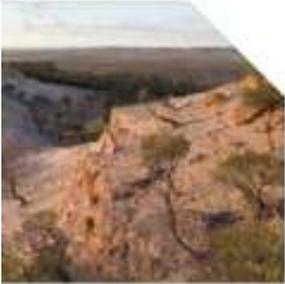
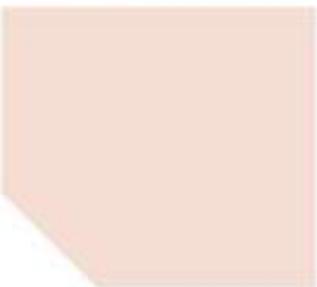


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Longreach Regional Council **AGENDA**

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 16 October 2025
at Longreach Council Chambers, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach, Qld 4730



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 16 October 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Longreach Council Chambers, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach, Qld 4730 on Thursday 16 October 2025 commencing at 9:00am.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully



Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
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5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 18 September 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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MINUTES

of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 September 2025



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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Acting Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:00 am**.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present."

Present

Councillors

Acting Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr NA Gay
Cr TM Hatch
Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Brett Walsh

Chief Financial Officer

David Wilson

Director of Communities

Tanya Johnson

Director of Works

André Pretorius

Director of Organisational Services

Grace Cronin-Jones

Manager of Economics, Planning, and Legal

Simon Kuttner

Executive Officer of Governance

Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

2 Prayer

Reverend Donna Muston, Uniting Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence to mark the passing of community members Mr Wayne Little and Mr John Tiller.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

Cr Watts declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.2 - Sponsorship Longreach Jockey Club. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Watts is an Executive Committee Member of the Longreach Jockey Club. Cr Watts will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2025-09-248

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 14 August 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 6 / 0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2025-09-249

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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11 Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

Res-2025-09-250

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

11.2 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

Res-2025-09-251

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at **11:16 am** and resumed at **11:41 am** with all those present prior to adjournment in attendance.

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Longreach Region Planning Scheme - Major Amendment 3

Consideration of the proposed commencement of a Major Amendment to the Longreach Region Planning Scheme.

Res-2025-09-252

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council:

1. Commences making a major amendment to its planning scheme, pursuant to Chapter 2, Part 4, section 16.1 of the Ministers Guidelines and Rules under the Planning Act 2016; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to undertake the planning scheme major amendment process, as defined in the Ministers Guidelines and Rules.

CARRIED 6 / 0

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12.2 Land and Pest Advisory Committee Meeting 31 July 2025 - Actions

Consideration of Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated 31 July 2025.

Res-2025-09-253

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Minutes and Actions from the Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee held on 31 July 2025.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.3 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety report is presented to Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 1 September 2025.

Res-2025-09-254

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report for August 2025.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.4 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

This information report provides an update, for the month of August, on the planning services that the Council provides to support planning and development activity across the local government area.

Res-2025-09-255

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.5 Information Report - Organisational Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Organisational Services Directorate.

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Res-2025-09-256

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.6 Director of Organisational Services Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous Month for the Director of Organisational Services.

Res-2025-09-257

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Director of Organisational Services report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

13 Finance Report

13.1 Rate Discount Policy - Review

Consideration of the Rate Discount Policy No 8.1 which has undergone its biennial review.

Res-2025-09-258

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council adopts the Rate Discount Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

13.2 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services Directorate.

Res-2025-09-259

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

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13.3 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 August 2025:

<p>Res-2025-09-260 Moved: Cr Nikki Gay Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 31 August 2025, as presented.</p>	<p>CARRIED 6 / 0</p>
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The meeting adjourned for Lunch at **1:01 pm** and resumed at **2:00 pm** with all those present prior to adjournment in attendance.

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Donation - Individual

Considerations of applications received for the month of August in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager, joined the meeting at **2:05 pm**.

<p>Res-2025-09-261 Moved: Cr Andrew Watts Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:</p>			
Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Abigail Marsh	Girls Rugby League State Championships	15/09 - 18/09	\$350
Cooper Mullen	Wanderers Australia Rugby League Tour	01/10 - 17/10	\$1000
Courtney Cripps	Australian Barrel Horse Association Barrel Racing National Finals	11/11 - 16/11	\$500
Nate Fuller	Cricket State Championships	15/09 - 19/09	\$350
TOTAL			\$2,200.00
			<p>CARRIED 6 / 0</p>

Attendance

Cr Andrew Watts left the meeting at **2:07 pm**.

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14.2 Sponsorship - Longreach Jockey Club

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in August in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Res-2025-09-262
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2025/2026 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach Jockey Club	Longreach Cup	Saturday 27th September 2025	Financial \$10,000.00
			TOTAL \$10,000.00

CARRIED 5 / 0

Attendance

Cr Andrew Watts returned to the meeting at **2:10 pm**.

14.3 Child Safe Environment Policy - Review

Consideration of 12.10 Child Safe Environment Policy which has undergone a review to change format of previous policy as recommended by the Department of Education.

Res-2025-09-263
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That Council adopts the Childcare Centre Child Safe Environment Policy, as presented.
CARRIED 6 / 0

14.4 Supervision Policy - Review

Consideration of 12.11 Supervision Policy which has undergone a review due to change format of previous policy.

Res-2025-09-264
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
That Council adopts the Childcare Centre Supervision Policy, as presented.
CARRIED 6 / 0

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14.5 Physical Environment Policy - New Policy

Consideration of adoption of the new 12.52 *Physical Environment Policy* for Child Care.

Res-2025-09-265

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council adopts the *Physical Environment Policy*, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.6 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of July 2025.

Res-2025-09-266

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the *Project Management Update Report*, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.7 Information Report Communities

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month for the Community Services Directorate.

Res-2025-09-267

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the *Communities Information Report*, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.8 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Communities.

Res-2025-09-268

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the *Director of Communities Report*, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at **3:04 pm**

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15 Works Report

15.1 Motor Vehicle Policy

Consideration of the Council Motor Vehicle Policy Version 4.5.

Res-2025-09-269

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council adopts the amended Motor Vehicle Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 5 / 1

15.2 Replacement Vehicle for SES

Consideration of a replacement vehicle for the SES - Isisford Group.

Res-2025-09-270

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, approves the additional budget to purchase a new Toyota Hilux Dual Cab vehicle for the Isisford SES Group at a cost of \$70,051.79 excl GST, and sells the existing SES vehicle.

CARRIED 6 / 0

The meeting adjourned for a short break at **3:28pm** and resumed at **3:38pm** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

15.3 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of August 2025 for the Works Directorate.

Res-2025-09-271

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

15.4 Director of Works Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Works.

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Res-2025-09-272

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

16 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

17 Closed Matters

Res-2025-09-273

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 3:56pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

17.1 ILFRACOMBE - INTEGRATION OF TAGGLE ELECTRONIC WATER METERS

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

17.2 SALE OF LOT 102 ON SP266045

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

CARRIED 6 / 0

Res-2025-09-274

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council move out of closed session, at 4:27 pm, to vote on items 17.1 and 17.2.

CARRIED 6 / 0

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17.1 Ilfracombe – Integration of Taggle Electronic Water Meters

Consideration of replacing Ilfracombe’s electronic water meters and concentrators.

Res-2025-09-275

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council accepts the proposal from Telstra to replace the Ilfracombe electronic water meters with Taggle Systems Australia water meters to ensure one operating platform, after assessment of the Longreach water meters performance.

CARRIED 6 / 0

17.2 Sale of Lot 102 on SP266045

Consideration of the proposed sale of Lot 102 on SP266045.

Res-2025-09-276

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council:

1. Decides, pursuant to section 236 (1) (b) (i) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the exception may apply to Council on the disposal of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to negotiate and execute, at market value, the sale of Lot 102 on SP266045 to the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works.

CARRIED 6 / 0

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:33 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr LJ Nunn
Acting Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

The Mayor and Acting Mayor attended meetings and engagements in the time since the last Council meeting, including but not limited to:

- Mayor attended University Qld meeting on attracting rural and remote students into Tertiary studies specifically to build connections between scientists, organisations, businesses and students to foster public participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Mayor hosted RAPAD Board meeting as Chair. RAPAD hosts a number of programs including RAPAD Skilling, Rural Financial Counselling Service across North Qld and a 25% share of RESQ the job service provider. RAPAD is also administering the Exclusion Fence rebuild program as part of the flood disaster recovery for the Central West.
- Mayor has worked with Dr Toby Ford from the Outback Rowing Regatta committee to support the annual event and to build a profile for Longreach to be a training venue for the 2032 Olympics for Rowing.
- Mayor visited Ilfracombe to inspect work underway on desilting backwater at McMillan dam and meet with locals to discuss water security.
- Mayor met with Karen Hanna Miller as the new Program Manager of Dinosaur Experiences Australia in Longreach. Discussion was focussed on building the Dinosaur Way through outback Qld.
- Mayor and CEO met with Tourism Events Qld Chair, CEO and marketing manager discussing tourism for Longreach.
- Mayor met with Qld Disaster Management group to discuss forward planning for disaster.
- Mayor and CEO met with Education Qld as part of Longreach Athletics community engagements.
- Mayor attended executive meeting of Western Qld Assembly of Councils.
- Acting Mayor (along with Councillors and members of the ELT) attended a pop-up Community Engagement held in Longreach.
- Councillors attended a policy workshop.
- Acting Mayor and CEO met with representatives of the Longreach Athletics Club.
- Acting Mayor attended a meeting of the Longreach Drought Committee
- Acting Mayor and CEO attended a meeting with a concerned resident regarding dangerous dogs.

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

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8 Notices of Motion

None received at time of agenda preparation.

9 Petitions

None received at time of agenda preparation.

10 Deputations

None received at time of agenda preparation.

11 Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to 08 October 2025.

1. Australia Day Ambassador- Aus Bites [**11.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Biosecurity Consultation [**11.1.2** - 2 pages]
3. Dept of Housing proposed crane st [**11.1.3** - 2 pages]
4. Small Business Annual Report 2024-25 [**11.1.4** - 2 pages]
5. Small business commissioner [**11.1.5** - 2 pages]
6. TMR - weather preparedness [**11.1.6** - 3 pages]
7. Rotary Young-onset Bowel Cancer [**11.1.7** - 2 pages]
8. 2025 Notice of AGM LGAQ [**11.1.8** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

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Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Councillor Tony Rayner
Mayor
Longreach Regional Council

Dear Councillor Rayner

Australia Day is a moment for all Australians to unite, reflect on our history, acknowledge the stories of others, and celebrate our nation, its achievements, and its people. The day holds unique significance for everyone, and is observed and celebrated in many ways. It also serves as an opportunity to connect with family, friends and the broader community. I encourage you to support and celebrate our national day through the following programs.

Australia Day Ambassador Program

This program, in partnership with the National Australia Day Council, invites local councils to host a range of activities and celebrations on Australia Day and welcome Ambassadors into communities to join the festivities. Ambassadors are inspirational individuals who generously volunteer their time, experiences and stories, often delivering speeches, officiating competitions or presenting Australia Day awards.

The Great Australian Bites program

This program encourages communities to come together and celebrate Australia Day with family and friends. These events showcase Queensland's exceptional produce and provide an opportunity for local entertainers to perform. Funding of up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive) is available to support council events.

Your office will be provided with links to register interest in the Ambassador and Great Australian Bites programs. For further details please contact Ms Jillian Gant, Department of the Premier and Cabinet by email at [REDACTED], on telephone (07) 3003 9200, or visit the

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Queensland Government Australia Day [website](#).

Yours sincerely



DAVID CRISAFULLI MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS

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**Queensland
Government**

Department of
Primary Industries

Our ref: CTS 20384/25

23rd September 2025

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 144 ILFRACOMBE
QLD 4727

Dear Mr Walsh

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Primary Industries (the department) is now consulting on proposed changes to the pests, pathogens and diseases recognised under Queensland's biosecurity legislation as 'prohibited' or 'restricted' matter.

The *Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* provided for changes to the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act). These changes include moving the prohibited and restricted matter lists from the Act to the Biosecurity Regulation 2016. Work is underway to implement these changes.

Biosecurity Queensland has undertaken a scientific review of each pest, pathogen and disease on the lists to ensure management of these threats remains efficient and effective, while minimising regulatory burden wherever possible. This review was also an opportunity to identify other high-risk pests, pathogens or diseases in a Queensland-specific context that warrant inclusion on the lists.

Local Governments play a critical role in safeguarding Queensland's strong biosecurity system. Proposed changes to the prohibited and restricted matter lists may affect Local Governments in different ways.

What is proposed?

The consultation paper *Biosecurity in Queensland: A review of the prohibited and restricted matter lists* outlines the proposed amendments to the lists and potential impacts on

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stakeholders. It will be available on the Department of Primary Industries' Engagement Hub webpage (eHub) at dpi.engagementhub.com.au from 29 September 2025.

Have you got feedback?

Submissions can be made via:

- survey on the eHub webpage (dpi.engagementhub.com.au);
- email to bqconsultation@dpi.qld.gov.au; or
- post to:

Prohibited and Restricted matter list consultation - BQ
Department of Primary Industries
GPO Box 46
Brisbane Qld 4001

Consultation closes on 27 October 2025 at 5 pm.

Where can I get more information?

The department is hosting a Local Government Prohibited and Restricted Matter Listings Webinar, which will provide an overview of the proposed changes and provide Local Governments with an opportunity to ask questions. The webinar will be held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 10 am. Please register your interest at <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/aa9d5a2e-5eea-4c47-841e-9364a485e2af@d16de530-94e7-4158-b7e2-6ee220af628d>.

Local and industry knowledge on what pests, pathogens and diseases are present in Queensland and their impacts are invaluable to this process. I encourage you to share this consultation process with your relevant Local Government staff and make a submission.

If you require additional information please email: bqconsultation@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Dr Rachel Chay
Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer
Biosecurity Queensland

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Our reference: MN07949-2025

Department of
Housing and Public Works

24 September 2025

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Walsh

Proposed 'public housing' developments at Crane Street, Longreach

I refer to correspondence from the department dated 19 March 2025, regarding proposed modular Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) public housing projects at 16 and 20 Crane Street, Longreach.

These projects will accommodate households from the social housing register and will involve the construction of two dwellings at 16 Crane Street and four dwellings at 20 Crane Street. Each of the dwellings will be provided with a carport.

I thank the Longreach Regional Council (Council) for the comments of 27 March 2025 and at a meeting on 8 July 2025 with department officers, regarding the projects. All Council comments have been taken into consideration.

On 10 June 2025, the department wrote to Council advising the project at 20 Crane Street, (Lot 11 on L35726) for four dwellings has been approved to proceed under the public housing provisions of the Planning Regulation 2017.

The project at 16 Crane Street (Lot 13 on L35726) for a dual occupancy comprising two, two-bedroom units is accepted development under the Longreach Region Planning Scheme 2015 and therefore does not require consideration under the Planning Regulation 2017, schedule 6, part 5, section 30. A copy of the plans is enclosed for Council's information.

Taking into consideration Council's feedback, the department has progressed an alternative layout for the proposed dual occupancy at 16 Crane Street. This includes a proposal to realign the boundaries between 16 and 18 Crane Street, which is also owned by the department. This realignment will preserve access and servicing to the existing homes at 18 Crane Street which is currently via the informal 'Sparrow Lane' which traverses 16 Crane Street.

The layout of the development at 16 Crane Street will provide separate vehicle access for the dual occupancy units from Crane Street and Pigeon Lane, respectively. The project will require the bitumen on Pigeon Lane to be extended to the edge of the lot. The department will liaise with Council about the road works.

I am advised that feedback was provided at the meeting with Council on 8 July 2025 about sealing the driveway to the existing development at 18 Crane Street. The department is committed to sealing the driveway, however, is giving consideration to the timing of this work. The department will be required to relocate the existing property power poles servicing 18 Crane Street and this work is expected to take between six to 12 months based on advice from Ergon Energy. The driveway works may be progressed after the power pole relocation to support efficient delivery.

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If you require further information or assistance in relation to this matter, Ms Belinda Cox, Acting Manager, Social and Affordable Housing Growth can be contacted on (07) 3007 4218 or via email at [REDACTED].

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Amos
Deputy Director-General
Social and Affordable Housing Growth

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Queensland
Small Business
Commissioner

Our reference: QSBC-13834

15 September 2025

Mayor Tony Rayner
Longreach Regional Council
96 Eagle Street
Longreach QLD 4730

Dear Mayor Rayner

Thank you for submitting your council's Small Business Friendly (SBF) Program Annual Report for 2024-25 on 28 August 2025.

Your report highlights the breadth of activity undertaken by your council and the strong commitment to making Longreach an even more supportive environment for small businesses. I would like to commend Council on several of your initiatives:

- Providing strong leadership in disaster recovery, with Council's proactive response to recent flooding recognised by emergency services and other levels of government, and direct support offered to impacted small businesses to help them access funding and resources quickly.
- Hosting a Doing Business with Council workshop and information campaign to build the capacity of local businesses to understand and engage with procurement processes.
- Strengthening your procurement policy and payment practices, ensuring local businesses are given a fair go to supply goods and services, with invoices from small business suppliers processed promptly and transparently.
- Delivering place-based initiatives including small business networking events, a micro-grants program supporting improvements and marketing efforts, and a monthly e-newsletter connecting businesses with external programs and resources.

These initiatives reflect both practical support and resilience-building measures, helping small businesses in your region to adapt, connect, and thrive.

I encourage you to maintain a strong focus on our five principles of being small business friendly and to embed these across all areas of the council. Please continue to develop, monitor, and refine your Small Business Action Plan, ensuring it includes clear, measurable deliverables that support small businesses and enhance operational effectiveness, such as exploring more ways to streamline processes and reduce red tape. The reviews you have commenced across your planning scheme, local laws and internal processes are a positive step in this direction.

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Our team is committed to supporting you in showcasing Longreach Regional Council's achievements through the SBF Program. I invite you to share highlights throughout the year for inclusion in our communications, events, and the annual SBF Program Awards.

Thank you again for your council's ongoing commitment to Queensland small businesses and we look forward to seeing what you will achieve in 2025-26.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominique Lamb', written in a cursive style.

Dominique Lamb
Small Business Commissioner
Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner

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Dear valued small business community,

After nearly three inspiring years as your Queensland Small Business Commissioner, I'll be stepping away from this role on 3 October 2025. While this decision comes with mixed emotions, I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve and work alongside such a passionate, dedicated community of small business owners, advocates, and stakeholders.

Since December 2022, I've seen firsthand the incredible resilience and creativity of Queensland's 495,000 small businesses. Together with the team at the Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner, we've made great strides:

- **Resolving Disputes Faster:** Through our mediation services, we've helped thousands of businesses settle disputes quickly and cost-effectively—resolving tenant and landlord issues 87% faster than alternatives. That's time and money back in your hands to focus on growing your business.
- **Making Your Voice Heard:** Partnering with industry groups, councils, and government agencies, we've pushed for meaningful change—from leasing reforms to reducing red tape and recovering from natural disasters. Advocacy works best when we all come together.
- **Empowering Local Initiatives:** The Small Business Friendly Program has grown to include 51 councils, representing coverage for over 97% of Queensland's small businesses. Programs like the "Moreton Money" initiative, which boosted \$10.8 million in local spending, show what's possible when businesses and councils team up.
- **Helping You Succeed Everywhere:** From translating our website to launching the Red Tape Portal, we've worked to ensure no business is left behind—no matter the challenges or where you operate in Queensland.

It's been such a privilege engaging with you across the state, hearing your ideas, and finding practical ways to support your success. Your drive and optimism are what make Queensland's small business sector so special.

As I move on to a new role, I'm confident that the team at the Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner will continue to be a strong voice and an invaluable resource for the small business community. The QSBC remains dedicated to providing support, resolving disputes, and advocating for you every step of the way.

Thank you for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to growing our small business sector. It's been an honour to champion your successes, and I'm excited to see how far Queensland's small businesses will go.

Queensland Small Business Commissioner

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Department of
Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: DG48278

18 September 2025

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Walsh

Progress update on the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) severe weather preparedness and road condition information sharing

Following the busy 2024-25 severe weather season across Queensland, TMR has undertaken a comprehensive review of our operational response, including the processes and procedures for providing road condition information to the people of Queensland.

While our current processes have efficiently supported our response to recent severe weather events, including Tropical Cyclone Alfred and severe flooding in Northern and Western Queensland, TMR is committed to continually improving the way we operate the state-controlled road network during natural disasters and how we communicate with road users and communities.

In this regard, TMR is progressing several initiatives to ensure we are prepared and ready for the next severe wet weather event. As one of TMR's key partners in managing the road network during wet weather and other disaster events, I would like to provide you with a progress update.

Preseason exercises and emergency preparedness

TMR is currently hosting preseason exercises with local councils and emergency services across the state. These exercises aim to test our existing Disruptive Event Management Teams, refine emergency response plans, share knowledge, outline key roles and responsibilities during disasters, and clarify reporting processes.

Intelligent Transport System devices

TMR has completed an assessment of all departmental flood cameras and Road Condition Information Signs (RCIS) across Queensland. From this assessment, we have developed a rectification program to ensure as many of our Intelligent Transport System devices as possible are operational when needed most. Repairs for flood cameras are expected to be completed prior to the start of the next wet season, and we are working to ensure the maximum number of RCIS are operational.

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QLDTraffic suite

As you are aware, the QLD*Traffic* suite (website, application, and 13 19 40 phone line) is the Queensland Government's leading source of traffic and road condition information. TMR recognises the importance of providing timely and accurate road condition information to the public so they can make safe and informed travel decisions.

Local governments across the state utilise various methods for uploading road condition information onto QLD*Traffic*, ranging from fully manual processes (phone calls and emails) to integrated system-to-system data sharing which provides the most efficient and timely situation awareness for the travelling public, emergency services and other agencies.

