually a rowboat. Now I’m not sure about all of that, but they’ve assured me they’ve checked all of the facts.

 Not only have they shared Brisbane history, but they’re now delivering a new tour, the 21st Century Brisbane. So I really want to thank them very, very much for all of the work they do and I promised faithfully that I would read a poem that one of the Greeters, Gail Machoka, has written for the 2023 birthday, so here it is. Well, here we are again, another year older. Lucky for us, we Greeters are getting bolder. We can tackle almost anything that this city’s handed us. We always find our way to town, we walk, take the Cat, train or bus. We showcase our city to those who come with smiles on our faces, we welcome everyone. When we get to together, we swap facts and stories that keep making our greeting more and more glorious. So Greeters, let’s kick up our heels and have a good time, here’s cheers to another year, it’s going to be just divine. Happy birthday to us. Happy birthday, Brisbane Greeters.

Chair: Is there any other further General Business?

 No one rising to their feet, I haven’t missed anyone.

 I declare the meeting closed.

## QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

*(Questions of which due notice has been given are printed as supplied and are not edited)*

**Submitted by Councillor Steve Griffiths (received on 9 February 2023)**

**Q1.** Please provide a list of categories for the Brisbane City Council owned community facilities. *Eg. Indoor sports, outdoor sports, community arts, etc*

**Q2.** Please provide a detailed breakdown of how much Brisbane City Council spent on advertising in the 2021‑2022 and 2022-2023 (to date) financial years, broken down by the various categories of advertising (eg. television, billboards, radio, social/digital, influencers, print etc).

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| **Channel** | **2021-2022 Spend** | **2022-2023 spend (to date)** |
| **TV** |  |  |
| **Radio** |  |  |
| **Print** |  |  |
| **Billboard** |  |  |
| **Digital** |  |  |
| **Social Media** |  |  |

**Q3.** How much has been spent on social media advertising by Brisbane City Council in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (to date) financial years, broken down by the advertising campaign and social media channel (eg Facebook, TikTok etc)?

**Facebook/Instagram**

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| **Campaign** | **Financial Year** | **Total Spent** |
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**TikTok**

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| **Campaign** | **Financial Year** | **Total Spent** |
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**LinkedIn**

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| **Campaign** | **Financial Year** | **Total Spent** |
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**SnapChat**

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| **Campaign** | **Financial Year** | **Total Spent** |
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**OTHER (please list all other channels)**

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| **Campaign** | **Social Media Channel** | **Financial Year** | **Total Spent** |
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**Q4.** How many Brisbane City Council bus drivers have resigned in the last 3 months?

**Q5.** How many Brisbane City Council bus drivers have resigned in the last 6 months?

**Q6.** How many Brisbane City Council bus drivers have resigned in the last 12 months?

**Q7.** How many new Brisbane City Council bus drivers have been hired in the last 3 months?

**Q8.** How many new Brisbane City Council bus drivers have been hired in the last 6 months?

**Q9.** How many new Brisbane City Council bus drivers have been hired in the last 12 months?

**Q10.** How many Brisbane City Council bus drivers have had claims approved by City Workcover in the last 12 months?

**Q11.** How many Brisbane City Council bus drivers have had claims rejected by City Workcover in the last 12 months?

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

*(Answers to questions of which due notice has been given are printed as supplied and are not edited)*

**Submitted by Councillor Steve Griffiths (from meeting on 6 December 2022)**

**Q1.** How many properties fell under each of the following rating categories in each of the following financial years?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2014/2015** | **2013/2014** | **2012/2013** | **2011/2012** |
| Residential – Owner Occupied *(including when known as a previous category name)* |  |  |  |  |
| Residential – Non-owner Occupied or Mixed Use *(including when known as a previous category name)* |  |  |  |  |
| CTS – Residential – Owner Occupied *(including when known as a previous category name)* |  |  |  |  |
| CTS – Residential – Non-owner Occupied or Mixed Use *(including when known as a previous category name)* |  |  |  |  |