We are also currently increasing coordination between our existing network of traffic management centres across the state to ensure we minimise responder call wait times during significant events.

Encouragement to explore data integration options

Our records indicate that Longreach Regional Council may be using some manual processes for uploading road condition information onto QLD*Traffic*. While this approach enables data to be shown on QLD*Traffic*, it slows the time it takes for critical road closure information to reach road users and communities. Having up-to-date information can make a significant difference in the choices people make, saving time and potentially saving lives.

I would therefore encourage Longreach Regional Council to investigate alternative options for data sharing of road condition information to QLD*Traffic*. Options include utilising incident management systems like QIT Plus Guardian or other Geographic Information System tools. Many local governments across Queensland successfully use these systems for road closure reporting, which seamlessly integrate with QLD*Traffic* and ensure timely verification and posting of road condition updates.

If you or your officers require further information or support regarding options for data integration with QLD*Traffic*, please contact the Statewide Network Operations branch via email at [REDACTED].

Reopening of roads during severe weather

TMR understands the importance of restoring access to local communities, and we are committed to doing everything possible to reopen roads as quickly as conditions allow. However, safety must always come first.

Each time a bridge is affected by flooding, it must be thoroughly inspected before it can be reopened to traffic. Even when floodwaters begin to recede and the bridge deck becomes visible, inspections beneath the structure are necessary to ensure the bridge is safe to support traffic once opened. Often there can be silt and mud left on the bridge, which may not be visible from CCTV, but can result in hazardous driving conditions. Additionally, the soil and clay surrounding the road may remain boggy and unstable, requiring time to dry out before TMR road stewards can assess whether the road is safe for the public to use.

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We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these times, as these safety checks are essential and may take time to complete, especially when multiple locations need to be assessed.

I trust this information is of assistance and look forward to continuing our collaboration to provide critical updates to the travelling public and manage the road network during any future severe weather events.

Yours sincerely



Sally Stannard
Director-General
Department of Transport and Main Roads

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Patron: - DG Sue Mulraney

Date: 21st September 2025

Our Ref: Anthony Wills

Your Ref: H &W Co-ordinator

Mayor and Health & Wellness Co-ordinator

Longreach Regional Council

Dear Mayor and Health & Wellness Co-ordinator,

**Re: Raising Awareness of Young-Onset Bowel Cancer Amongst Council Staff –
A Preventative Initiative from Queensland Rotary Bowelscan**

We write to you on behalf of the Queensland Rotary Bowelscan Committee, a grassroots initiative of Rotary District 9620. We are a group of committed Rotarians—many of us personally affected by bowel cancer—working to prevent unnecessary illness, suffering, and loss through greater awareness, early detection, and access to affordable, evidence-based screening.

Bowel cancer is one of the deadliest cancers in Australia, yet more than 90% of cases can be successfully treated via annual iFOB testing if detected early. 15 500 Australians are expected to test positive in 2025 and more than 5000 are expected to die. Of growing concern is the significant rise in young-onset bowel cancer, affecting Australians under 45—often outside of screening programs and unaware they are at risk.

In previous years, we have partnered with several Queensland Councils including Central Highlands Shire, Banana Shire, the City of Rockhampton, Noosa Shire, and the City of Toowoomba to support workplace awareness and screening initiatives. We would be honoured to explore a similar partnership with your Council's Health & Wellness Program Co-ordinator.

We now have over **1200** high quality iFOB kits that we would like to make available in 2025 for Queensland Councils to distribute **free** to their staff under 45 years of age who do not receive the free biennial kits from the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. To cover many localities, the maximum number of Kits available with each individual order is 100.

This will be on a first in, first served basis

All orders are subject to availability and Committee decision on allocations will be final.

Why Council Staff?

Your people are your greatest asset. Supporting their health is both a moral and economic imperative.

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Many younger staff may have no idea whether their parents, grandparents or other family members have had bowel cancer, polyps, or related conditions.

Encouraging conversations among staff—and within families—can lead to earlier screening and save lives.

Risk Factors and Workplace Health

As you know, bowel cancer risk increases not just from genetic or pre-existing conditions but also from modifiable lifestyle factors.

Your existing staff education programs already promote healthy eating, regular exercise, smoking cessation, and responsible drinking. A Rotary Bowelscan partnership would complement these efforts—adding bowel cancer awareness and screening to your preventative health strategy.

How We Can Support You

We would welcome the opportunity to:

- Provide awareness materials and support internal health campaigns.
- Encourage conversations about family history and early warning signs.
- Offer access to non-invasive, high-quality Rotary iFOB test kits for under 45 staff. *(Please note that we use similar high-quality kits to those the Government use)*

Thank you for your consideration. Please email us at rotarybowelscan@outlook.com to let us know how many kits you require which we will Express Post to your preferred address.

This will be on a first in, first served basis

Yours in Health,
Anthony Wills
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Every Queensland
community deserves
to be a liveable one

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rules 4.1 & 4.2 of the LGAQ's Constitution, the LGAQ gives notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd ACN 142 783 917 (**LGAQ**) will be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, 2684-2690 Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach, Gold Coast, on Wednesday, 22 October 2025 commencing at 8:35 am.

The business of the Annual General meeting is as follows: -

Motion 1

That the President's Annual Address for 2024-2025 be received and adopted.

Motion 2

That the Annual Report by the Policy Executive for 2024-2025 be received and adopted.

Motion 3

That the Annual Directors' Report, Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 and Auditor's Report be received and adopted.

Other Motions

Any such other business as may be lawfully be brought before the meeting for consideration.

Note:

1. *Proxy*: If your Council is not attending the AGM, it may appoint a proxy to vote on its behalf at the AGM by completing a proxy form. A proxy need not be a member. A member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. A proxy form accompanies this notice. The completed appointment of proxy form must be returned to the registered office of the LGAQ before the time at which the AGM is to be held; or tabled at the AGM; or produced when a poll is taken.
2. *Delegate*: If your Council is attending the AGM, it must appoint one or two delegates who are either the Chief Executive Officer or a Councillor of your Council to vote on its behalf at the AGM. To appoint delegates, your Council must notify the LGAQ's Chief Executive Officer in writing or by electronic submission in the manner approved by the LGAQ's Chief Executive Officer and notified to members. In this regard, a template delegate voting entitlement form accompanies this notice. The completed delegate voting entitlement form must be returned to the LGAQ via email to the LGAQ Assistant Company Secretary (susan_hucknall@lgaq.asn.au) by 5:00pm on 8 October 2025.

11.2 Annual Operational Plan 2025-26 - Q1 Review for Period Ending 30 September 2025

Consideration of the 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 30 September 2025.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* describes the preparation and adoption of the Annual Operational Plan.

174 Preparation and adoption of annual operational plan

- 1) A local government must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year.
- 2) The local government may, but need not, adopt the annual operational plan for a financial year at the same time the local government adopts its budget for the financial year.
- 3) The chief executive officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.
- 4) A local government may, by resolution, amend its annual operational plan at any time before the end of the financial year.
- 5) A local government must discharge its responsibilities in a way that is consistent with its annual operational plan.

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
ELT	-

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Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res-2025-06-136

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council, pursuant to section 174(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Longreach Regional Council 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan, as presented and amended.

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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Simon Kuttner (Manager of Economics, Planning, and Legal),

Tanya Johnson (Director of Communities),

Andre Pretorius (Director of Works),

Grace Cronin-Jones (Director of Organisational Services),

David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer)

Purpose:

The Annual Operational Plan is adopted by Council annually in conjunction with setting Council's budget. The plan outlines the key activities and targets which Council has agreed to meet for the twelve-month period, which are derived from Council's 5-year Corporate Plan.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Chief Executive Officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan to a meeting at regular intervals of three months.

Discussion:

Regular reporting and accountability to the Annual Operational Plan is enabled via these quarterly reviews and annually as the basis for the organisation's Annual Report.

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Annual Operational Plan Cycle



A copy of the Annual Operational Plan 2024-25 review, including written assessment information for the period ending 31 March 2025, is attached. The preparation of this report was delayed by Council’s response to the March/April Central-Western Queensland Flood Event.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:	Nil	
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Possible	Council is progressing actions in accordance with the AOP
Consequence:	Moderate	

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Rating:		
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Environmental

The Annual Operational Plan has provisions for Environmental Management in alignment with Outcome 1.3 of the Longreach Regional Council Corporate Plan 2024-2028: The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	-

Appendices

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Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 September 2025.



Longreach Regional Council ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26

Quarterly Report – Q1
(for the period to 30 September 2025)

About this report

Each quarter, the Chief Executive Officer prepares a review of the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) for presentation to Council. This report provides a snapshot of how the organisation is progressing toward the strategic outcomes outlined in the Corporate Plan by assessing the delivery of initiatives committed to in the AOP. This report presents a point-in-time assessment of each initiative's status for the current quarter.

Initiatives are assessed using a status key that reflects the level of confidence officers have in their implementation. These statuses range from green – where delivery is proceeding as planned – to red, where significant barriers are encountered. Where initiatives have been deferred to a future financial year or removed from the plan altogether, this is also clearly indicated. In all cases where delivery is at risk or altered, a brief explanation is provided to support transparency and accountability.

This report should be referenced in conjunction with the published Longreach Regional Council Annual Operational Plan 2025-26, which is available from Council's website or at any Council office.

Status Key

-  **On Track/Completed**
Officers are confident the initiative will be implemented as set out in the plan, with no known risks or delays.
-  **Monitoring**
Officers have identified concerns that may affect full implementation of the initiative. A brief explanation will accompany this status, outlining how these concerns are being monitored and managed.
-  **Not Achieved/Not Proceeding**
The initiative will not be implemented as set out in the plan. It may have been deferred to a subsequent financial year or removed from the plan entirely. A brief explanation will accompany this status, outlining the barriers and any mitigation efforts.

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Key: ● = On Track/Completed ● = Monitoring ● = Not Achieved/Not Proceeding

1. Our Community

We focus on making our region a great place to live.

Outcome Statement: Council will be responsive to community needs and create a better quality of life for its residents.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
<i>1.1 The region's infrastructure & services promote liveability and community amenity</i>	<i>1.1.1 Maintain and enhance public open spaces, parks, gardens, and pathways for community enjoyment, to create a cooling environment, and to improve accessibility</i>	Implement tree planting projects across the region	Communities	●	Cemetery tree planting commenced
		Implement water saving irrigation measures	Communities	●	Review of botanic walkway irrigation underway Ilfracombe parks and gardens water usage review underway
	<i>1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents</i>	Complete Phase 1 of Skate Park Development	Communities	●	Procurement commenced
	<i>1.1.3 Develop and implement a housing strategy to meet employee and community needs</i>	Complete construction of six new affordable homes for Council staff in Longreach	Communities	●	On target
		Develop and implement a Council housing strategy for Isisford	Communities	●	Local Housing Action Plan review commenced Housing Policy review commenced

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	1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities	Continue patrols to reduce the overall percentage of wandering dogs in towns, in an effort to reduce dog attacks	Organisational Services	●	On target, slight reduction, see higher movement in Q2 with heat and Christmas/New Year period.
		Issue timely overgrown allotment compliance notices to ensure safety and aesthetics of town is maintained	Organisational Services	●	On Target, team at reduced capacity in Q1 with vacancies.
		Promote the Regulatory Services motto of Awareness-Education-Compliance-Enforcement	Organisational Services	●	Promotion commenced with adverts in ILLY, and on Council Billboard and Library noticeboard
		Undertake a review of Council Environmental Health Service requirements, with recommendations provided to Council,	Organisational Services	●	Review of EHO service requirements commenced

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		including resourcing requirements			
1.2 Council recognises the region's culture, heritage and diversity	1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation	Develop community plans for each community in collaboration with Stakeholders	Communities	●	Consultants engaged
	1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community	Focus resources on events that are of community and cultural significance	Communities	●	NAIDOC School Holiday Program Vietnam Veterans Day Seniors Month Garden Competition
1.3 The region's natural environment is managed, maintained, and protected	1.3.1 Effectively manage stock routes and reserves for public use while improving natural environmental health	Commence initial phases of implementation for Council's Biosecurity Management Plan 2025-2030	Organisational Services	●	Commence planning Q2
		Continuation of Council's coordinated baiting program	Organisational Services	●	First round of baiting completed

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		with landholder for pest animals			
	1.3.2 Maintain and improve the health of the Thomson and Barcoo River waterways and catchments	Compliant effluent discharges	Works	●	Consultation with landholders/DETSI underway
		Monitor and manage aquatic weeds in regional waterways	Organisational Services	●	Mechanical removal program completed in August 2025

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2. Our Economy

We make it easy for people to invest and do business in the region.

Outcome Statement: Council will contribute to the economic growth of the region.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
2.1 Collaborative engagement with stakeholders to maximise economic opportunities	2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities	In line with the Economic Development Charter, promote the Local Government Area's unique economic priorities, ensuring they are adequately reflected in regional coordination	Organisational Services	●	Councillors and CEO attended Western Qld Alliance of Councils (WQAC) annual assembly, conducting meetings with multiple state and federal ministers and departmental representatives
	2.1.2 Grow the region's importance as a service hub to communities beyond our local government area	Advocate for public and private investment in key service sectors	Organisational Services	●	Residential Activation Fund project implementation commenced Engagement with departmental officers on Manufacturing, Small Business, Agriculture, and Tourism
2.2 Council infrastructure and services support local industries and growth	2.2.1 Facilitate growth through effective and sustainable land use planning and development	Identify and resolve land tenure issues throughout the region	Organisational Services	●	Multiple applications submitted and under assessment by the state

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
		Ensure an adequate supply of serviceable land for future community requirements and sustainable development within the region	Organisational Services	●	Residential Activation Fund project implementation commenced Whole of region water servicing strategy commenced
		Commence a Major Amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme	Organisational Services	●	Planning Scheme Major Amendment No. 3 commenced, minister informed
	2.2.2 Provide tourism development services to promote the region and grow the visitor economy	Collaborate with Outback Queensland Tourism Association and local operators on product development within the region	Communities	●	Multiple industry led famils Flood recovery Collaborative marketing campaigns
		Establish a working committee to market drive routes through the region	Communities	●	Matilda Way coordination review commenced

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2. Our Economy

We make it easy for people to invest and do business in the region.

Outcome Statement: Council will contribute to the economic growth of the region.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
					Proposed new drive route in development with regional LGAs
		Continue to promote the Longreach Region through development of Longreach Region Guide and other marketing opportunities	Communities	●	Scheduled to commence in Q2
		Develop and implement a program to promote the region to the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) market	Communities	●	Consultant engaged, engagement with industry commenced, collateral in development
	2.2.3 Create a business-friendly environment within Council	Actively participate in the Small Business Friendly Program, and support the delivery of Economic Development Charter outcomes	Organisational Services	●	Small Business Networking event held Monthly E-newsletters delivered SBF Program Annual Report submitted SBF Action Plan submitted

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Outcome Statement: Council will contribute to the economic growth of the region.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
	2.2.4 Provide logistical support services to the agricultural economy	Negotiate with RAPAD for financial support toward Council's Regulatory Services support on crucial pest management projects that benefit the agricultural economy	Organisational Services	●	Funding secured for Bexley cactus control project.
	2.2.5 Provide comprehensive childcare services that meet the needs of families and to support working parents	Review the Childcare Centre operations to improve service provision	Communities	●	Phase 1 of review complete, report received

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3. Our Services

We strive to deliver our core services to a consistently high standard.

Outcome Statement: Council will have high quality infrastructure supported by robust management plans.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
3.1 A secure water supply that is resilient to climate factors	3.1.1 Upgrade and maintain storage, treatment, and reticulation infrastructure to provide each community with a reliable, quality water supply	Commence construction of five new weirs on the Thomson River to increase water storage	Works	●	Regulatory approval pending, which may impact construction timeframes. Officers are working with departmental colleagues to expedite approval where possible.
		Install 50% of the planned water mains replacement project in Longreach	Works	●	Procurement commenced
		Complete water infrastructure upgrades in Ilfracombe as per the Key Projects Schedule	Works	●	Procurement commenced
	3.1.2 Partner with government agencies to increase water licence allocations to meet future demand	Increase the Longreach Town water allocation by 500ML per annum	Works Organisational Services	●	Application in progress
	3.1.3 Implement innovative water management practices to preserve the water supply	Revise the Drought Management Plan to meet the requirements of new water infrastructure	Works	●	Pending outcome of servicing strategy, which may impact timeframes.

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
3.2 Sustainable waste infrastructure and services that represent value for money, are environmentally responsible, and are responsive to community needs	3.2.1 Efficiently manage waste and wastewater facilities and services balancing customer needs and environmental protection	Operate, maintain and monitor landfill and waste water treatment facilities to comply with license conditions, regulations and industry standard	Works	●	On target Consultation with landholders/DETSI underway
	3.2.2 Develop innovative solutions for future waste management	Develop Local Waste Management Strategy considering trends in recycling, and regulatory changes	Works	●	Development in progress
3.3 Construct high quality transport infrastructure in partnership with external agencies	3.3.1 Maintain a safe and reliable road and airport network through the efficient and effective use of resources	Deliver the Road Maintenance Performance Contract within budget	Works	●	On target
		Develop a new 10 year Transport Plan	Works	●	In progress
	3.3.2 Develop an active transport network	Continue advocating for additional funds and projects with Department of Transport and Main Roads	Works	●	Regular meetings with TMR

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
	3.3.3 <i>Maintain an efficient fleet network to support Council operations</i>	Continue with the development and implementation of a "fit for purpose" Plant Replacement Program	Works	●	In progress

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4. Our Finances

We will strategically manage our finances to improve our resilience, to overcome adversity and realise opportunities.

Outcome Statement: Council will maintain a sound financial position with the capacity to invest for the future.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
4.1 Improved financial performance and strategic financial management	4.1.1 Achieve efficiency and reduce risks through contemporary technology, and innovative work processes	Complete planning and tendering for replacement Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software	Finance	●	Scoping study and engagement of business analyst commenced
		Implement solar energy solutions to reduce long term electricity costs	Finance	●	Pending funding announcement and finalising locations of infrastructure
	4.1.2 Mature asset management systems and agreed service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes	Strategic Asset Management Plan is reviewed and updated.	Finance	●	Not commenced

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
	4.1.3 External funding opportunities are maximised to diversify Council's revenue base and to reduce reliance on own source funding	Service levels and infrastructure maintained using between 25-35% own-sourced funding	Finance	●	In progress
	4.1.4 Robust budget processes deliver a financially sustainable Council into the future	Council achieves a net result and closing cash balance within 10% of budget	Finance	●	On track

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5. Our Leadership

We will work together as a team for the benefit of our community and our council.

Outcome Statement: Council will be a high performing team, delivering excellent service.

Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
5.1 Council has a values driven culture	5.1.1 Prioritise the safety, wellbeing, and inclusiveness of employees across all operations	Progress the Peer Support Pilot Program with Council	Organisational Services	●	In progress
		Commence the first-year actions of the WHS Safety Strategy as per the adopted annual action plan	Organisational Services	●	Loss of Safety Coordinator has delayed the commencement of some key initiatives. Day to day programs and management on-going.
	5.1.2 Foster a high-performance team culture through holistic workforce development initiatives	Design and adopt Employee Value Proposition for Council	Organisational Services	●	Initial plan and consultation for EVP design scoped by HRBP.
		Develop leaders on the floor discussions program to create improved connections between leaders and teams	Organisational Services	●	Initial consultation engagement held in Q1 around code of conduct and people procedures by HRBP.

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
		Re-establish leading change in action working groups to support change management and problem solving within council	Organisational Services	●	To commence over Q2-Q3
		Review and implement a holistic performance management framework	Organisational Services	●	Initial scoping commenced, and policies and procedure to frame practices developed and introduced to people leaders
5.2 Evidence based decision making based on effective governance practices	5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices	Establish policy and procedure communication and approval framework for Council	Office of the CEO Organisational Services	●	Governance and Policy Framework in Development with draft documented produced
		Conduct a holistic review of Council to CEO and CEO to Staff delegations with the Local Laws and Planning Amendments reviews	Office of the CEO Organisational Services	●	Initial review of Council to CEO delegations commenced in Q1.
		Adopt a Delegations and Authorisations Policy to support effective decision making	Organisational Services	●	Draft Delegations and Authorisations Policies completed in Q1.

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Corporate Plan Outcomes	Corporate Plan Strategies	Operational Plan Initiatives	Responsible Directorate	Status	Comments
	5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust	Facilitate open and transparent means for community to engage directly with Council both online and in-person	Communities	●	Main street pop up engagement
5.3 Council delivers a positive customer experience in all service areas	5.3.1 Deliver quality, timely, and efficient service to prioritise customer needs and outcomes	Review customer service processes to improve customer experience	Finance	●	In progress
		Adoption of updated Customer Service Charter	Finance	●	Finalising strategy
5.4 Council is resilient to climate factors	5.4.1 Enhance the region's disaster resilience through robust disaster management and recovery initiatives	Review Council's disaster management plans and processes with learnings from the 2025 flood event	Organisational Services	●	Initial administrative review of plan commenced.
		Identify climate change hazards and risks with potential to impact on Council business and operations	Organisational Services Finance	●	Engaged with RAPAD climate alliance.
		Complete the Longreach Flood Study	Works	●	In progress

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11.3 2026 Council Meeting dates

Consideration of the timing and location of the Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2026 calendar year.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

254B Public notice of meetings

(1) A local government must, at least once in each year, publish a notice of the days and times when—

(a) its ordinary meetings will be held; and

(b) the ordinary meetings of its standing committees will be held.

(2) The notice mentioned in subsection (1) must be published on the local government’s website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate.

(3) A local government must display in a conspicuous place in its public office a notice of the days and times when—

(a) its meetings will be held; and

(b) meetings of its committees will be held.

(4) A local government must, as soon as practicable, notify any change to the days and times mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) in the same way as the days and times were previously notified.

257 Frequency and place of meetings

(1) A local government must meet at least once in each month.

(2) However, the Minister may, after written application by a local government, vary the requirement under subsection (1) for the local government.

(3) All meetings of a local government are to be held—

(a) at 1 of the local government’s public offices; or

(b) for a particular meeting—at another place fixed by the local government, by resolution, for the meeting.

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

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5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust

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Consultation:

Internal	External
Nil	Gazetted public holidays

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-10-264)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Council Meetings for 2025.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Brett Walsh (Chief Executive Officer)

Purpose:

The Local Government Regulation requires that a Regional Council must meet at least once in each month. Longreach Regional Council has traditionally met on the third Thursday of each month with meetings held in Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka.

Governance Committee meetings are to be held on the preceding Wednesday of the Ordinary Meeting.

Discussion:

Traditionally, no Governance Committee is set for January due to the Christmas break and the meeting generally having a smaller Agenda.

The calendar is shown with reference to the points below.

- The January meeting is to be held on the fourth week of the month to allow for the return of staff and the preparation of meeting reports after the Christmas break.
- The July meeting will commence at 9.30am to allow for travel to Yaraka.
- The December meeting is to be held on second week of the month to allow time prior to the Christmas break.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:	Nil	The budget for the holding of meetings is covered through the Governance Councillor Meeting Expenses item. This incorporates room hire and catering expenses.
Net Result:	Nil	

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Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low (2/25)	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Privacy and reputation	Nil

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Ordinary Council meeting and Governance Committee meeting days and times for 2026:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
22/01/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
18/02/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
19/02/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9:00am
18/03/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
19/03/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
15/04/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
16/04/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9:00am
20/05/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
21/05/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
17/06/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
18/06/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
15/07/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
16/07/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9:30am
19/08/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am

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<i>20/08/2026</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Ilfracombe</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>16/09/2026</i>	<i>Governance Committee</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>17/09/2026</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>14/10/2026</i>	<i>Governance Committee</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>15/10/2026</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>18/11/2026</i>	<i>Governance Committee</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>19/11/2026</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Isisford</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>09/12/2026</i>	<i>Governance Committee</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>10/12/2026</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Longreach</i>	<i>9:00am</i>

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11.4 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Brett Walsh (Chief Executive Officer)

Following is a summary of activities undertaken for the period to 9 October 2025.

Strategic Leadership	
RAPAD	Attend RAPAD meeting by video – 7 Councils represented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Minister Sean Dillon provided a government update – depreciation, red tape reduction, GABORA, electoral boundaries OQTA presentation – key themes, ecotourism, dinosaurs, bird watching, events, connections CWHHS – consumer engagement strategy RESQ+ – tender process AGM in November Dept of Environment – DDG – national parks Recycling of tyres
COWS	Attend monthly CEO's of the West meeting via video: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Health & Safety consequences Disaster Dashboard and road closures Water Security
CEO Connect	Attend CEO Connect forum by video
Operational Management	
Policies	Review community policies with Councillors
LRAP	Review Local Resilience Action Plan template with Qld Reconstruction Authority
Airport Lease	Assess tenders for airport hangar lease
Internal Audit	Attend meeting with the Internal Auditor re Internal Audit Report
Childcare	Receive operational review
Dept of Communities	Review contract documentation for the new Community Recovery and Resilience Officer position
Customer Experience	Review customer experience strategy with the ELT
Code of Conduct	Attend review of Employee Code of Conduct with managers
Ilfracombe Water	Attend Drought Management Committee meeting to review Ilfracombe water restriction level
Stakeholder Engagement	
TEQ	Meet with Tourism and Events Qld – Chair, CEO, Marketing Manager – opportunities for the region – focus on drive market

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Arts & Crafts	Visit Longreach Arts and Crafts Group
History Group	Visit Longreach Historical and Archival Group
Waste	Meet with local business re waste disposal options
QPS	Attend Police Remembrance Day
Longreach Resident	Meet with dog owner re dangerous dogs
Qld Airports	Meet with CEO and new Directors of Qld Airports Ltd
QFM	Meet with CEO of Qantas Founders Museum
Neighbourhood Centres Qld	Attend a meeting with Neighbourhood Centres Qld and other stakeholders re options for Longreach
Old Roadhouse	Spoke to contact person re future development
Department of Environment	Participate in feedback workshop with Department of Environment on the exposure draft for amendments to the Environmental Protection Act and Water Act
Isisford Resident	Meet with Isisford resident re various matters
Department of Resources	Participate in feedback workshop with Department of Resources on proposed changes to the Stock Routes Act
Local Business	Meet with local business owner re environmental matters
QPS	Attend Qld Disaster Management workshop in Longreach
LGAQ	Attend Crisis Management webinar
Depreciation	Participate in workshop with Depreciation Review Taskforce
Community	Participate in Community Engagement Forum in Longreach
Member for Gregory	Discussion with Assistant Minister Sean Dillon re progress of weirs approval
Mental Health Week	Visit community stallholders promoting Mental Health Week

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Short-term Accommodation at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach (DA2526-008)

Consideration of a Material Change of Use for Short Term Accommodation at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Planning Act 2016

Planning Regulation 2017

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Section 45 of the Planning Act 2016 defines the categories of assessment and what a code assessment is:

45 Categories of assessment

- (3) A *code assessment* is an assessment that must be carried out only—
- (a) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
 - (b) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.

Policy Considerations

03-08 Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR ECONOMY

2.2.1 Facilitate growth through effective and sustainable land use planning and development

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5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Nil	Reel Planning Applicant

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Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Simon Kuttner (Manager of Economics, Planning, and Legal)

Tim O'Leary, Principal Planner – Reel Planning

Purpose:

The Applicant, B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169 (the subject site).

The proposal involves converting the old restaurant/function centre at the Albert Park Motor Inn into an additional 20 motel rooms, comprising three disabled access rooms and 17 standard layout rooms. Additional carports will be provided to facilitate guest parking.

Discussion:

Under the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3) (the Planning Scheme), the proposal is defined as a Short-term Accommodation. The subject site is in the Tourism Zone wherein a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment.

A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, the attached decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the *Planning Act*, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the proposed statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, would feature on the notice as follows:

- a) Short-term accommodation is a consistent use in the Tourism Zone.
- b) The site is co-located with other accommodation uses and therefore is unlikely to cause amenity issues for other nearby uses.
- c) Landscaping will be provided to enhance the appearance of the development.
- d) The extension will be located within an existing building; therefore, the height and scale are consistent with buildings on-site and within the surrounding locality.
- e) The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.

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- f) The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:	Nil	
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

		Comments:
Strategic Risk:	N/A	-
Likelihood:	n/a	
Consequence:	n/a	
Rating:	-	

Environmental

Nil, subject to conditions of approval.

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Recognition and equality before the law Property rights Fair hearing	This assessment and the recommendation are compliant with provisions under the <i>Human Rights Act 2019</i> .

Appendices

1. DA2526 008 Decision Report [**12.1.1** - 11 pages]
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plans [**12.1.2** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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- 1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.
- 1.3 The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.4 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed by Council to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about *infrastructure* under Chapter 4 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, and to be maintained at all times thereafter, unless otherwise stated.

APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this approval:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
Existing / Demolition Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 4 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 5 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 7 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Stormwater Management Plan	25035-C-OF101A	A	31 July 2025

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- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval prevail.

3.0 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

- 3.1 The internal driveway is to be extended to provide access to the proposed development.
- 3.2 Provide and maintain a minimum of twenty (20) car parking spaces on-site, including a minimum of three (3) car parking spaces for people with disabilities. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.
- 3.3 Design, construct and maintain all access, parking and manoeuvring areas generally in accordance with the requirements included in SC5.1 Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy contained within the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3)*.

4.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

- 4.1 Stormwater management must be carried out generally in accordance with the Stormwater Management Plan dated 31 July 2025 with reference 25035-C-OF101A.
- 4.2 Discharge all roof and allotment drainage such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre- to the post-development condition.
- 4.3 All stormwater must drain to a demonstrated lawful point of discharge and must not adversely affect adjoining land or infrastructure in comparison to the pre-development condition by way of blocking, altering or diverting existing stormwater runoff patterns or have the potential to cause damage to other infrastructure.

5.0 SERVICES

- 5.1 The premises must be connected to Council's reticulated water and sewerage networks in accordance with the standards prescribed in Table SC5.1.2.6 (Water and Sewer Standards) of *Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Works*.

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DECISION REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 16 OCTOBER 2025

TO

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – DA25/26-008 – B T HUNT BUILDING PTY LTD – 55 ILFRACOMBE ROAD, LONGREACH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169 (the subject site). The subject site has an area of 20,230m² and is located on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway

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A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169, subject to the following conditions:

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Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 5 of 29	01	02 August 2025
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Stormwater Management Plan	25035-C-OF101A	A	31 July 2025

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OVERVIEW

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PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
RPD	Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169
Site Area	20,230m ²
Landowners	Longreach Regional Council
Existing use of land	Albert Park Motor Inn
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA25/26-008
Applicant	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
Application description	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation
Decision due date	16 October 2025
Proposal	Extension to existing motel
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP matters	<p>NATURAL HAZARDS RISK AND RESILIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood hazard area - local government flood mapping area <p>STRATEGIC AIRPORTS AND AVIATION FACILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle limitation surface area • Obstacle limitation surface contours • Public safety area • Light restriction zone • Lighting area buffer 6km • Wildlife hazard buffer zone
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Overlays	<p>Airport Environs Overlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting Area Buffer (6km) • Wildlife Hazard Buffer Zone 3km • Operational limitation service area (236m contour) <p>Transport Noise Corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 0 - 4
Zone	Tourism Zone
Land use definition	Short-term accommodation
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

TABLE 2 – APPLICATION HISTORY

Application lodged	22 August 2025
Application properly made	22 August 2025
Tabled at General Meeting to be decided by Council	15 October 2025
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	16 October 2025

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

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Figure 1 –Subject Site (Source: Queensland Government DAMS)

2.1 LOCALITY DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway and is surrounded by various accommodation uses.

The site is adjoined by vacant land to the west, Stork Road to the east, Longreach Tourist Park to the south and the Landsborough highway to the north.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves converting the old restaurant/function centre at the Albert Park Motor Inn into an additional 20 motel rooms, comprising three disabled access rooms and 17 standard layout rooms. Additional carports will be provided to facilitate guest parking. (see **Figure 2 and 3**).

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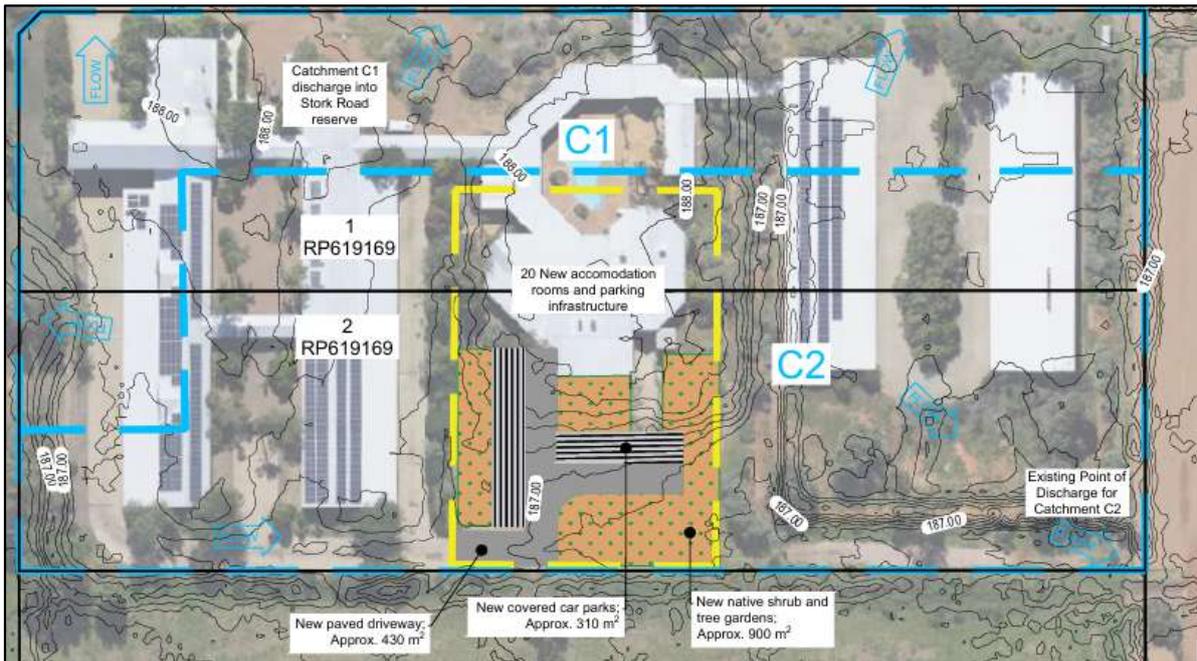


Figure 2 – Site layout – (Source: Applicant supplied)



Figure 3 – Additional hotel rooms – (Source: Applicant supplied)

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Proposal plans recommended for approval are included in **Attachment A**.

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 45(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* ('the Planning Act'), Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out –

- (a) *against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and*
- (b) *having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.*

In this instance, under Section 45(3)(a) of the Planning Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (Version 3)* (the Planning Scheme) under which the applicable assessment benchmarks are the following codes:

- Tourism Zone Code
- Works Code
- Landscape Code
- Airport Environs Overlay Code.

These are discussed in further in detail in Section 4.1 below.

The *Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan

The regional plan is identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore does not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 4.1 below also functions as an assessment of the Regional Plan.

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Natural hazards and Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

There are no assessment benchmarks that are directly applicable to the development or subject site.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The planning application did not trigger assessable development under schedule 9 and did not trigger referral under schedule 10.

Common material

All material about the application that Council has received since lodgement has been considered in this report.

Development approvals and existing uses

The site contains the Albert Park Motor Inn which is considered to have been lawfully established.

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The following sections consider the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent relevant to the application.

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

The following sections address the elements of the Planning Scheme as it relates to the proposal.

4.1.1 Proposal as a *Material Change of Use*

The proposed development involves a Material Change of Use of premises for Short-term accommodation, which is categorised as Assessable Development under the Planning Scheme and therefore requires a development application. Under the Planning Act, the definition of Material Change of Use is:

- (a) the start of a new use of the premises;*
- (b) the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;*
- (c) a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.*

In the context of the proposal, the addition of new hotel rooms is a material increase in both intensity and scale.

4.1.2 Land Use Definition

Under the Planning Scheme, the development is defined as a 'Short-term accommodation', which means:

Use of premises for:

- (a) providing accommodation of less than three consecutive months to tourists or travellers; or*
- (b) a manager's residence, office, or recreation facilities for the exclusive use of guests, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a);*

but does not include a hotel, nature-based tourism, resort complex or tourist park.

4.1.3 Assessment Benchmarks

Tourism Zone Code

The subject site is located in the Tourism Zone (**Figure 4**).

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Figure 4 – Zone Map (Source: LRC 2015)

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Tourism Zone Code, in particular:

- The site is co-located with other accommodation uses and therefore is unlikely to cause amenity issues for other nearby uses
- Landscaping will be provided to enhance the appearance of the development
- The extension will be located within an existing building; therefore, the height and scale are consistent with buildings on-site and within the surrounding locality
- The proposed development is sited to ensure it is visible from various vistas, therefore providing opportunities for casual surveillance
- Short-term accommodation is a consistent use in the Tourism zone.

Landscape Code

The purpose of the landscape code is to ensure landscaping in both the private and public domains is designed and constructed to a high standard, provides a strong contribution to the Longreach outback identity, provides amenity appropriate to physical location and social values, and is responsive to the local character, site and climatic conditions and suits the long-term needs of the community.

Landscaping will be provided to enhance the appearance of the development. Conditions have been included to ensure landscaping is established and maintained.

Works Code

The premises will be connected to reticular water and sewer and will be provided with electricity and telecommunication services.

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Works Code.

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Airport Environs Overlay Code

The proposed development avoids adversely affecting the safety and efficiency of the airport's operational airspace for the following reasons:

- The development does not result in the release of gaseous plumes
- The development does not involve a use that attracts wildlife (i.e. birds) that may interfere with aircraft
- The facility does not incorporate any reflective materials.

On this basis, the proposal is considered to comply with the Airport Environs Overlay Code.

In summary, on balance this planning assessment has demonstrated compliance between the development and the relevant assessable benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Recommended conditions of approval reflect the elements of each assessment benchmark to ensure on-going compliance in terms of operations and amenity.

5.0 REFERRALS

The application did not require referral to any referral agencies.

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

It is noted that Council does not charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

7.0 CONCLUSION

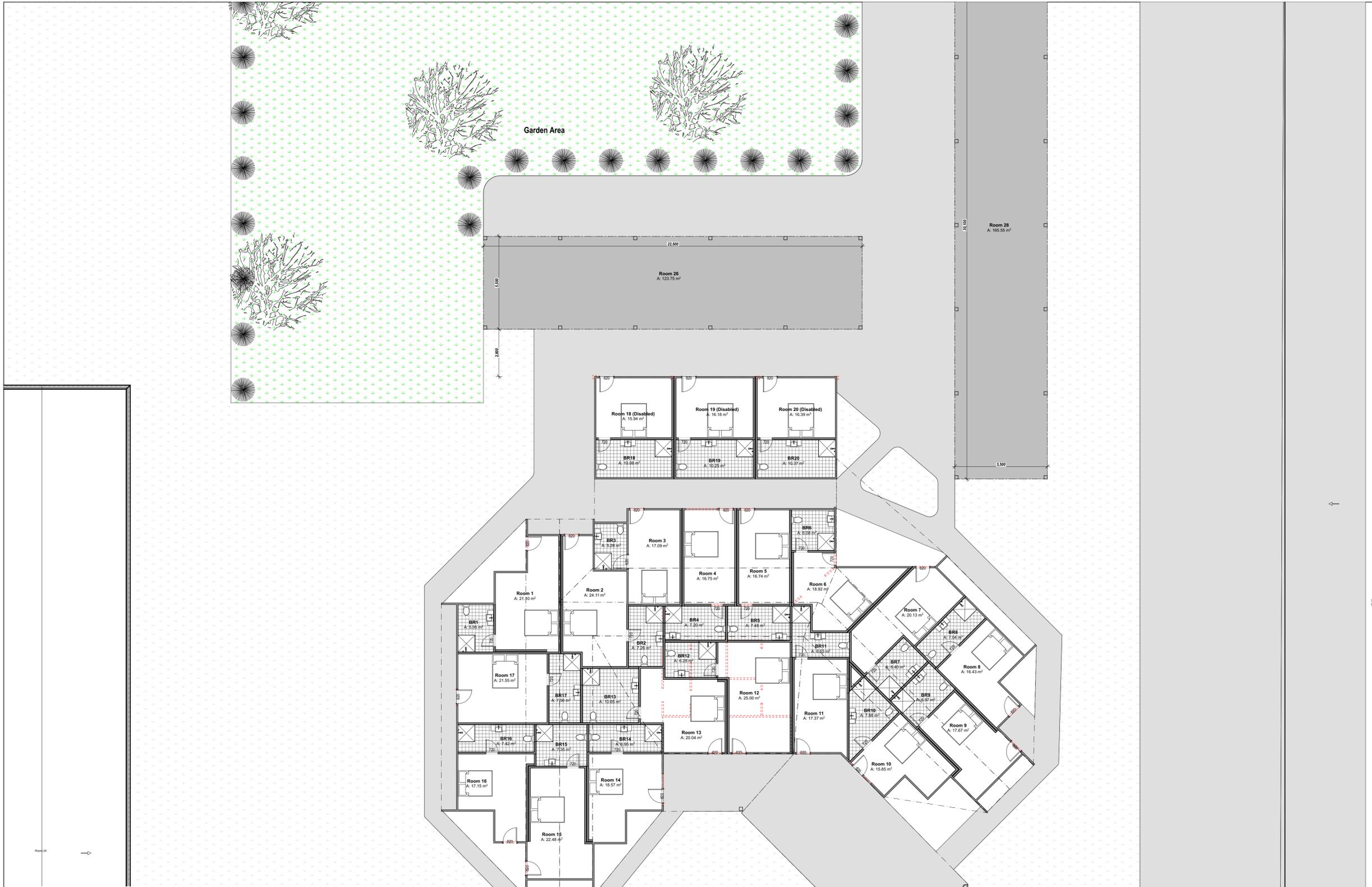
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In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the notice as follows:

- a) Short-term accommodation is a consistent use in the Tourism Zone.
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Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 7 October 2025	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: 8 October 2025
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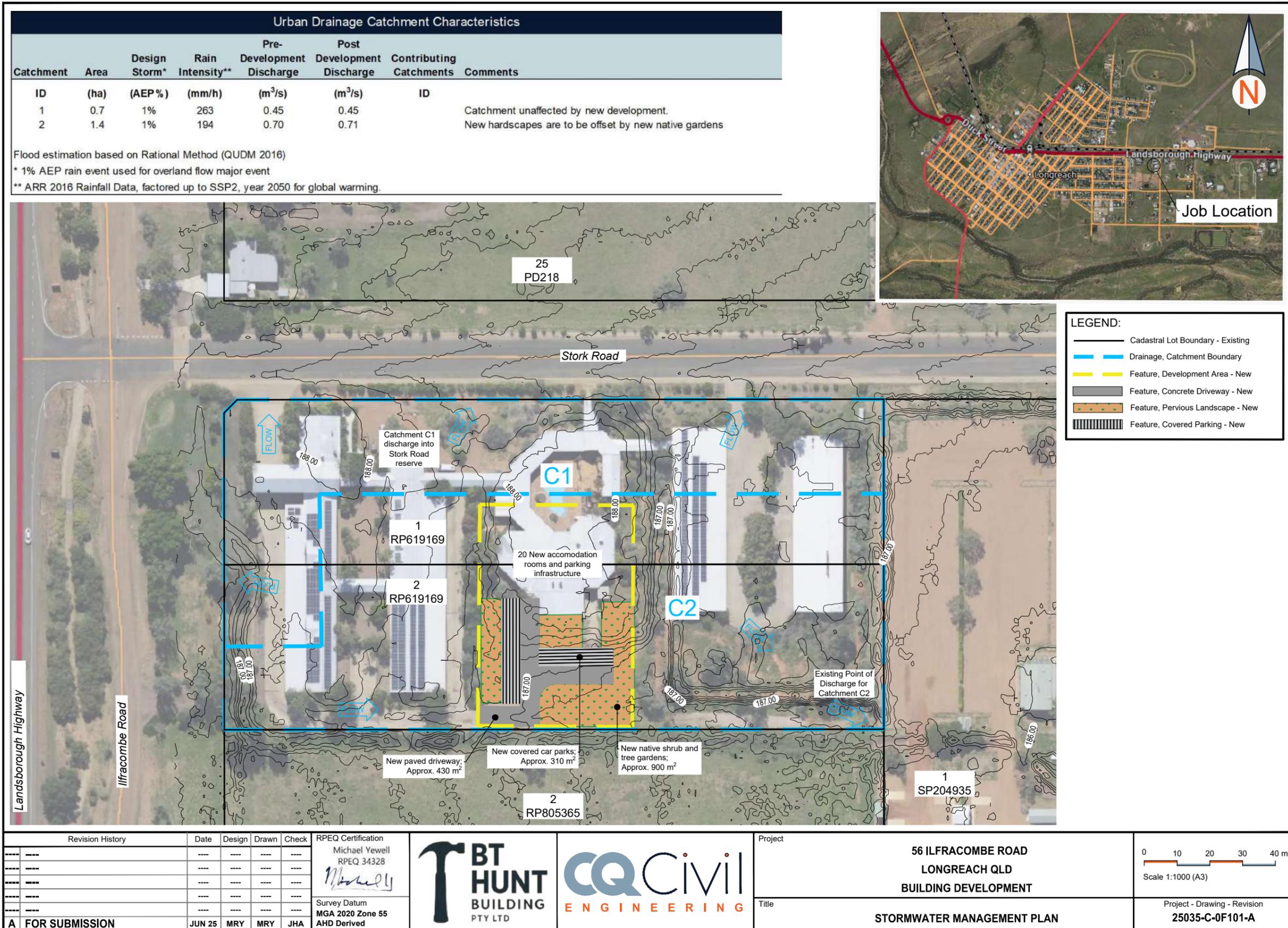
ATTACHMENT A – PROPOSAL PLANS



Proposed; Ground Floor Plan
Scale A3 @ 1:100 / A1 @ 1:100

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12.2 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety report is presented to Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 1 September 2025.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Grace Cronin-Jones (Director of Organisational Services)

Positive Indicators

Positive Indicators				
	Hazard/Near Miss Reported	SMS Actions	WHS Initiatives	Inspection compliance for Month
Month Total	5	0	1	100%

Safety and Wellbeing Initiatives:

- Online training modules are being set up in SkyTrust to assist with staff training and education, these are aimed to go live in November/December.

Injury and Workers Compensation Summary.

There were no new workers compensation claims submitted in August 2025.

Compensation Summary 2025-2026 FYTD								
	New Claims this FY	Claims denied	Claims from Prev Yr	Claims closed this FY	Open Claims	Open Claims duties status		
						Unfit for work	Suitable Duties	Return to Full Duties
Employees	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	0

Targets and Objectives

Positive (Lead) Performance Indicators				
KPI	Target	YTD	Current	Comments
Number of Toolbox Talks Held per Annum (Increased by >6)	>6	0	0	The organisation does not consistently perform toolbox talks; however, this is to be rectified in the coming months.
ELT Safety Walk Attendance	6	0	0	A new initiative is to be introduced in the coming months.
Staff Training Percentage	90%	90.86%	100%	WHS Induction (176 staff completed, 4 staff on leave, 13 staff yet to complete induction). All new starters have completed a WHS induction prior to commencement.
Audit findings and activities. Audits conducted and actions identified/completed	Audit	Actions	Comp	LGW WHS Scheme Audit 2022. - 1 outstanding action remains
	2	70	61	

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				Compliance Australia Certification Services (CACS)– Civil Works RMPC WHS Audit 2024. - All OHS findings were closed.
				CACS 2025 Surveillance Audit findings – 7 observations and 1 minor non-conformance.
Overdue incident reporting	<15%	10%	10%	15 incidents reporting this period, with an average of 1 day to complete incident review. 2 incidents were reported 8 days following the incident date.
Average time to complete incident investigations	<15 days	2	3	
KPI	Target	12mth	Current	Comments
WHS Committee Meeting	4	2	0	Next meeting scheduled for 26 November 2025
HSR Attendance at Committee Meetings	4	10	10	
Management Attendance at Committee Meetings	4	1	1	

Safety Management System Action Plan (SMS)

KPI	Target	YTD	Current	Comments
Safety Management System Plan Actions.	16	5	5	Five (5) actions have been completed.
Top risks identified and assessed	20	80	80	Corporate WHS Risk Register (39 risks) Plant and Equipment Risk Register (21 items of plant assessed with a total of 51 individual risks identified).
Risk register reviews	2	2	3	Corporate WHS Risk Register and Plant WHS Risk Register reviewed. Psychosocial Risk Register being reviewed.

Outcome (Lag) indicators

KPI		12 mth	Current	Comments
Direct Labour	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (12-month Rolling)	9.85	0.00	Total scheme frequency rate – 8.86 (June 2025). Group frequency rate – 8.03 (June 2025).
	Duration Rate (DR) (12-month Rolling)	9.21	0.00	Total scheme duration rate – 17.13 (June 2025). Group duration rate – 18.19 (June 2025).

Notifiable Incident Outcomes

KPI	YTD	Month	Comments
Notifiable Incidents	1	0	No notifiable incidents in August
Notices issued. (Improvement, Prohibition and Provisional)	0	0	Nil

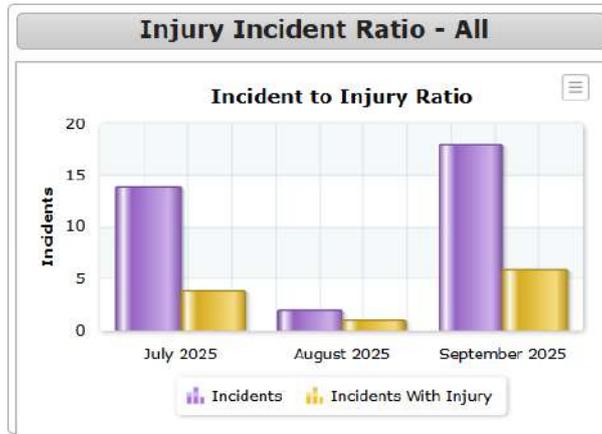
Appendices

1. Safety Statistics September 2025 [**12.2.1** - 3 pages]

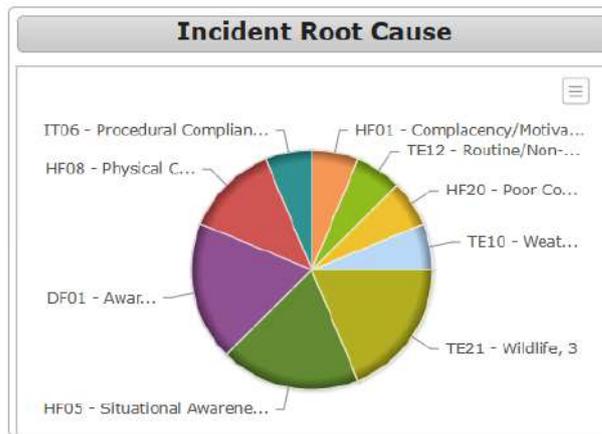
Recommendation:

That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report for September 2025.

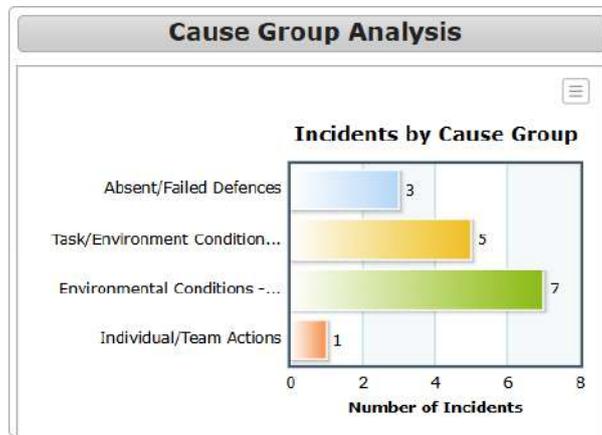
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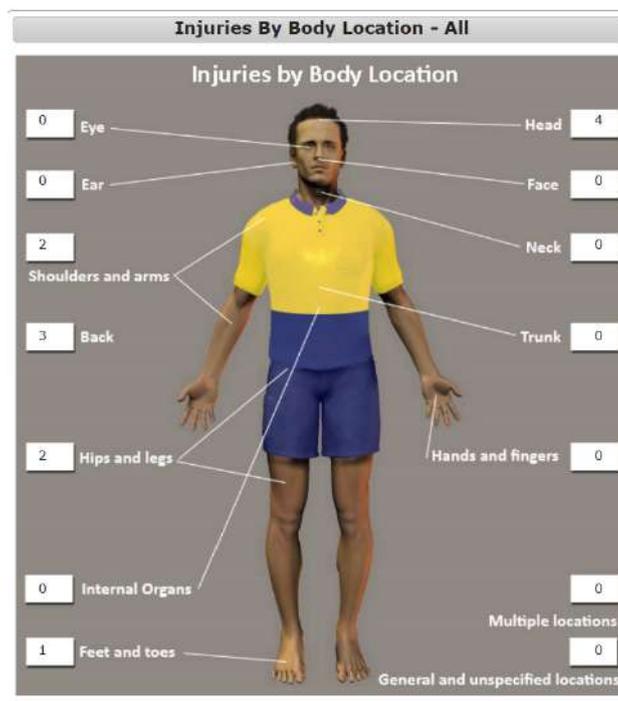
- 11 Injury Reports recorded, broken down into:
 - 1 report only, minor injury not first aid
 - 5 First Aid reports as minor injury or illness
 - 4 Medical Treatment with minor injury or illness
 - 1 Lost Time Injury, which was a notifiable incident
- 9 Near Miss incidents reported, involving the following:
 - 4 reported sighting of brown snakes in workplaces
 - 2 plant near misses, involving operation.
 - 2 near misses involving plant break downs where workers were isolated without reliable communication to contact supervisor or others for assistance. One instance involved two workers walking 4kms to a property for assistance. The other was a lone worker who was found walking by a passing Council worker who was partway through a 7-8km walk from their Grader to their work Hilux.
- 14 property damage reports from wildlife strikes and stone chips from passing vehicles on windscreens. 2 of the incidents also involved operations reversing into stationary objects.



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- **Head** - 3 of these reports refer to medical episodes of a known condition that the staff member is seeking treatment for and is not work related. The remaining incident was a notifiable incident that occurred with a child at the childcare centre.
- **Shoulder/Arm** - 1 injury was a report only of a potential shoulder strain, the other was a grazed below and swelling from hitting the arm on the door of the truck during an accident which was notifiable and involved another staff member.
- **Back** - 2 minor injuries, 1 report only and the other required further medical treatment identifying sciatic pain of the back experienced whilst operation machinery. The remaining injury was a lost time injury which was the result of a vehicle accident that was a notifiable incident and was investigated by the Safety Coordinator.
- **Feet** - Aggravation of a previous injury sustained outside the workplace, injury of an ankle sprain required first aid due to tripping over soft play equipment.

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12.3 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of September.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Alexandria Beatty (Business Support Officer – Organisational Services)

1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Two new applications have been received by Council since the last monthly report. Three applications are currently under assessment.

1.1	Council reference:	DA25/26-008
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term accommodation
	Street address:	52 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169
	Day application was made:	22 August 2025
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves converting the old restaurant/function centre at the Albert Park Motor Inn into an additional 20 motel rooms, comprising three disabled access rooms and 17 standard layout rooms. Additional carports will be provided to facilitate guest parking.

The subject site is in the Tourism zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. The application is in the decision stage.

The application will be considered at the October General Council meeting.

1.2	Council reference:	DA25/26-013
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple Dwelling/Short-term Accommodation (6 units)
	Street address:	96-98 Crane Street, Longreach

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Property description:	Lot 1 and 2 on SP175391 and Lot 0-4 on SP247426
Day application was made:	30 September 2025
Category of assessment:	Code
Public notification required:	No
Applicant:	Longreach Tavern Op Co Pty Ltd
Status:	Under assessment

An application has been made by Longreach Tavern Op Co Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple Dwelling/Short-term Accommodation (6 units) over land at 96-98 Crane Street, Longreach

The proposal involves the addition of six (1) one bedroom units with an ancillary guest and staff laundry. The proposal has been designed to integrate with the existing two-bedroom Multiple dwelling / Short term accommodation units on the site. Each of the proposed accommodation units is oriented internally within the site and includes a balcony off the living area of the unit. The development will be provided with eight (8) car parking spaces and access will be from the existing driveway from Crane Street.

The subject site is in the Medium density residential wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. The application is currently under assessment.

1.3	Council reference:	DA25/26-011
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple Dwelling (4 units)
	Street address:	118A Eagle Street, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 2 on RP601224 and Lot 2 on RP601170
	Day application was made:	24 September 2025
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
	Status:	Under assessment

An application has been made by B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple Dwelling over land at 118A Eagle Street, Longreach.

The proposal involves converting existing commercial tenancies of the Merino Arcade into four Multiple dwellings. The proposed conversion involves minor internal building work.

The subject site is in the Centre zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. The application is currently under assessment.

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2. General Planning Services, Enquiries And Advice

2.1 Customer Requests

The following customer requests have been received and responded to over the past month:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
11/09/25	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request about establishing sheds. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry zone • The site contains an existing industrial use • If the sheds are for storing existing machinery/equipment it wouldn't be a Material change of use and would be building work only • The building work wouldn't be assessable against the planning scheme • However, if the sheds were for the purpose of intensifying the existing use (increased operations, additional staff etc.) it may be classified as a Material change of use and would require a Code assessable development application for an industrial use. 	Closed
12/09/25	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u></p> <p>Council received an enquiry about subdividing an existing site.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Rural zone • The site is heavily affected by flooding • The site adjoins a State-controlled road • Reconfiguring a lot is subject to Code assessment • The minimum lot size in the Rural zone is 100,000 hectares, however 	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p>smaller lots could be considered where outside the flood hazard, where provided with flood free access and where able to be adequately serviced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any application would require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) • SARA have their own fee and assessment criteria • SARA generally limits access from State-controlled roads (encourages combined access). 	
16/09/25	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request for flood mapping. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council provided the flood mapping as requested • No further action from Council required. 	Closed
22/09/25	Business operator	<p><u>Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request about signage. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Tourism zone • The site adjoins a State-controlled road • A sign is defined as an Advertising device • Advertising devices are not assessable against the planning scheme and therefore do not require town planning approval • Council has a local law for advertising devices which may be triggered • If the sign is to be located within the State-controlled road reserve, approval from the Department of 	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		Transport and Main Roads may be required.	
23/09/25	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request about establishing a shed and caretaker's unit for a trucking business. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry zone • The site is currently vacant • The proposal is defined as a Transport depot and Caretakers accommodation • Starting a new use is a Material change of use • A Material change of use for Transport depot and Caretakers accommodation is subject to Code assessment • Code assessment requires the lodgment of a development application to Council • The proposal is supportable use in the Industry zone. 	Closed
30/09/25	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request about splitting two existing lots on one title. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the site is already made up of two lots, a Reconfiguring a lot application is not required • A request can be made directly to the Queensland Titles office to separate the title • Details of the process were sent to the customer. 	Closed
01/10/25	Landowner	<u>Request</u>	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received a request about establishing a kit home. A specific address was not provided. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A kit home is defined as a Dwelling house • Generally, a Dwelling house will be accepted development in most zones, where meeting certain requirements in the applicable codes • Accepted development means a development approval is not required, however building approval would still be required • Council will need details of the site and zoning and whether or not it is affected by flooding to confirm if development approval is required. 	
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
Nil			
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			

Development Applications Received

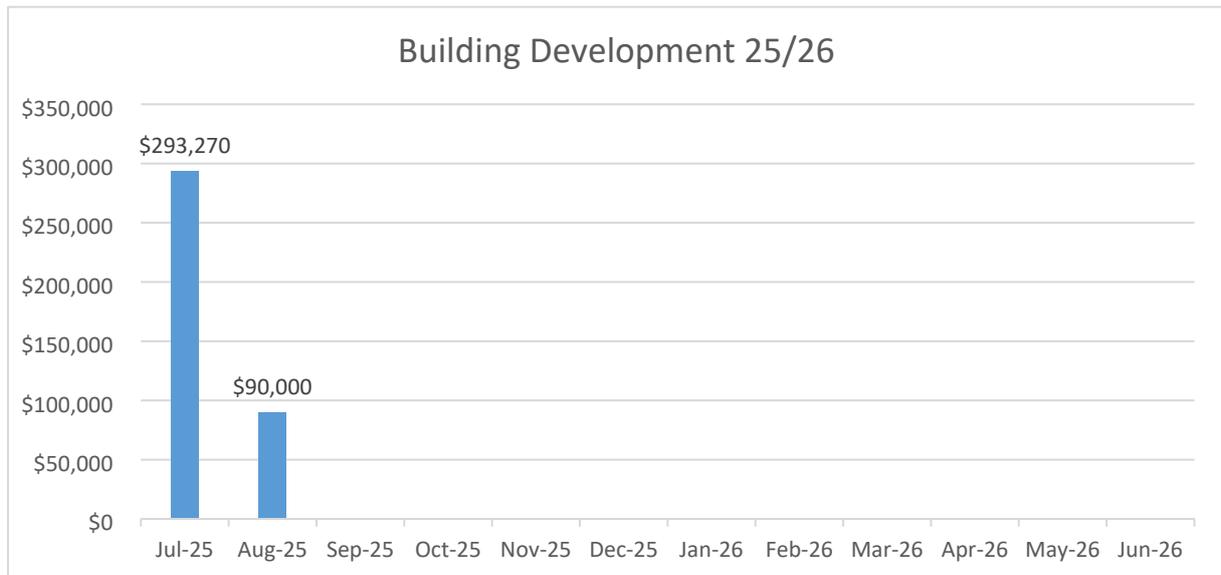
Application Type	Month	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)		4
Building (Private Certifier)		3
Certificate of Classification		
Change of Classification		
Endorsement of Survey Plan		
Exemption Certificate		1
Material Change of Use (MCU)	3	4
Minor Change (MCU)		
Minor Change (Op Works)		
Building Work (Assessable)		
Operational Works		
Plumbing & Drainage		2
Reconfiguration of a Lot		

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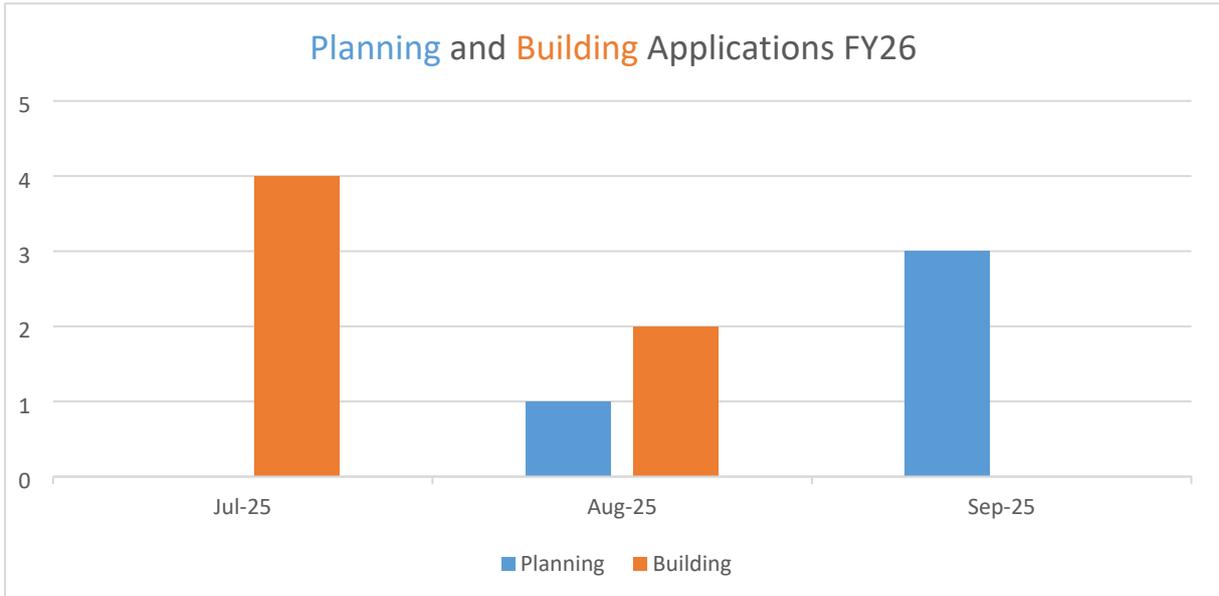
Siting Variation		
Building Record Searches/ Planning Certificates		1
Operational Works – Bore		
Total	3	15

Project Value of Building Applications

Date	Development Type	Development Details	Value of Work	Location
Carried FWD			\$383,270	
		Total for INSERT MONTH	\$0	
		Total for 24/25 Year	\$383,270	



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Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

12.4 Information Report - Organisational Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Organisational Services Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities

1.3.1 Effectively manage stock routes and reserves for public use while improving natural environmental health

1.3.2 Maintain and improve the health of the Thomson and Barcoo River waterways and catchments

OUR ECONOMY

2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities

2.1.2 Grow the region's importance as service hub to communities beyond our local government area

2.2.3 Create a business-friendly environment within Council

2.2.4 Provide logistical support services to the agricultural economy

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.1.2 Foster a high-performance team culture through holistic workforce development initiatives

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

5.3.1 Deliver quality, timely, and efficient service to prioritise customer needs and outcomes

5.4.1 Enhance the region's disaster resilience through robust disaster management and recovery initiatives

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Officers in the Organisational Services Directorate

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Purpose:

Officers provide an information update to Council monthly to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas of Council.