***A1.***

|  | ***2014/2015*** | ***2013/2014*** | ***2012/2013*** | ***2011/2012*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Residential – Owner Occupied (including when known as a previous category name)* | *222,789* | *221,392* | *220,676* | *221,360* |
| *Residential – Non-owner Occupied or Mixed Use (including when known as a previous category name)* | *76,894* | *77,118* | *75,785* | *75,187* |
| *CTS – Residential – Owner Occupied (including when known as a previous category name)* | *39,010* | *37,847* | *37,065* | *36,853* |
| *CTS – Residential – Non-owner Occupied or Mixed Use (including when known as a previous category name)* | *74,877* | *71,840* | *67,892* | *65,168* |

**Q2.** Please provide a breakdown of the spend on Council advertising in the 2022/2023 financial year.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Social Media Advertising |  |
| Social Media Influencers |  |
| Digital Advertising |  |
| Cinema Advertising |  |
| Outdoor Advertising |  |
| Talent |  |

***A2.***

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| --- | --- |
| *Social Media Advertising* | *$87,706* |
| *Social Media Influencers* | *$10,150* |
| *Digital Advertising* | *$299,739* |
| *Cinema Advertising* | *-* |
| *Outdoor Advertising* | *$349,139* |
| *Talent* | *$88,795* |

*As of 1 December 2022.*

**Q3.** Please provide an update of the following Brisbane App Metrics:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **METRIC** | **June 2022** | **July 2022** | **Aug 2022** | **Sept 2022** | **Oct 2022** | **Nov 2022** | **Dec 2022** |
| Number of new app installs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of app uninstalls |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| App session average amount of time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of app sessions each month |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of unique users per month |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

***A3.***

| ***METRIC*** | ***June 2022*** | ***July 2022*** | ***Aug 2022*** | ***Sept 2022*** | ***Oct 2022*** | ***Nov 2022*** | ***Dec 2022*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Number of new app installs* | *9,078* | *6,410* | *13,714* | *6,747* | *5,714* | *4,871* | *6,457* |
| *Number of app uninstalls\** | *2,336* | *2,126* | *2,267* | *2,150* | *2,237* | *2,098* | *2,333* |
| *App session average amount of time* | *14m:38s* | *15m:01s* | *24m:34s* | *15m:10s* | *15m:03s* | *14m:52s* | *17m:43s* |
| *Number of app sessions each month* | *48,903* | *43,363* | *116,470* | *53,140* | *40,500* | *35,035* | *39,355* |
| *Number of unique users per month\*\** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*\*Figures for app uninstalls only include Android users. Apple uninstalls are unable to be tracked due to Apple’s privacy measures.*

*\*\*Google Analytics 4 does not have the ability to report on unique users month‑to-month.*

**Q4.** Please provide visitor numbers for the Brisbane Metro visitor centre in the months listed below:

| **Month** | **Visitor Numbers** |
| --- | --- |
| July |  |
| August |  |
| September |  |
| October |  |
| November |  |
| December |  |

***A4.***

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| --- | --- |
| ***Month*** | ***Visitor Numbers*** |
| *July* | *425* |
| *August* | *373* |
| *September* | *475* |
| *October* | *423* |
| *November* | *457* |
| *December* | *351* |

*Note: The Information Centre closed on 21 December 2022 for the Christmas break.*

**Q5.** Please provide a breakdown of the employee numbers at Brisbane City Council for the listed financial years:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **FTE** | **Headcount** |
| 2020/2021 |  |  |
| 2021/2022 |  |  |
| 2022/2023 |  |  |

***A5.***

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| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Year*** | ***FTE*** | ***Headcount*** |
| *2020/2021* | *7,769.66* | *8,451* |
| *2021/2022* | *7,951.46* | *8,678* |
| *2022/2023* | *8,143.84* | *8,894* |

 *2022/23 statistics as of 25 November 2022.*

**RISING OF COUNCIL: 5.43pm.**

**PRESENTED: and CONFIRMED**

 **CHAIR**

**Council officers in attendance:**

Dorian Maruda (A/Senior Council and Committee Officer)

Ashley Bailey (A/Council and Committee Officer)

Billy Peers (Personal Support Officer to the Lord Mayor and Council Orderly)