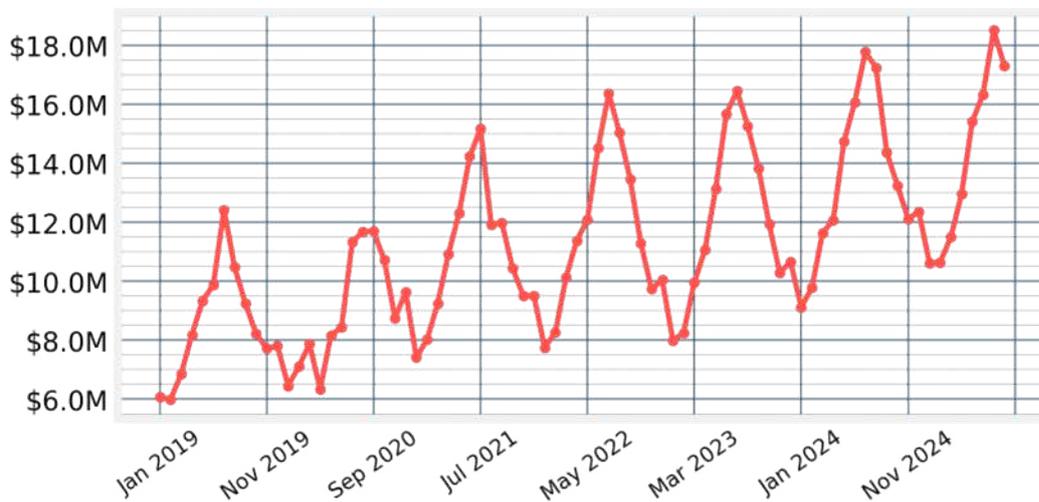
Economic/Consumer Spending Data (Spendmapp)

Presented here is data for August 2025:

Total Local Spend was \$17.3M. This is a 0.35% increase from the same time last year.
Resident Local Spend was \$8.28M. This is a 6.57% decrease from the same time last year.
Visitor Local Spend was \$9.02M. This is a 7.67% increase from the same time last year.

Total Local Spend

The total amount spent with merchants within the Longreach Regional Council LGA.



The Top 3 Suburbs by Resident Escape Spend for August 2025

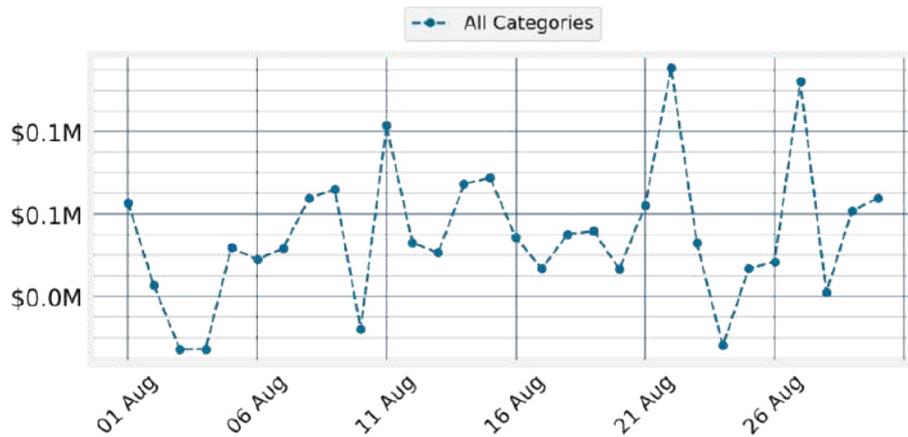
Resident Escape Spend by destination Suburbs (i.e. where the spending goes to):

Emerald: \$610k; Brisbane City: \$120k; Barcaldine: \$100k

Night Time Economy for August 2025

The biggest spending night of the month was Friday 22 August.

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Human Resources

Staffing Levels as of 30 September 2025 – Excluding Vacancies						
	Operational	Admin/ Supervisor	Contract	Total	Last Month	30.6.25
Full Time	81.00	53.00	12.00	146.00	146.00	143.00
Permanent Part-Time	3.25	5.02	1.73	10.00	10.00	9.64
Contracted (External)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Total Permanent	84.25	58.02	13.73	156.00	156.00	153.64
Temporary Full-Time	2.00	2.00	0.00	4.00	6.00	7.00
Temporary Part-Time	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22
Apprentice	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Traineeships	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Casuals	0.77	2.14	0.00	2.91	3.22	3.95
Total Temporary	3.77	5.14	0.00	8.91	11.22	15.17
Total FTE	88.02	63.16	13.73	164.91	167.22	168.81

List of Vacant Position by Directorate as of 7 October 2025

Office of the CEO

- Nil Vacancies

Finance Services

- Nil Vacancies

Communities

- Tourism Officer – Advertised
- Assistant Childcare Services Director – Not Yet Advertised
- Part-Time Assistant Educator – Appointed
- Casual Assistant Educators – Advertised Externally – No Closure Date (3 vacancies)
- Casual Assistant Educator- Appointed
- Temporary Inclusion Support Educator (On Hold)

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- Childcare Services Director – Appointed

Works

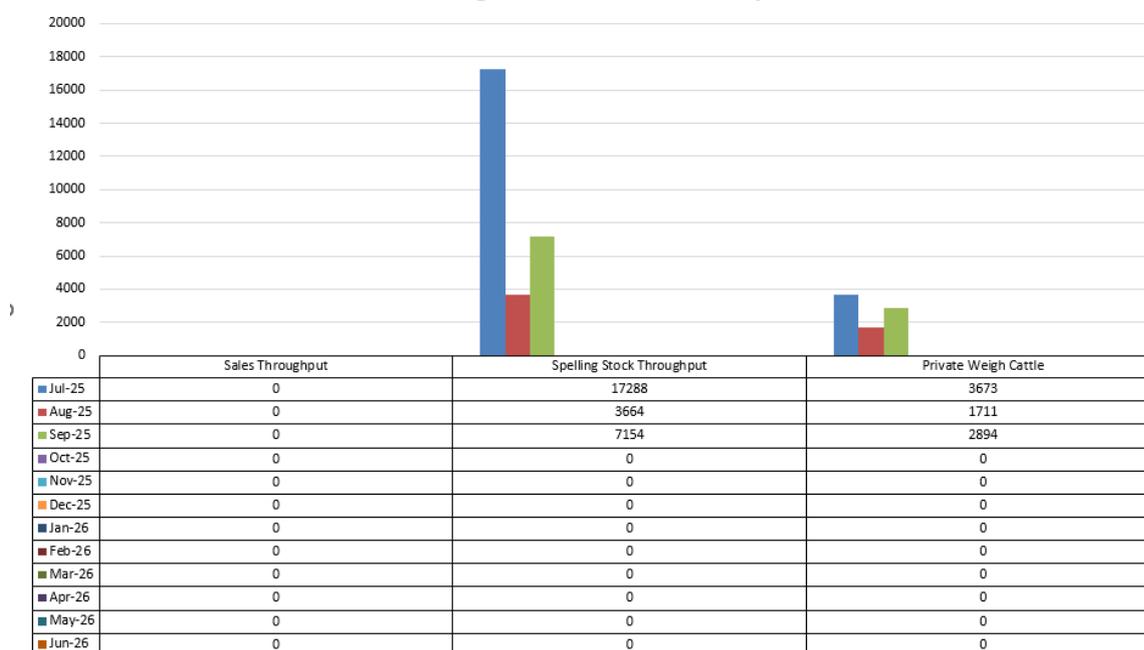
- Cadet Engineer (Fixed Term) (On Hold)
- Concrete Formsetter – Re -Advertised (No Close date)
- Concrete Labourer/Plant Operator – Re -Advertised (No Close date)
- Leading Hand Mechanic – Advertised Externally (No Close date)
- Mechanic – Advertised Externally (No Close date)
- Apprentice Mechanic Isisford – Not advertised (Under Review)
- Water and Sewerage Labourer – To be readvertised
- Plant Operator – Truck - (Under Review)
- Plant Operator- Loader – Advertised

Organisational Services

- Regulatory Services – Compliance (Temporary) – Appointed
- Regulatory Services Technical Officer – Advertised
- Safety Coordinator – Interviewing
- Safety Advisor – To be advertised
- Safety Advisor – To be Advertised (Funded)

Saleyards – Throughput Figures

WQLX Longreach Activities - 2025/26 FY



Regulatory Services – Compliance

Graphs for August, September and October will be updated for the November meeting.

The Regulatory Services Compliance Officers operated at reduced capacity during September due to staff on leave, Officers conducted Pest Animal Baiting Program, and the

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Technical Officer resigning. We have a temporary casual Contractor backfilling the administrative role, and another Contractor assisting with Compliance operational works.

Officers have investigated multiple dog attacks, maintained regular patrolling of townships, monitored compliance with water restrictions as the weather heats up, and continued with feral cat trapping programs.

Dog registration renewals have slowed, with 288 registrations expired and not yet renewed. We have had 576 dogs registered for the current year. Follow up contact will commence for dogs not yet re-registered, and compliance actions will follow.

Food Business Licences have been renewed for 2025-26, and we continue to assist with enquiries regarding food business licensing, outdoor dining permits, prescribed activity permits (such as street stall applications), and offering ad-hoc advice as needed.

Environmental Health Officer Report: September 2025

Other Actions / Tasks:

- EHO Contract extension request sent to Blackall CEO. In Progress
- Created EHO Action Report for All Councils (Central West Qld).
- Mobile Accommodation Proposal Memorandum developed and shared with Blackall Management. Denied (no reason given)
- Attended Aeronautical Radio Operators Training Course (Cert 3). (Blackall)
- EHO sick 11-26 September 2025.

Public Health and Hygiene Enquires			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
September 2025	Community Member	<u>Enquiry</u> Concerns raised in relation to Mobile Personal Appearance Services Licensing <u>Response</u> Used Only available contact number to request copy of Mobile Personal Appearance Services License. Operator Called back and advised they would seek information and Licensing from resident Local Government.	Closed
September 2025	Community Member	<u>Enquiry</u> Concerns raised in relation to Mobile Personal Appearance Services Licensing	Ongoing Application Assessment.

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		<p><u>Response</u> Used Only available contact number and Email to request copy of Personal Appearance Services License. Operator Called back and advised they would seek Licensing from resident Local Government. Operator Submitted PAS Application with Council.</p>	
September 2025		<p><u>Enquiry</u> Concerns raised in relation to Mobile Personal Appearance Services Licensing</p> <p><u>Response</u> Used Only available contact number and Email to request copy of Personal Appearance Services License. Operator Called back and advised No License would be required, as premise is suitable.</p>	Completed
September 2025	Communicable Diseases Management Unit	Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act activity data shared with relevant Government Agency.	Completed
Food Business Licenses, Complaints and Inspections			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
September 2025	Federal Government Contractor.	<p><u>Enquiry</u> New Food Business Licence Application</p> <p><u>Response</u> Provided applicant with information & requirements for food business licences and fees. Application Received and Assessed.</p>	License Issued.

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		Application Approved with conditions. Email sent to applicant informing their security measures are antithetical to Councils responsibilities under the Food Act. Asking applicant to seek an exemption from the federal government. No response received.	
September 2025	Restaurant	<u>Enquiry</u> Contact information up-date request. Requested shared with Admin.	In Progress
Environmental and Waste Management			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
	Commercial Operator	Carcass Pit operational compliance with EP Regulations.	In Progress
September 2025	Recreational Water testing	Researched Water testing lab. Found Lab in Brisbane capable of required tests. Shared with Technical Officer for required approvals.	In Progress
September 2025	Recreational Water testing	5 Samples taken from specific location on the Thomson River. Samples tested for E-coili, Turbidity, Temperature, Dissolved Solids & pH. Results analysed.	Report created and shared with team. Completed X 2
September 2025	Recreational Water testing	6 Samples taken from specific location on the Thomson River. Samples tested for E-coili, Turbidity, Temperature, Dissolved Solids & pH. Results analysed.	In Progress
September 2025	Recreational Water testing	Found Qld Government Water Monitoring Information Portal. Thomson River, Longreach. Developing summary report.	In Progress

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September 2025	Recreational Water testing	Request sent to Water Monitoring Information Portal: Pesticide Concentrations data in The Thomson River. Historical & Current Data.	In Progress
Local Laws or Other Related Matters			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
	Nil		
Stakeholder Engagement/Community Education Projects.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Group (not-for Profit Organisations) Food Safety Training. Developed • General Food Safety Training (For Licensed Food Businesses). Development Stage. 			

Regulatory Services – Rural Lands

Bexley Project

Ongoing spraying of buffer zones and monitoring of cochineal progress. Further chemical trials are underway, will be sometime before results can be validated. Collaborating with DPI on an application for potential research funding.

Proactive Management of Vertebrate Pests from Riparian Areas Bordered by Exclusion Fencing in Western Queensland. (APL Project)

The next undertaking will be to commence free feeding utilising two Pig Baitta's in the project area. Survey and camera monitoring will also commence this month post culling activities. Recent observations in the area have indicated a reduction in activity and damage from feral pigs.

Stock Routes

Capital Works projects.

Review of Stock Route Network Facilities to identify Capital works projection for the 2025/2026 period.

Stock Routes & Reserves –

No permits were issued for traveling stock across Council's Stock Route Network in September.

A review of all Stock Routes, Water Facilities and LRC controlled lands to be commenced in the coming weeks.

Pest Animals

The Contract Dog Trapper results have shown a recent increase in dog activity. Further reports from properties indicate significant numbers of dogs across the region currently, prompting the continuation of the Wild Animal Control Program for flood impacted properties, along with Landholder concerns with the loss of fencing infrastructure in the flood event

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Division	Scalp Bounty - Dog 25/26 YTD	Contract Dog Trapper 25/26 YTD	Scalp Bounty - Cat 25/26 YTD
1	191	7	-
2	1	50	337
3	14	5	29
4	174	-	357
Total	380	62	723

Proactive Controlled Burning

Assisted in coordination of controlled burning activities around the Ilfracombe Township and along the Landsborough Highway. These burns are proactive to reduce the risk of uncontrolled burning of dry vegetation and to allow for identification of pest weeds that are known to be prolific in these areas, improving sightings and spraying. Burning was conducted by the Ilfracombe Rural Fire Brigade.

Photos below are courtesy of Anna-Marie Moffat:



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Smart Weed Removal

A contractor was utilised during August to remove Smart Weed from sections of the Thomson River. This activity was done in the lead-up to the annual Fishing Competition, across ~1.17km of riverbank. The process involved mechanically cutting and removing the weed in sections using specialised equipment. Monitoring will continue to measure re-growth and spread to identify the need for further harvesting.

It is estimated that 130 m³ of Smart Weed was removed from the waterway. Impact on the bank areas was diminished by using this specialist machine and the ability to stockpile removed weed in accessible areas for access by heavy machinery without unnecessary vegetation impacts.



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Summary of main tasks / issues completed by Rural Lands department during the month:

- Pest weed spraying - RMPC mapping and reporting
- Proactive controlled burns completed by Ilfracombe Rural Fire Brigade to reduce fire risk to property and assist in removing vegetation for increased visual identification of pest weeds along the Landsborough Highway and around Ilfracombe township
- Completed biannual September baiting program, 11 tons of meat substrate utilised
- Review of baiting program in progress
- Clearing of existing and new tracks on Dingo Common for the purpose of allowing free access to cactus growing amongst vegetation and along creek lines
- Contractors have commenced fire ploughing on Town Commons
- After-hours on-call roster, shared with Compliance Officers

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.

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12.5 Director of Organisational Services Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Organisational Services.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Grace Cronin-Jones (Director of Organisational Services)

Following is a summary of activities undertaken for the period to 17 January 2025.

Strategic Leadership

Key:

Complete



In Progress



Not Started



Activity	Description	Status
Planning Scheme, Local Law and Delegations Review	Planning Scheme and delegations review progressing. Engagement with Reel Planning for a date for next consultation workshop. Council to CEO delegation review for legislation currently 80% complete.	●
Local Disaster Management Plan Review	<i>Approximately 50% of the administrative review has been of the LDMP document has been completed. Opportunity for funding of a CRRO is available in addition to an extension of the funding of Council's Disaster Coordinator Position.</i>	●
Strategic Land Development Planning	<i>Land application is still pending with DOR. New application to be submitted with DOR following further negotiations surrounding airport land.</i>	●
Governance Policy Framework	<i>Following documents in draft format with arrangements being made to commence consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Governance Framework</i> ● <i>Policy Framework</i> ● <i>Delegations Policy</i> ● <i>Conflict of Interest Policy</i> ● <i>Conflict of Interest Guidelines</i> 	●
Animal Management Facility	<i>Second tender period closed, with panel to review submissions 10/10/2025.</i>	●
Residential Activation Fund	<i>Final Review of Tender Scope and Contract Documents underway to be issued in October.</i>	●

Operational Management

- Attended Risk Management Training with Internal Auditors
- Met with Western Game Processing Owner
- Met with Muddy Duck Operator

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- Attend Business Change Advisory Committee Meeting
- Met with Department about funding opportunity for CRRO
- Interviews for Safety Coordinator
- Initial advice received from DOR RE: rifle range - further investigation required.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Organisational Services Council report, as presented.

13 Finance Report

13.1 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Purpose:

The Financial Services Directorate provides a monthly update on strategic issues and improvement projects to improve the Council's financial sustainability.

Discussion:

Asset Management

Project Sunpower - There is still no decision regarding the grant funding application. We are still moving forward with the project with discussions with custodians on locations being confirmed and procurement documents being prepared for tendering.

A landfill management plan review has begun, with discussions with custodians being commenced. Landfill cell sites have been drafted and mapped after discussions with staff. The plan will cover our environmental, repatriation, recycling and future outlooks for each town.

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Asset Management Projects

Project	% Completed	Budget Tracking	Comments
Project SunPower	10%		We are currently in the design phase of the project. Meeting was held with custodians to review the location of the solar panels.

Asset Management Plans

Assets	Plan Status	Last Update	Data Reliability
Buildings	Under Review	21/02/2018	Good
Parks & Gardens	Under Review	01/01/2017	Good
Pools	Completed	30/10/2024	Good
Housing	Under Review	19/02/2018	Good
Library	Under Review	15/02/2018	Good
Cemeteries	Under Review	28/02/2019	Good
Childcare	Under Review	24/02/2019	Good
Water	Completed	19/06/2024	Good
Waste	Draft under Review	08/02/2017	Fair
Roads	Under Review	17/03/2016	Fair
Airports	Under Review	17/03/2016	Fair

Asset Management Risks

Risk	Inherent Rating	Treatment	Residual Rating
Financial Risks Underfunding of Asset Maintenance & Renewal	High	- Integrated Long-Term Financial Plans (LTFPs) and Asset Management Plans (AMPs) with whole-of-life costing. - Dedicated asset renewal funds/reserves. - Strategic grant applications and external funding.	Medium
Asset Failure Risks Aging Infrastructure & Material Degradation	High-Critical	- Preventative and predictive maintenance programs. - Regular condition assessments and monitoring. - Timely asset renewal and replacement programs based on criticality.	Medium

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Environmental Exposure	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of resilient materials and protective coatings. - Strategic asset siting and design to minimize exposure. - Enhanced maintenance for assets in harsh environments. 	Medium
Design or Construction Flaws	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rigorous quality assurance processes in procurement and construction. - Adherence to robust engineering and construction standards (e.g., Australian Standards). 	Low-Medium
Operational Overload/Misuse	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear operational guidelines and user training. - Regular monitoring of asset usage and load. - Public awareness campaigns on asset care. 	Low
Unforeseen Events	Critical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive emergency response and disaster management plans. - Insurance and risk transfer mechanisms. 	Medium-High

Procurement

YTD Percentage of purchase made locally

2025-26	2024-25
51.37%	40.05%

Contracts awarded in September, 2025

VP Number Request Name	Supplier	Value of Contract Exc. GST
VP475575 - Supply Road Base WQ35 X-Bin	Champion Contracting Pty Ltd	\$220,320

Tenders and RFQ Open and/or not Awarded

TENDER/RFQ	PLATFORM
VP477434 - Design and Construct - Longreach Animal Management Facility	Vendor Panel
VP455449 - Longreach Town Flood Study and Mapping (Infrastructure Request)	Vendor Panel
VP455458 - Ifracombe WTP Elevated Reservoir Replacement Design (Infrastructure Request)	Direct Engagement
VP475575 Supply Road Base WQ35 X-Bin	Vendor Panel
VP474370 - Longreach Water Mains Upgrade	Vendor Panel
VP462169 - Lease HJ on SP351523 - Longreach Airport	Vendor Panel
VP476610 - Design and Construct Longreach Recreational Precinct	Vendor Panel

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VP453803 – Supply and Delivery of Two Approximately 30,000L Water Tanker Trailers	Vendor Panel
VP479782 – Vegetation Removal Isisford Dam	Vendor Panel

Upcoming Requests for Quote and Tenders

REQUEST	QUOTE/TENDER
Landfill Rehabilitation Liability Assessment and Modelling	Quote
Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Supplies	Request for Tender
Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Wet and Dry Hire	Request for Tender
Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Trades and Services	Request for Tender
Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Mechanical Services	Request for Tender
Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Quarry Products	Request for Tender

Suppliers with expenditure >\$200,00 YTD 25-26

Creditor Name	Sum of Invoice Amount	Services
Neuendorf Constructions	\$1,629,369.61	Construction
LGM Assets	\$562,227.62	Insurance
Rayners Western Hire Pty Ltd	\$842,125.01	Plant and Labour Hire
Champion Contracting	\$894,492.81	Quarry Supplies
Moore Civil & Plant Hire Pty Ltd	\$589,717.9	Plant and Labour Hire
Tropic Petroleum	\$543,552.13	Fuel and Oil
Queensland Local Government Workcare Scheme	\$234,570.44	Workers Compensation
JT Cox Concrete & Precast Pty Ltd	\$252,201.45	Quarry Supplies
George Bourne & Associates	\$221,102.30	Consultancy, Project Management
Engeny Australia Pty Ltd	\$204,510.38	Flood Study & Mapping, Project Management

Innovation and Business Improvement

See the attached dashboard as appendix to this report.

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1. October 25 Council Report Monthly - Innovation Business Support [**13.1.1** - 2 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

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Innovation & Business Support – October 2025

STRATEGY & CULTURE

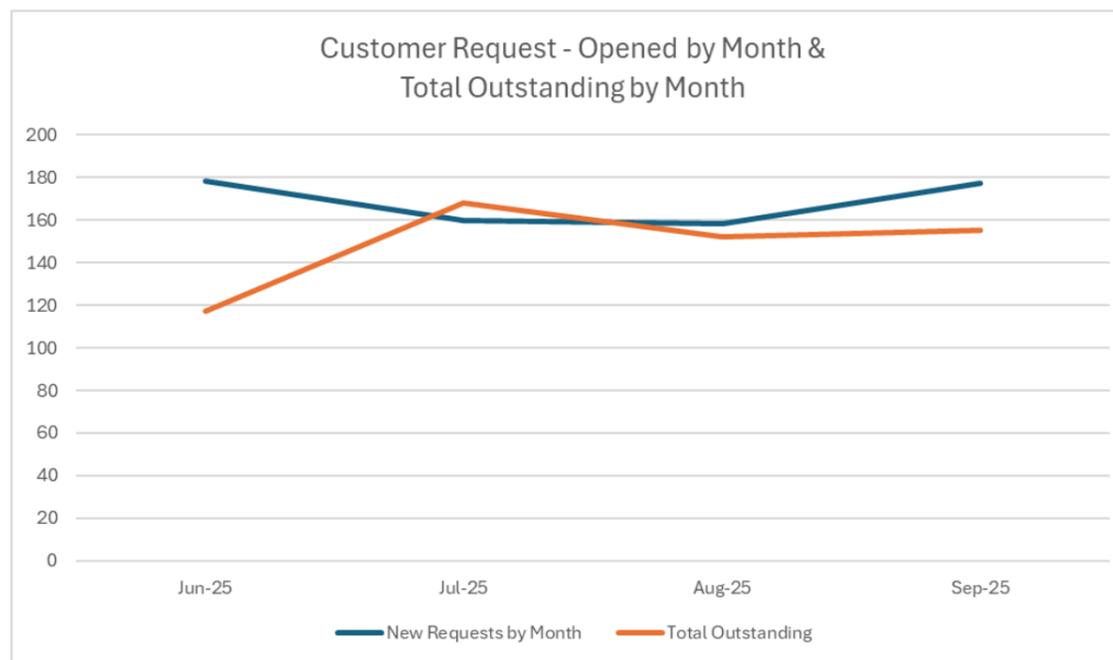
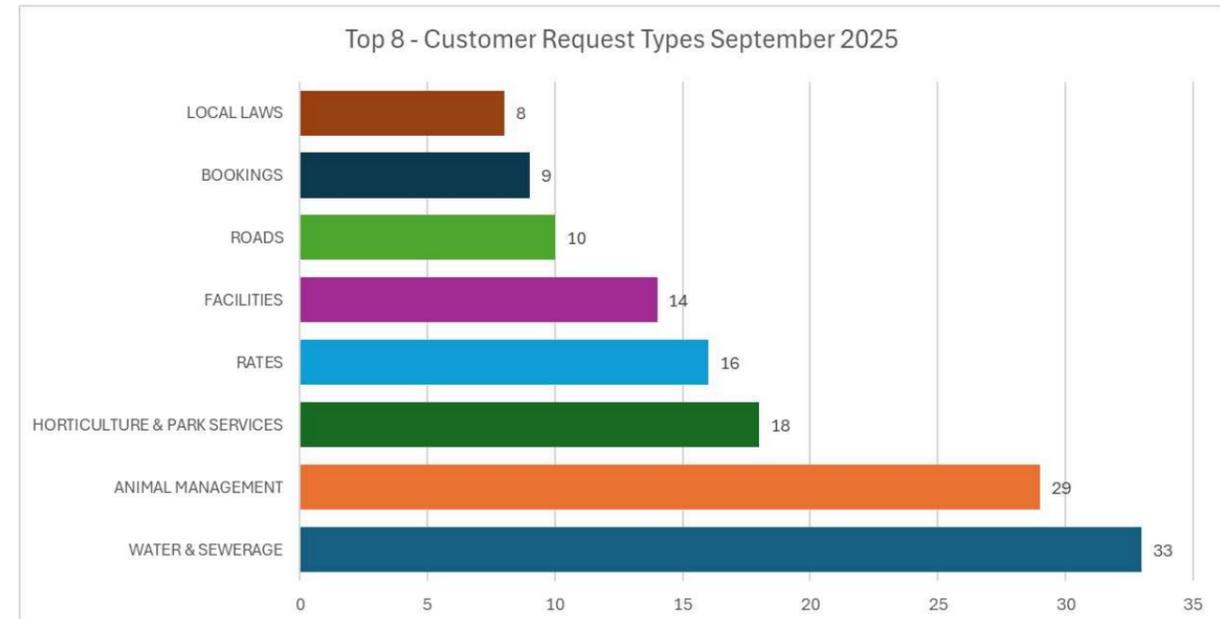
Initiative	This Month
Business Improvement	Initial work was undertaken on the operational plan initiatives to complete the planning and tendering for replacement Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software.
Customer Experience	A draft customer experience strategy has been developed following a workshop with Executive Leadership Team. A review of Councils requirements for an after hours call services was undertaken in September given it had been some time since the last review.
Innovation	The Innovation & Business Support Team is leading the Customer Engagement stream of the Digital Meter Project for Longreach, with work progressing in line with established project timelines. In September, the Team explored AI training options for Council staff to complement the new AI policy. Two Council Innovation Officers attended the Local Government Information Technology Conference, a valuable opportunity to learn from industry experts and network with peers from other Councils
Records	Records management training is scheduled for relevant Officers in October.

KEY STATS – INNOVATION & BUSINESS SUPPORT TEAM

IT Requests Logged – September 2025 118	IT Requests Open as at 30 September 2025 18
IT Requests Older than 1 Week 13	Average Close Time - IT Requests 4 hours & 57 minutes
Number of Documents Registered in Document Management System - September 2025 2,892	

RISKS

Risk	Inherent Rating	Treatment	Residual Rating
System Downtime and Service Interruptions	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular maintenance and updates Equipment renewal. Redundancy links for connectivity. Strong service level agreements in place with key vendors. 	Low
Cybersecurity threats	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff education and awareness Specialised Systems to protect user accounts and new applications being installed. Various Council policies, procedures & plans Partnerships with State Government Cyber Security Unit. 	Medium
Misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a framework for the responsible use, management, and oversight of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within Longreach Regional Council. Staff training in the use of AI. 	Medium
Poor responsiveness to Customer Requests	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Customer Service Charter. Staff training and education on management of customer requests. Regular performance reporting. Provide appropriate maintenance budgets. The Executive Leadership Team committed to fostering a customer focused culture. 	Medium



Commentary on Graphs:

Top 8 Customer Request Types September 2025

- Water & Sewerage requests was the most requested service type in September, with the majority of the requests relating to:
 - 21 water leaks in Longreach is slightly higher from last month.
 - 3 water meter maintenance requests.
 - Other requests related to blocked sewerage, three water pressure complaints (one for each town Longreach, Ilfracombe & Isisford) and a water leak in Ilfracombe & Isisford.
- Animal management was the second most requested service type in September, with requests comprising the following categories:
 - 8 requests relating to cat trap requests (this is an increase from only 2 last month)
 - 6 requests relating to wandering dogs
 - 3 requests relating to barking dog complaints
 - 2 requests relating to dog attacks
 - Others requests related to dead animal collection, lost animals, surrendering animals, stock on roads, and cat/dog impounded.

Opened by Month & Total Outstanding by Month

The number of new requests has increased this month from 158 in August to 177 in September. When comparing the top eight request types across both months, there was a noticeable rise in service categories of Horticulture & Park Services, Facilities, and Roads during September.

Despite the higher volume of incoming requests, the total number of outstanding requests only increased by 3 for September.

Age of Outstanding Requests

Under 1 month	1-2 Months	3-6 Months	7 Months+
74 ↑	31 ↓	35 ↑	15 ↓

Age of Outstanding Requests

The majority of requests continue to sit within one to two months category, however, there continues to be a concerted effort across the Council to reduce the number of aged requests in the seven months and older category. This category has decreased by 44% from last month where the total was 27.

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13.2 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2025:

Council Action

Receive

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

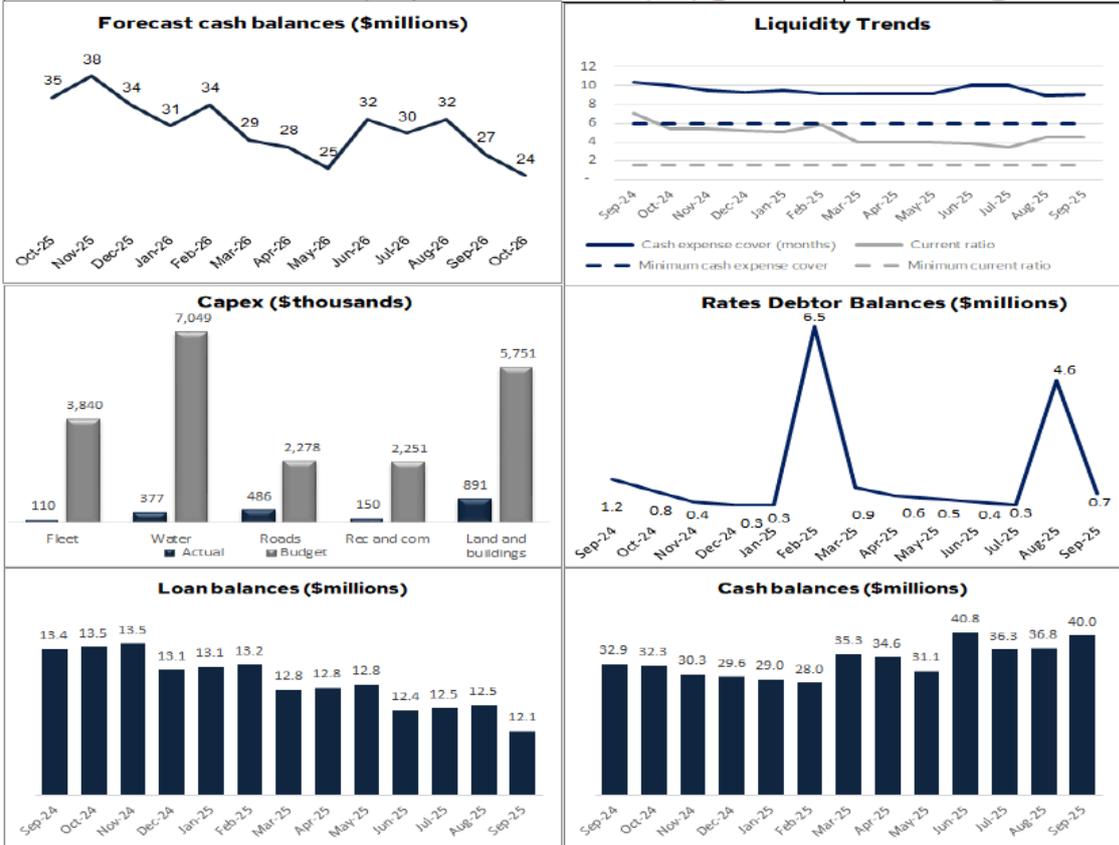
Nicole Moulds, Financial Controller

Summary

Longreach Regional Council Financial Dashboard

for the month ending Sep 2025
(all amounts in \$millions)

Income statement	YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	Last YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$17.2	\$17.6	(\$0.4)	\$24.2	(\$7.0) ●
Expenses	\$13.5	\$14.2	\$0.7	\$11.5	(\$2.0) ●
Net result	\$3.7	\$3.4	\$0.3	\$12.7	(\$9.0) ●
Balance sheet	Sept 2025	Jun 2025	Movement	Last YTD	Movement
Total assets	\$457.8	\$457.8	\$0.0	\$439.7	\$18.2 ●
Total liabilities	\$26.0	\$29.7	\$3.7	\$20.0	(\$6.0) ●
Total equity	\$431.8	\$428.1	\$3.7	\$419.7	\$12.2 ●
Cash flow	YTD	Last YTD	Movement	Cash expense cover	
Operating cash flow	\$0.0	\$11.7	(\$11.7) ●	9 months ●	
Capex	(\$2.2)	(\$2.7)	(\$0.4) ●	Current ratio	
Other investing cash flow	\$1.9	\$0.1	\$1.7 ●	4:1 ●	
Loan repayments	(\$0.4)	(\$0.3)	(\$0.1) ●	Unrestricted Cash Balance	
Net cash flow	(\$0.8)	\$8.9	(\$9.6) ●	\$33.2 ●	



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Financial performance

Council recognised a net profit of \$3.7 million compared to the budgeted gain of \$3.4 million. Key drivers of the variance include a higher amount of recoverable works income as work on the Jundah Road continued from last financial year and lower salary and wages and materials costs.

Salary and wages remains low due to vacancies and materials costs remain low due to the timing of some program expenditure to budget.

Most programs remain within budget with some minor over budget results. Childcare has performed better than budget with an additional \$74k in revenue caused by the timing of grant income and expenses \$119k under budget caused by lower wages due to vacancies.

Depreciation is higher than budget due to the impact of capitalisations in June 2025 and will be adjusted upward at the next quarterly review.

Overall a satisfactory YTD result with variances to budget caused by timing rather than anything significant.

Financial position

Council's financial position remains sound after the August rates issue and the reduction in liabilities over the first quarter. The contract liabilities balance remains at \$6.8 million, mostly related to flood damage prepayments.

Capital expenditure YTD is equivalent to 9.5% of the total capital expenditure budget. There has been some significant procurement activity in the first quarter of the financial year and capital expenditure is expected to increase significantly in the second half of the financial year, when the major water projects are expected to be delivered.

Cash flow

Council's closing cash balance was \$40 million (\$33.2 million unrestricted).

Payments carried forward from incomplete 2024/25 projects are expected to be made during the first quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. This will result in negative operating and net cash flows for most of the first half of the year.

Forecasts show adequate cash balances over the short and long term.

Liquidity

Council maintains 9 months of cash expense cover.

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Current ratio is 4:1 (\$4 of current assets to every \$1 of current liabilities).

Debtors

Rates are passed due date and out of the outstanding balance 16% are on Payment Plans, 19% are with Legal and 65% are all other outstanding rates amounts.

	Current	1 years	2 years	3 years
Outstanding rates	\$533,111	98,242.66	32,938.44	48,733.92
Number of assessments	124	61	14	9

Risks

Risk	Inherent rating	Treatment	Residual Risk
The availability of intergovernmental grant funding reduces, impacting Council's ability to maintain infrastructure and services.	High	- Maintain regular forecasts and cash reserves to adapt to changing circumstances. - Monitor the environment for grant opportunities. - Maintain good relationships with intergovernmental stakeholders.	Medium
Fraud is committed resulting in financial losses.	High	-Internal controls and governance structures in place to reduce the likelihood and consequences of fraud.	Low
Ineffective project delivery or asset management results in financial losses.	High	- Systems for maintaining and replacing assets in place and culture of proactive asset management is improving. - Cross functional teams monitor project performance regularly. - Project Decision Group acts as steering committee for significant projects.	Medium

Appendices

1. September Statements [**13.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Directors Reports [**13.2.2** - 3 pages]
3. Capital Reports [**13.2.3** - 1 page]
4. REP 2025-10 Grants report - council [**13.2.4** - 2 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 September 2025, as presented.

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Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Last YTD	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Rates, levies and charges	6,265	6,322	6,322	13,030
Fees and charges	766	655	687	2,514
Recoverable works income	3,393	1,727	1,266	6,875
Other revenue	381	277	297	1,109
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	4,538	4,774	14,562	27,064
Capital grants, subsidies and income	1,778	3,708	900	14,481
Profit on sale of assets	80	113	118	1,258
Total revenue	17,202	17,577	24,152	66,331
Expenses				
Employee expenses	4,428	4,718	3,959	18,902
Materials and services	6,462	7,155	5,103	26,834
Finance expenses	160	142	169	568
Depreciation	2,444	2,181	2,259	8,725
Other expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	13,495	14,197	11,491	55,028
Net surplus or (deficit)	3,707	3,380	12,662	11,303
Operating deficit	3,707	3,380	12,662	11,303
	(1,859)	(3,821)	(1,018)	(15,739)
Operating deficit	1,848	(441)	11,644	(4,436)

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual	Actual June	Full year
	\$'000	2025	budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	40,012	40,767	35,530
Current trade and other receivables	7,240	5,942	3,097
Inventories	946	907	1,211
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	9,421	9,768	8,461
Property, plant and equipment	400,224	400,427	420,995
Other non-current assets	-	-	-
Total assets	457,843	457,810	469,294
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7,465	11,081	2,959
Current borrowings	1,436	1,436	1,332
Current provisions	4,277	3,997	4,095
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	10,623	10,971	9,650
Provisions	2,222	2,212	2,294
Total liabilities	26,023	29,697	20,330
Net community assets	431,820	428,113	448,964
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	208,175	208,175	217,001
Retained surplus	223,645	219,938	231,963
Total community equity	431,820	428,113	448,964

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Statement of cash flows	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	9,854	25,005
Receipts from grants	4,538	22,015
Payments to employees	(4,428)	(18,902)
Payments to suppliers	(9,827)	(24,333)
Interest paid	(117)	(364)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	20	3,421
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	1,778	5,161
Receipts from sale of assets	80	651
Payments for capital expenditure	(2,242)	(13,187)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(383)	(7,375)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	(391)	(1,283)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(391)	(1,283)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(755)	(5,237)
Opening cash balance	40,767	40,767
Closing cash balance	40,012	35,530

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	219,938	220,661
Recognise land sold in prior years	-	-
Net profit or (loss)	3,707	11,302
Closing accumulated surplus	223,644	231,963
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	208,175	208,175
Other comprehensive income	-	8,826
Closing asset revaluation reserve	208,175	217,001
Total community equity	431,820	448,964

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**Longreach Regional Council
Program Report
for the YTD September 2025**

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result			
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	Budget full year	
Office of the CEO								
Governance	-	-	(288)	(233)	(288)	(233)	(233)	1
Elected member expenses	-	-	(141)	(170)	(141)	(170)	(681)	
Total Office of the CEO	-	-	(429)	(403)	(429)	(403)	(914)	
Organisational Services								
Human resources	-	-	(289)	(419)	(289)	(419)	(1,677)	
Disaster management and regional coordination	84	29	(64)	(64)	19	(35)	(141)	
Economic development	-	-	(40)	(57)	(40)	(57)	(228)	
Local laws	193	158	(407)	(440)	(214)	(282)	(1,259)	
Health and environmental services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	75	51	(135)	(78)	(60)	(27)	(110)	2
Development services	16	14	(39)	(59)	(23)	(45)	(182)	
Total Organisational Services	367	251	(974)	(1,117)	(607)	(866)	(3,597)	
Infrastructure Services								
Infrastructure administration	-	-	(249)	(304)	(249)	(304)	(1,217)	
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(162)	(180)	(162)	(180)	(721)	
Roads, streets and stormwater	439	-	(1,599)	(1,577)	(1,160)	(1,577)	(6,307)	
Flood Damage Work	2,381	2,750	(2,415)	(2,750)	(33)	-	-	3
Contract works	2,894	1,690	(2,572)	(1,507)	322	183	1,175	3
Fleet management	33	75	753	425	786	500	2,449	
Sewerage	814	814	(223)	(286)	591	528	485	
Waste management	548	551	(179)	(272)	369	279	915	
Water	1,663	1,720	(796)	(1,032)	868	688	578	
Total Infrastructure Services	8,773	7,600	(7,442)	(7,484)	1,332	116	(2,644)	

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Program	Revenue		Budget		Net result		
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	Budget full year
Community Services							
Child Care	749	675	(663)	(782)	86	(106)	(710)
Community development and events	10	-	(44)	(70)	(34)	(70)	(280)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(42)	(49)	(42)	(49)	(194)
RADF	28	27	(13)	(19)	14	8	(11)
Community administration	1	-	(395)	(501)	(394)	(501)	(2,005)
Libraries	-	6	(63)	(61)	(63)	(56)	(222)
Community centres and halls	2	9	(88)	(98)	(87)	(89)	(356)
Council housing	38	7	(95)	(69)	(57)	(62)	(225)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	12	8	(186)	(189)	(174)	(182)	(665)
Cemeteries	51	40	(48)	(73)	3	(33)	(130)
Parks and gardens	3	2	(608)	(780)	(606)	(778)	(3,111)
Youth Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming pools	9	3	(327)	(320)	(318)	(317)	(1,270)
Tourism, museums and VIC	114	81	(273)	(289)	(159)	(208)	(1,019)
Total Community Services	1,017	858	(2,846)	(3,300)	(1,830)	(2,442)	(10,197)
Financial Services							
Insurance	-	-	(562)	(562)	(562)	(562)	(810)
Finance	4,985	4,835	(656)	(618)	4,330	4,217	18,014
LWDEFS	201	211	(88)	(86)	112	125	78
Internal recharges	-	-	()	-	()	-	-
Innovation and Business Improvement	-	-	(498)	(626)	(498)	(626)	(2,503)
Total Financial Services	5,186	5,047	(1,804)	(1,892)	3,382	3,154	14,779
Total Council Operating Result	15,343	13,756	(13,495)	(14,197)	1,848	(441)	(2,574)

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Notes to the program report

- 1 Subscriptions and legal cost paid.
2. Depreciation on leased out land higher then budget due to Saleyards will adjust.
3. Timing of Road Crews with works.
4. Depreciation on council housing higher then budget will adjust.

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Infrastructure	.Current Budget	.Actual Cost YTD	
24/25 Water Treatment plant upgrades	250,000	-	
24/25 Eletrical Switchboards upgrade at Murray McMillan Dam	230,000	66,774	
24/25 Thomson River raising	-	305,784	
24/25 Refurbish Ilfracombe sewer pump station	50,000	5,206	
24/25 Refurbish Isisford sewer pump station	43,068	-	
Fleet Purchases	3,839,662	109,914	
25/26 Pave and seal - Isisford (puma) fuel depot	50,000	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Longreach Silsoe Rd chainage 13.550 - 17.550 4m)	240,000	94,276	
25/26 Grid replacement programe (All areas)	150,000	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Stonehenge River Rd chainage 80.970 - 82.070 x 7m	115,500	89	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Isisford Bimerah Rd Chainage TBC)	100,000	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Stonehenge River Rd chainage 74.180 - 75.180 x 6m)	90,000	26,556	
25/26 Floodway install - Witywine Noonbah Road (1)	60,000	68,084	
25/26 Installation of concrete floodway (Witywine Noonbah Rd chainage 35.270 - 35.220)	60,000	59,368	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Tonkoro Rd chainage 31.550 - 31.800 x 6m)	22,500	12,762	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Stonehenge River Rd chainage 107.480 - 107.550 x 7m)	7,500	12,950	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Tonkoro Rd chainage 32.400 - 32.480 x 6m)	7,200	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Stonehenge River Rd chainage 100.630 - 100.690 x 7m)	6,500	10,916	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Longreach Silsoe Rd chainage 71.590 - 71.650 6m)	5,500	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Stonehenge River Rd chainage 109.480 - 109.530 x 7m)	5,300	-	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Tonkoro Rd chainage 32.670 - 32.860 x 6m)	3,000	13,503	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Town Streets)	450,000	2,129	
25/26 Pavement rehilbilitation beside kerb (Longreach area)	150,000	-	
25/26 Storm water pipe upgrade (Pelican Street between Cassowary & Falcon)	145,000	142,904	
25/26 10mm reseal and prep (Squash courts)	37,000	-	
25/26 TIDS Reinsate concreete floodway (Ruthven Rd WildHorse Creek chainage TBC)	50,000	40,738	
25/26 TIDS 10mm reseal and prep (Emmet - Yaraka Rd chainage TBC) (8Km in Length per year)	408,000	1,769	
25/26 Longreach Depot - HVAC Replacement (Office)	32,361	-	
25/26 Longreach Depot - HVAC Replacement (Workshop)	11,941	-	
25/26 Longreach Depot - HVAC Replacement (lunch room)	7,379	-	
25/26 Isisford Depot - Signage and eyewash station replacement	11,593	200	
25/26 Water mains replacement for Gull St	1,311,732	-	
25/26 Pipeline replacement - Ilfracombe Racecourse	30,000	-	
25/26 Purchase of trench shoring for excavations deeper than 1.5m (safety requirement)	65,000	-	
25/26 Water mains replacement for Rosella St	-	-	
25/26 Water mains replacement for Heron St	-	-	
25/26 Water mains replacement for Tern St	-	-	
25/26 PAC/carbon dosing Isisford	80,000	-	
25/26 New river pumps at off-take (1 of 2)	280,000	-	
25/26 Thomson River Weir Raising (Town Weir) 26*	1,666,395	-	
25/26 Thomson River Weir Raising - Anabranh Weir 1	1,590,561	-	
25/26 Thomson River Weir Raising - Anabranh Weir 2	1,482,253	-	
25/26 Ilfracombe Mambrains	500,000	-	
Repair down stream batter on Tocal Road	70,000	8,228	
Reseal floodway on Isisford Yaraka River Rd	45,000	-	
Grand Total	14,259,945	982,150	7%
Communities and Project Management	Current Budget.	Actual Cost YTD.	
23/24 Refit Back Of Library Into Disaster Management Centre	-	18,977	
Isisford Pool - Replace shade structures	-	37,609	
Longerach Childcare - Energy Efficiency Improvements	20,000	-	
Longerach Childcare - New Shade Structure	20,000	18,852	
Cemetery plinth replacements	30,000	25,200	
Animal Management facility	1,685,000	4,052	
Isisford SES Training Room	89,709	-	
Council Housing @ Teal Street	3,124,960	868,304	
25/26 Showground dressing room upgrade - Olympics funding	280,000	-	
25/26 Thomson River Pontoon - Olympics funding	120,000	-	
25/26 Showgrounds accessibility items	100,000	-	
25/26 Solar power projects	648,000	-	
25/26 Qantas Park - Extension on VIC building for storage	30,000	6,932	
25/26 Close in Wellshot Centre Verandah	30,000	-	
25/26 Longreach Skate park - New playground	1,240,021	-	
25/26 Longreach skate park - all weather parking (Emu Street)	32,500	-	
25/26 Longreach Skate park – Basketball half court	49,478	-	
25/26 Barbecue replacement at Yaraka	20,000	-	
25/26 Yaraka Pool - Replace fence	60,000	-	
25/26 Isisford community hall upgrade (drainage)	25,000	17,783	
25/26 Replacement interactive table for Longreach Library	22,715	20,255	
25/26 Longreach Childcare - Accessibility & Inclusion	150,000	2,206	
25/26 Longreach Childcare - Internal fence around playground	18,000	-	
25/26 Childcare concrete track	18,000	-	
25/26 Cemetery - Additional 1 rows	40,000	-	
25/26 Cemetery - Repair plinths	50,000	-	
25/26 New gurney for hearse	18,000	-	
25/26 WLGG Hudson Fysh Botanical Walkway Solar Lighting (JULY REV)	18,000	12,037	
Grand Total	7,939,383	1,032,207	13%
		2,014,358	

Grant/s Information (current as of 02/10/2025)

Completed Grants

The below grants have been finalised, and acquitted since 1/07/2025

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2025284	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Kindy uplift 2025	\$4,856	\$4,856	\$0	1/01/2025	31/12/2025
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	MIPI - Longreach Squash Courts Upgrade	\$328,692	\$328,692	\$0	28/06/2023	28/02/2026
Total			\$333,548	\$333,548	\$0		

Lodged Grants

The below table provides a list of grant opportunities that have been applied for. At time of writing, the outcome of these grants has not been determined.

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2025294	DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE & INNOVATION	BCP_Battery Collection Program - Longreach	\$36,000	\$0	\$36,000	18/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2023231	DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND SCIENCE	RPPP_Longreach Showgrounds and Regional Events Precinct Project	\$8,268,014	\$0	\$8,268,014	24/08/2023	30/06/2026
GC2025287	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRF - Camoola Crossing Floodway Replacement	\$554,668	\$0	\$554,668	1/07/2025	30/06/2030
Total			\$8,858,682	\$0	\$8,858,682		

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Approved Grants

Outlined below are all grants that are currently active in the SynergySoft system. The below includes multi-year funding rounds, where income will be received at agreed milestones or scheduled dates until the completion dates.

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2024255	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Capital	\$279,281	\$204,481	\$74,800	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2025281	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Free Kindy Long Day Care 2025	\$120,000	\$87,734	\$32,266	13/02/2025	31/12/2025
GC2024254	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_OSHC Sustainability	\$180,744	\$133,339	\$47,406	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2023207	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Long Day Care Sustainability	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$100,000	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2023194	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	HIF - Teal Street Development 2023	\$3,801,552	\$3,231,319	\$570,233	1/09/2023	30/06/2026
GC2024269	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	GRP_Growing Regions Program (Round 2)	\$2,251,418	\$900,000	\$1,351,418	26/09/2024	28/06/2027
GC2024261	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	R2R_Roads to Recovery 2024-2029	\$10,526,379	\$1,512,318	\$9,014,061	1/07/2024	30/06/2029
GC2025290	DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET-OFFICE FOR RURAL & REGIONAL QLD (ORRQ)	Games on! Showgrounds dressing room upgrade	\$280,000	\$0	\$280,000	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2025291	DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET-OFFICE FOR RURAL & REGIONAL QLD (ORRQ)	Games on! Thomson River Pontoon	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024270	DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANUFACTURING AND WATER	WISER_Longreach Water Security for Growth	\$11,990,000	\$0	\$11,990,000	5/09/2024	30/09/2027
GC2025289	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	RAF_Planning for Kestrel Street	\$622,741	\$622,741	\$0	3/06/2025	30/06/2027
GC2025288	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	RAF_Ilfracombe Essential Infrastructure	\$512,818	\$372,396	\$140,422	3/06/2025	30/06/2027
GC2019036	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoR R4 Long 0056 - Railway Siding Extension	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	12/12/2019	30/06/2026
GC2023180	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Longreach State High School - Parking & Drop-off Area	\$450,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	12/09/2022	30/09/2025
GC2024277	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	WLGG_25-26_Botanical walkway lighting	\$163,350	\$0	\$163,350	1/10/2024	30/06/2026
GC2025282	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC_CN-23873 Longreach Jundah Road Construction	\$4,550,122	\$2,979,784	\$1,570,338	20/02/2025	30/06/2026
GC2023246	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TMR_Cycling Network Local Government 2024-25	\$27,500	\$18,750	\$8,750	15/12/2023	9/02/2026
GC2024265	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	LGGSP_Longreach Water Mains Replacement Program	\$4,369,511	\$1,310,385	\$3,059,126	31/05/2025	30/06/2028
GC2024268	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	Scheme Supply Fund 2024	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	1/10/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024262	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q_Works for Queensland [Animal Management Facility]	\$1,680,000	\$840,000	\$840,000	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2025292	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG_Financial Assistance Grant (FY26)	\$14,369,604	\$9,007,196	\$5,362,408	25/06/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024273	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	SES_Support_Replacement group vehicle - Isisford	\$58,189	\$0	\$58,189	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024267	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0028.2223G.REC	\$7,491,808	\$5,794,594	\$1,697,214	19/07/2024	30/06/2025
GC2024263	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0029.2223G.REC	\$438,146	\$277,270	\$160,876	31/05/2024	30/06/2025
GC2025283	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0031.2324U.REC	\$11,274,247	\$3,371,686	\$7,902,560	7/03/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024260	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2024-2025	\$9,700	\$8,730	\$970	27/05/2024	30/06/2025
GC2023197	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0026.2122B.WPF - WP3 Flood Studies	\$103,500	\$31,050	\$72,450	31/05/2023	30/06/2026
GC2025296	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0035.2425T.CDO	\$47,616	\$43,288	\$4,329	28/08/2025	30/06/2026
GC2022173	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - 2022-2023 Regional Disaster Management Coordinator	\$207,500	\$186,750	\$20,750	1/01/2023	30/06/2026
GC2025293	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2025-2026	\$9,700	\$0	\$9,700	10/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2025295	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0034.2425L.EWK (Emergent Works 2025)	\$290,503	\$290,503	\$0	15/08/2025	30/06/2026
GC2023235	THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY QUEENSLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT)	SES_Support Grant - Isisford SES Training Room	\$89,709	\$0	\$89,709	30/05/2024	30/11/2025
Total			\$77,265,639	\$31,999,315	\$45,266,323		

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Donation - Individual

Considerations of applications received for the month of September in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY
1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation
1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel, Director of Community Services	Applicants

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

Longreach Regional Council Individual Donations Program received three applications for the month of September 2025.

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Discussion:

1. Max Bruggemann has been selected for the North-West 13-19 years Track and Field Team to compete at the State Championships in Townsville in October.

Max Bruggemann	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Max Bruggemann</i> \$350	<i>Max Bruggemann</i> \$350

2. Archie Neuendorf was invited to represent the North-West team at the 10-12 years Cricket State Championships in Bundaberg in September.

Archie Neuendorf	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Archie Neuendorf</i> \$350	<i>Archie Neuendorf</i> \$350

3. Jaylie Miller has been selected to represent the North West team 13 - 19 Years Track & Field Team to compete in the State Championships in Townsville in October.

Jaylie Miller	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Jaylie Miller</i> \$350	<i>Jaylie Miller</i> \$350

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Implications

Total Budget for Community & Individual Donations 2025/26 is \$110,000

Total Budget 25/26	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Individual Donations	\$8,450.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (Financial)	\$20,201.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (In – Kind)	\$400.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$83,149.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Individual Donations for September 2025	\$1,050.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for September 2025	\$5,000.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$2,960.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for September applications	\$9,010.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$74,139.00

Environmental

NIL

Asset Management

NIL

Other Implications

NIL

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

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Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>Track and Field State Championships</i>	<i>16/10-19/10</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Archie Neuendorf</i>	<i>10-12 years Cricket State Championships</i>	<i>14/09-19/09</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>Track and Field State Championships</i>	<i>16/10-19/10</i>	<i>\$350</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,050.00

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14.2 Sponsorship In-Kind Requests - CEO Approved

Considerations of in-kind support of up to \$1000 may be awarded by the Chief Executive Officer or delegate in accordance with this policy and program guidelines.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-07 Sponsorship Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
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Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel, Director of Community Services	Applicants

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

Longreach Regional Council received one application for in-kind donations for the month of September 2025.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Discussion:

- Partnership between – VetHerd, Western QLD Primary Health Network, Central QLD Suicide Prevention and Meliora Veterinary Services. Bringing in together Living Works Suicide Intervention Skills and Training 2 day workshop to Longreach February 17th & 18th 2026.

Requesting in kind support – Hire of Fairmount and Thomson Redford Rooms including tables, chairs, projector and screen. As per 25/26 Fees and charges.

Living Works Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>In-Kind</i> \$880.00	<i>In-Kind</i> \$880.00

Implications

Total budget for Sponsorship for 2025/26 is \$82,000.00

Total Budget 25/26	\$82,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Total Sponsorship	\$40,830
Approved Funding YTD – Sponsorship (Financial)	\$32,394.80
Approved Funding YTD – Sponsorship (In – Kind)	\$8,435.20
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$41,170.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Sponsorship for September 2025 (Financial)	\$0.00
Budget required to meet Sponsorship for August 2025 (In-Kind)	\$0.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved In – Kind for September 2025	\$880.00
TOTAL required budget to meet Sponsorship for (month) 2025	\$880.00
TOTAL Budget remaining for future applications	\$40,290.00

Environmental

NIL

Asset Management

NIL

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Other Implications

NIL

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. Vet Herd - Living Works Training Redacted [14.2.1 - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council notes the allocation of In-Kind funding, approved by the Chief Executive Officer, from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	CEO In-Kind Approved
Vet Herd	Living Works Suicide intervention training	17/02 18/02 2026	\$880.00
		TOTAL	\$880.00

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APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: (Business/Community/ Organisation Group)	Collaboration between VetHerd (main contact), Western Queensland Primary Health Network, Central Queensland Suicide Prevention Network & Meliora Veterinary Services
Contact person's name:	[REDACTED]
Postal address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	
Mobile:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

PROJECT/ACTIVITY DETAILS:

Project name:	LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for the Longreach
Project date:	February 17th and 18th 2026
Brief description of project:	VetHerd will be delivering a two day in person LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training (ASIST) to the Longreach veterinary community. This workshop is up to 30 members of the veterinary community from Longreach and the surrounding regional council areas. Participants will learn how to recognise the signs that someone might be thinking about suicide, ask about suicide, and perform an intervention which includes creating a safe plan. This program is interactive with the aim to increase a persons willingness, confidence and capacity to provide suicide first aid.
\$ Amount requested: (Please add in-kind costing to this request. LRC Fees and Charges are located on the LRC website or just call Council for assistance).	\$ In kind donation of the Fairmount Room & Thomson Readford Room for both days including table/chairs, projector & screen. Total amount \$880
What will sponsorship money be used for?	In kind donation of the Fairmount Room & Thomson Readford Room would be used to host a 2-day in person suicide prevention workshop for up to 30 Longreach and surrounding regional veterinary community members.
Financial component of Council Grant	\$ Not applicable
In-kind support requested	\$ Cost to hire both rooms (including table/chairs, projector & screen) for two consecutive days (\$880)

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.		List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.		
	\$	Venue Hire	\$ 880	✓
	\$	Catering (covered by WQPHN)	\$ 3340	
	\$	ASIST - two day training (includes workbo	\$ 11000	
	\$	Community engagement/marketing/admini	\$ 5000	
	\$	Travel (partial support from CQ SPN)	\$ 4720	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 24940	

Comments or other details:

WQPHN will be providing us with \$17,1600.00 ex - GST as well as covering the catering up to \$3340.00
 CQSPN will be covering the cost of the flights and accommodations. Anything additional will go towards meals and car hire.
 [REDACTED] Meliora Veterinary Services will be helping with community engagement and marketing.
 We are hoping that the Council will provide in kind donation for the venue.

In-Kind support component	Amount	Other comments
List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables)		
Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1		
Venue Hire including table/chairs, projector & screen	\$ 880	Asking for in kind support from council
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT:

1. Is your project or activity based within the Longreach Regional Council Area or do you reside permanently within the boundaries of Longreach Regional Council.

Yes No

If NO, does your project or activity demonstrate benefits to Longreach Regional Council communities?

Yes No

2. Please explain how your project/activity demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need and support?

There is an alarmingly high rate of mental health issues and suicide within the veterinary profession. With recent setbacks in the Longreach community, there is an urgent need to strengthen suicide prevention efforts for the veterinary and wider communities. VetHerd, a suicide prevention program for the veterinary community, has been working with Meliora Veterinary Services, and has gained the support from WQPHN and CQSPN, to deliver the LivingWorks ASIST. Participants will learn how to recognise the signs of someone with thoughts of suicide, ask, and intervene creating a plan to keep the person safe. This project will not only enhance the communities suicide prevention capacity, but also promote positive social, emotional and cultural wellbeing.

3. Do you have an event management plan for the project/activity which includes insurance and a risk management strategy?

Yes No

If YES, please provide a copy of the Event Management Plan.

If NO, please contact Council to discuss prior to lodging an application for your project/activity.

4. Is this a 'one - off' event?

Yes No

If NO, how will you fund future projects/activities?

5. How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

In line with the Council's rules and guidelines, support will be acknowledged at the opening of the event as well as at the end of the event. Also, if appropriate and approved by all stakeholders, we can also include the council logo on the marketing material.

6. Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

The majority of funding is through the Western Queensland Primary Health Network and some of the travel costs are funded by the Central Queensland Suicide Prevention Network. We will be engaging the services of Meliora Veterinary Services to help with community engagement and marketing.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
- Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
- Evidence of alternative avenues for financial support have been investigated
- A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement
- A detailed budget of running expenses for the event

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (ie budget).

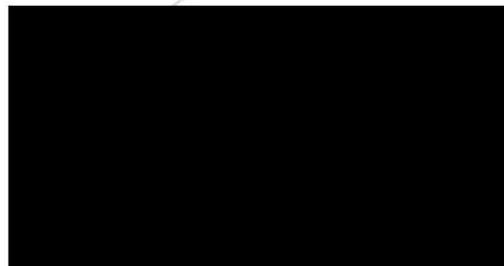
DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT:

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	04.09.2025
Name in Full:	[REDACTED]
Business/Community/ Organisation Group	[REDACTED]
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	[REDACTED]

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Sponsorship.

SUBMIT



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14.3 Community Donations - Barrels 4 A Cause

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

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Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY
1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation
1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Discussion:

Barrels 4 A Cause	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/project been previously funded by Council?</i>	No

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The Summer Series Barrel Racing Events will strengthen community connections and promote individual wellbeing through a series of inclusive equestrian competitions in Longreach. These events will bring together riders, families, and spectators in a supportive environment that fosters personal growth, skill development, and a shared passion for sport.

Beyond the arena, the events will deliver some economic and tourism benefits in the shoulder season, by attracting competitors and visitors from outside the region, the series will boost local businesses, support job creation in hospitality and retail, and promote Longreach as a vibrant rural destination. With the potential to become an annual signature event, the series offers social and economic value for the community.

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$0.00</i>
<i>In-kind \$1,460.00</i>	<i>In-kind \$1,460.00</i>
<i>Total \$3,960.00</i>	<i>Total \$1,460.00</i>

Implications

Individual & Community Donations

Total Budget 25/26	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Individual Donations	\$8,450.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (Financial)	\$20,201.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (In – Kind)	\$400.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$83,149.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Individual Donations for September 2025	\$1,050.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for September 2025	\$5,000.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$2,960.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for September applications	\$9,010.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$74,139.00

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

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Strategic Risk:	Financial	Comments:
Likelihood:	Rare	Nil
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low 1	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. Barrels 4 A Cause Redacted [14.3.1 - 4 pages]
2. Community Donation Assessment Form - Barrels 4 A Cause Redacted [14.3.2 - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Barrels 4 A Cause	Barrels 4 A Cause	Financial \$2,500.00	Financial nil
	Summer Series	In-kind \$1,460.00	In-kind \$1,460.00
		TOTAL \$3,960.00	TOTAL \$1,460.00



APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Barrels 4 A Cause
ABN if applicable	[REDACTED]
Contact Person's Name:	[REDACTED]
Postal Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Mobile:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Barrels 4 A Cause Summer Series
Event Date:	January 17-18 and February 21-22 2026
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	In Kind support of hire fees of Facilities of the showgrounds and canteen. Also for prizes and prizemoney for competitors for the end of series awards.
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 2500
In-kind Support Requested:	\$ 1460

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.	Amount	EXPENSES List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
Sponsorship	\$ 1000	Insurance	\$ 3500	
Nominations	\$ 1500	Hire of Facilities	\$ 1460	✓
	\$	Food	\$ 1500	
	\$	Prizes and Prizemoney	\$ 3500	✓
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$ 2500	TOTAL	\$	
Comments or other details:				

In-Kind support component List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables) Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1	Amount	Other comments
Hire of Showgrounds Rodeo Arena	\$ 460	
Hire of Showgrounds Kitchen and Bar Area	\$ 1000	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

Our Summer Series Barrel Racing Events will foster a strong sense of community while providing individual benefits. They bring people together, offering support and camaraderie, whether you're a rider, family, or spectator. Riders develop skills, confidence, and resilience, while forming strong bonds with others in the sport. The events boost local economies, promote physical and mental health, and celebrate the deep bond between rider and horse. Overall, barrel racing is a vibrant mix of personal growth, community connection, and shared passion for the sport.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

1. Economic Development

- Boosting Local Businesses: The event will attract competitors, spectators, and vendors from outside the region, increasing foot traffic to local shops, cafes, and accommodations. This influx can lead to increased sales and job opportunities in hospitality, retail, and event management.

2. Tourism

- Attracting Visitors: The Barrel Racing Summer Series will draw participants and tourists to Longreach, showcasing the region's unique rural charm. The event could become a hallmark for the area, encouraging repeat visits and enhancing the region's profile

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

Our Summer Series will attract attends from not only the Barcaldine Region but those from Central West QLD and potentially further afar. From competitors to spectators to businesses who share the passion of the sport of barrel racing.

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

Banners if provided can be displayed.

PA Anouncements on the event days.

Support posts on our facebook page.

Logo on our event flyers.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

Fundraising through meat raffles, community grant from Barcaldine Regional Council and sponsorship letter drop.

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Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*

Relevant public liability insurance (if required)

Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)

A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.

I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	[REDACTED]
Date:	3- September 2025
Name in full:	[REDACTED]
Community Group/ Organisation:	Barrels 4 A Cause
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	[REDACTED]

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT

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COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:	[REDACTED]	
Date of Assessment:	Wed 8th Oct 2025	
Applicant Name:	Barrels 4 A Cause	
Project:	Summer Series Barrel Race	
Amount Requested:	Financial:	In-Kind:
	\$2500	\$1460
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?	Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment)	
	No	
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries for staff <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group <input type="checkbox"/> Retrospective funding <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain <input type="checkbox"/> Part of or all of Council Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

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Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation	1	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding) and is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	½	
TOTAL	1.5	½

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. Will it contribute to A) Economic Development B) Tourism C) Liveability		0
Comments:		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries;	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application. Is evidence provided?	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?	1	
TOTAL	3	¼

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Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	1	
Relevant public liability insurance	1	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	1	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event	1/2	
Total	3.5	1/4

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	✓	
Total Score	8	10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	80	%

Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation).

Panel recommends funding of in-kind component of application. Hire of facilities as per application. Rodeo Arena inc. Stabling for event Kitchen + Bar area.

Not to fund financial component as stated in application to be used for prizes + prize money.

SUBMIT

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14.4 Community Donations - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY
1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation
1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-11-315)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Ilfracombe District Progress Association</i>	<i>Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree</i>	<i>Financial \$2,644.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,115.20</i>
		TOTAL \$2,644.00	TOTAL \$2,115.20

CARRIED 6/1

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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

*Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),
Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)*

Discussion:

Ilfracombe District Progress Association	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/project been previously funded by Council?</i>	Yes

Our annual community Christmas event brings residents together for an evening of connection and celebration. It provides an opportunity for friends and neighbours to relax, enjoy each other's company, and share in the festive spirit.

We welcome people of all backgrounds, reflecting on the diversity of our community and promoting understanding and inclusion. The event remains affordable for everyone, thanks in part to the Longreach Rotary's generous support in providing a free BBQ.

Visitors staying in Ilfracombe, seasonal workers, residents, contractors, and their families, are also encouraged to attend. This inclusive approach strengthens community bonds and fosters a warm, welcoming atmosphere for locals and visitors alike.

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
<i>In-kind \$0.00</i>	<i>In-kind \$0.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>

Implications

Total Budget for Community & Individual Donations 2025/26 is \$110,000

Total Budget 25/26	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Individual Donations	\$8,450.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (Financial)	\$20,201.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (In – Kind)	\$400.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$83,149.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Individual Donations for September 2025	\$1,050.00

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Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for September 2025	\$5,000.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$2,960.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In – Kind) for September 2025	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for September applications	\$9,010.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$74,139.00

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Financial	Comments:
Likelihood:	Rare	Nil
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low 1	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. Di Scott Memorial Redacted [14.4.1 – 4 pages]
2. Community Donation Assessment Form - Ilfracombe District Progress Association Redacted [14.4.2 – 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Ilfracombe District Progress Association</i>	<i>Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00



APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Ilfracombe District Progress Association
ABN if applicable	
Contact Person's Name:	[REDACTED]
Postal Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Mobile:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree
Event Date:	22 November 2025
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	To pay for or partially pay for "Longreach Events Hire" for equipment of tables, chairs, lighting, Christmas backdrop, delivery and set up.
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 5000.00
In-kind Support Requested:	\$ 0.00 as hoping to have event at local park

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.		List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.		
ticket sales	\$ 500	hams for hamwheel	\$ 200.00	
ham wheels	\$ 400	Matador Toys	\$ 3000.00	
Families donations towards gifts	\$ 2500	Longreach Events hire	\$ 5415.00	✓
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$ 3400.00	TOTAL	\$ 8615.00	
Comments or other details:				
Income is estimated, going off 2024 Event				
All funds raised will help offset the cost of Christmas presents and the contribution put in by IDPA, as we strive to keep gift prices affordable for all families. Ilfracombe State School has approximately 10 student, but in 2024 around 120 presents were given to children from across the district at the Christmas Tree Event. This shows how much our community comes together to support one another. As a small aging committee, hiring Longreach Event Hire also financially supports family/local business.				
please find attached quote QU0331				

In-Kind support component	Amount	Other comments
List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables)		
Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1		
	\$	
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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

Our event brings the community together for one special night to celebrate Christmas, creating an opportunity for friends and neighbors, many of whom haven't seen each other since the previous years event. to reconnect and enjoy each others company. It offers a chance for everyone to take a break from their daily worries and stresses, fostering a sense of joy and togetherness. We respect and celebrate the diverse beliefs and cultures within our community regardless of of background. This exclusivity helps us strengthen understanding and unity among all attendees. The Longreach Rotary generously supports us by providing a free BBQ, helping to ensure that no-one misses out due to cost. Our event also welcomes visitors, including tourists spending the night in Ilfracombe and itinerant workers from the Wellshot. such as shearers, contractors and their families who are working in the district. This inclusive atmosphere strengthens community bonds and promotes a warm, welcoming spirit for both locals and visitors alike.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

Our event will contribute positivity to the Longreach Regional Council community by bringing together families from Ilfracombe, Longreach and Isisford to celebrate Christmas in a warm inclusive environment. This gathering promotes livability by fostering strong community connections and enhancing the sense of belonging among residents. By providing a joyful and affordable occasion for people to come together. The event supports wellbeing by encouraging social interaction, reducing isolation, and offering a chance to unwind and enjoy the festive season. Additionally, the event attracts visitors to the area, which supports local tourism and economic development by increasing activity in the community during the holiday period.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

Most of the attendees are community members of Ilfracombe, along with many family and friends from around the district. We also encourage participation from key community groups and organizations such as Mens Shed and local Schools, who often use the event as opportunity to fund raise through our mini markets. Additionally, locals from the surrounding areas come to sell crafts, homemade food, and other goods creating a vibrant and diverse gathering that reflects the broader community.

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

on the night of the event, verbally thank the Longreach Regional council as well as display a banner if provided. Also recognize LRC via facebook posts.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

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Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*

Relevant public liability insurance (if required)

Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)

A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.

I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	22 / 09 / 2025
Name in full:	
Community Group/ Organisation:	Ilfracombe District Progress Association
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

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COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:			[REDACTED]
Date of Assessment:			Wed 8 th Oct 2025
Applicant Name:			Ilfracombe District Progress Assoc.
Project:			Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree
Amount Requested:	Financial:	In-Kind:	
	\$5000		
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?			Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment) No
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.			<input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund; <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries for staff <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group <input type="checkbox"/> Retrospective funding <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain <input type="checkbox"/> Part of or all of Council Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies

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Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation	1	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding) and is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	1	
TOTAL	2 / 2	

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. Will it contribute to A) Economic Development B) Tourism C) Liveability	1	
Comments:		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries;	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application.	1	
Is evidence provided?		
Comments:		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?		1
TOTAL	4 / 4	

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Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	1	
Relevant public liability insurance	1	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	1	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event	1	
Total	4	14

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	✓	
Total Score	10	10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	100	%
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation).		

SUBMIT

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14.5 Community Donations - Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY
1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation
1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-09-244)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Organisation/Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Ilfracombe Sport & Recreation Association</i>	<i>Community Halloween Party & Ilfracombe Darts Scoring tablets</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$1,721.85 In - Kind \$250.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,971.85

CARRIED 6/0

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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Discussion:

Ilfracombe Sport & Recreation Association	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/project been previously funded by Council?</i>	Yes

Halloween: For Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association to host a Halloween Community Event. Historically, Ilfracombe has had strong support for Halloween in the township and community. There will be a haunted house, 'spooky' activities for children of all ages, pumpkin carving, family activities as well as gift bags/packages for all who attend. This year we have worked with the Longreach State High School who have agreed to have the performing arts students assist in decorating the haunted house. The event will include a free BBQ & soft drinks for attendees. Decorations will be purchased for the haunted house and for the Rec Centre/hosting area. An invitation to this event will be extended to all communities within Longreach Regional Council Area.

Darts: To assist Darts Ilfracombe, a subgroup of Ilfracombe Sport & Rec, to host their annual 2 day championship event. The event provides a platform for local players to challenge visitors from across the state and interstate.

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Financial \$3,500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$</i>
<i>In-kind \$1,500.00</i>	<i>In-kind \$1,500.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$1,500.00</i>

Implications

Individual & Community Donations

Total Budget 25/26	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD - Individual Donations	\$8,450.00
Approved Funding YTD - Community Donations (Financial)	\$20,201.00
Approved Funding YTD - Community Donations (In - Kind)	\$400.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$83,149.00
Less	

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Budget required to meet Individual Donations for September 2025	\$1,050.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for September 2025	\$5,000.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In - Kind) for September 2025	\$2,960.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In - Kind) for September 2025	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for September applications	\$9,010.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$74,139.00

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Financial	Comments:
Likelihood:	Rare	Nil
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low 1	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. Ilfracombe Sport and Rec Redacted [14.5.1 - 4 pages]
2. Community Donation Assessment Form - Ilfracombe Sport and Rec Redacted [14.5.2 - 3 pages]

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Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Ilfracombe Sport & Recreation Association</i>	<i>Community Halloween Party & Darts Scoring tablets</i>	<i>Financial \$3500.00 In-kind \$1500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$0.00 In-kind \$1500.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$1,500.00



APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association
ABN if applicable	[REDACTED]
Contact Person's Name:	[REDACTED]
Postal Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Mobile:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Ilfracombe Community Halloween Party
Event Date:	Darts: 4th-5th October 2025 Halloween: 01/11/2025
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	<p>Halloween: For Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association to host a Halloween Community Event. Historically, Ilfracombe has had strong support for Halloween in the township and community.</p> <p>There will be a haunted house, 'spooky' activities for children of all ages, pumpkin carving, family activities as well as gift bags/packages for all who attend. This year we have worked with the Longreach State High School who have agreed to have Ms Softley's performing arts students assist in decorating the haunted house. Event will include a free BBQ & soft drinks for attendees. Decorations will be purchased for the haunted house and for the Rec Centre/hosting area. An invitation to this event will be extended to all communities within Longreach Regional Council</p> <p>Darts: To assist Darts Ilfracombe, a subgroup of Ilfracombe Sport & rec, to host their annual 2 day championship event. The event provides a platform for local players to challenge visitors from across the state and interstate</p>
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 3500
In-kind Support Requested:	\$ 1500

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.		List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.		
	\$	Halloween - Community BBQ Food	\$ 650	✓
	\$	Halloween - Decorations and Gift Bags	\$ 1500	✓
	\$	Halloween - Pumpkins for Carving Activity	\$ 650	✓
	\$	Darts - Scoring tablets	\$ 700	✓
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 3500	
Comments or other details:				
<p>Halloween: We anticipate initial purchase of decorations and setup to be carried over to future years. We are hoping to use one of the halls as a haunted house and set up with plastic sheeting to partition the area as it was a huge success last year. We will also purchase the decorations and lighting and are arranging for students from LSHS to be actors and scare visitors in the "haunted house." Please also take note of the separate budget sheet attachment for more in depth costings for this event.</p> <p>Darts: Annual Event. Most equipment has been self purchased however given the interest and increased attendance, additional tablets have been requested. These will continue to be used by Darts Ilfracombe at weekly events and ongoing for anticipated annual 2-Day competition.</p>				

In-Kind support component	Amount	Other comments
List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables)		
Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1		
Halloween - Use of the Ilfracombe Rec Centre for 1 Day	\$ 500	
Darts - Use of the Ilfracombe Rec Centre for 2 Days	\$ 1,000	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$ 1500	

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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

Halloween: Ilfracombe has had a strong community engagement in relation to Halloween each year. The Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association is happy to facilitate a community function for Halloween in 2024. We anticipate a strong support in Ilfracombe and attendance from persons in Longreach (and surrounding areas) as well. We hope to pioneer this event as the major function held by ISRA each year. The Halloween Party will be a family friendly event and will not have alcohol supplied. Food will be provided via volunteer run BBQ, safe & supervised trick or treat pathway for all children along the Machinery Mile, activities for families and children including haunted house maze, apple bobbing, pumpkin carving & other Halloween games

Darts: Builds upon the existing weekly darts competition, aims to engage residents from LRC and surrounding regions to continually participate in a social/sporting event and work towards a goal of participating in the yearly championships.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

Halloween: This event will assist in contributing towards livability in the Longreach Regional Council area, with the aim of encouraging positive social engagement, social and emotional wellbeing. The event will be held in a time of year that doesn't overlap with other events and will be advertised as a free family friendly event open to the entire community. It will be advertised accordingly.

Dart: Event contributes to tourism, community integration, social interaction and livability. The annual darts competition aims to build upon the success of the existing Darts competition by inviting players from surrounding regions to visit Ilfracombe. Last year's saw over 50 people travel to visit the region to participate in the competition.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

Halloween:

While the event is based in Ilfracombe, attendance is encouraged and directed at all residents of Longreach Council area, with a strong drive for remote residents of surrounding communities to attend. It will be advertised in all communities within LRC area. It is anticipated that this event will attract all demographics, but particularly children, families and extended family members.

Darts: Existing competition players from Darts Ilfracombe, as well as travelling players & families from QLD & interstate.

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

The Longreach Regional Council will be acknowledged as one of the major sponsors of both the Ilfracombe Halloween & Darts Events. This will be advertised via Social Media promotion, signage on the day of the event, promotional material and signage provided to local communities, as well as all sponsors being verbally acknowledged and thanked on the day of the event.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

Fundraising:

- Ilfracombe Sport & Rec provided volunteers to assist with manning the gates at the YellowBelly Classic in Longreach.
- Members of Sport & Rec & Ilfracombe Darts have been volunteering to operate the meat tray raffle at the Wellshot Hotel on Friday nights where allocated as an ongoing fundraising activity. - Bottles and cans continuously collected as fundraising drive.
- Operation of the Ilfracombe Gym as an ongoing revenue source.

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Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
 - Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
 - Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)
 - A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)
- *if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.
- I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	25/07/2024
Name in full:	
Community Group/ Organisation:	Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	

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COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:	[REDACTED]	
Date of Assessment:	Wed 8 th Oct 2025	
Applicant Name:	Ilfracombe Sport + Rec Assoc	
Project:	Community Halloween party + Darts Scoring tablets	
Amount Requested:	Financial:	In-Kind:
	\$3500	\$1500
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?	Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment) No.	
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund; <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries for staff <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group <input type="checkbox"/> Retrospective funding <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain <input type="checkbox"/> Part of or all of Council Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

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Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation	1	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding) and is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	1	
TOTAL	2	½

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. Will it contribute to A) Economic Development B) Tourism C) Liveability	½	
Comments:		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries;	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application. Is evidence provided?	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?		1
TOTAL	3.5	¼

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Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	1	
Relevant public liability insurance	1	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	1	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event	1/2	
Total	3.5	1/4

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	✓	
Total Score	9	1/10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	90	%
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation). Panel recommends funding \$1500 in-kind component of application. Use of rec centre 2 days darts comp 1 day Halloween Party. Recommend going back to Committee + encourage darts to apply as a separate application for scoring equipment under the darts assoc.		

SUBMIT

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14.6 Community Grants Policy - Individual

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.02 Community Grants Policy - Individuals

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

11.06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY 1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation 1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community
OUR LEADERSHIP 5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors & ELT	N/A

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

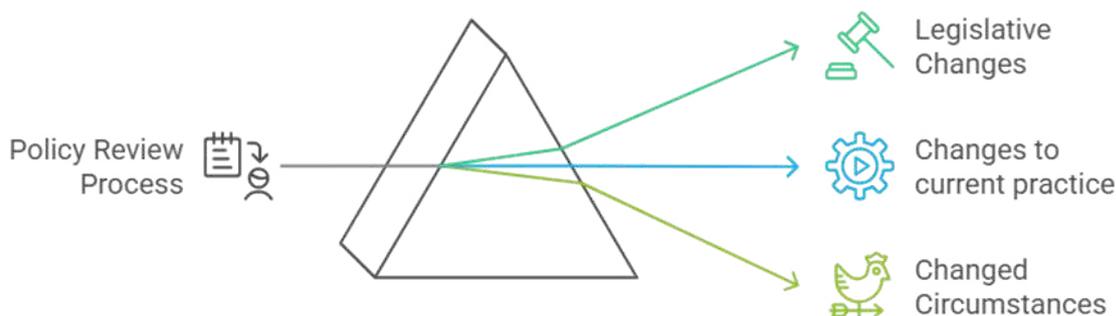
Liz Turner (Events and Marketing Coordinator),

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

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Purpose:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies may require amendment at review due to either legislative change, changes to current practice, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Alternatively, policies may not require any amendments at review.



Discussion:

The Community Grants Policy – Individuals No. 11.02 has been reviewed by officers and Councillors and is presented for adoption.

References to legislation remain current and in-force, it continues to reflect current practice, and there have been no significant circumstantial changes that impact the policy.

Consequently, no significant changes to the policy have been proposed following the review undertaken at the policy workshop.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:		As per FY 25/26 budget allocation
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Governance, compliance, reputation and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	Risks are possible to occur.
Consequence:	Minor	

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Rating:	Low	
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Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. 11 02 Community Grants Policy Individuals Version 16102025 v2 (1) [**14.6.1** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Community Grants Policy - Individual No. 11.02, as presented.

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Community Grants Policy - Individual	
Policy Number:	11.02
Policy Category:	Community Support
Authorised by:	Res-
Date approved:	16 October 2025
Review Date:	16 October 2027



**Longreach
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Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yamba

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent, equitable and accountable framework for the Longreach Regional Council (Council) Community Grants Program - Individual.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to individual community members who have qualified for, or received an invitation to participate in, higher-level sporting, recreational, arts, cultural, or academic events. The scope of this policy is limited to situations where individuals are representing the Longreach Regional Council area at regional, state, national, or international levels.

This policy does not apply to:

- Existing program partnerships and agreements
- Community Grants Program - Organisation
- Sponsorship Program
- Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

3. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012 sections 194-195

4. DEFINITIONS

Acquittal - the process by which a recipient demonstrates in writing to Council that they have expended the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement on completion of the activity or project.

Eligible Events - sporting, recreational, artistic, cultural or academic activities.

Grant - a cash contribution from Council for a particular purpose or event.

Program - the Community Grant Program - Individual.

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5. POLICY STATEMENT

The Program aims to support individual community members within the Longreach Regional Council area in their pursuit of excellence Eligible Events. By providing targeted financial assistance for travel, accommodation and fee costs for the individual, the Program fosters personal achievement, encourages community representation at significant events, and promotes the region's talent on broader platforms.

6. ELIGIBILITY

Under the Program, the applicant must:

- If an adult, be a permanent resident of the Longreach Regional Council area
- If a student, be enrolled in a school within the Longreach Regional Council area
- For sporting activities – be an individual representing the region and participating as an athlete in an official event i.e. North-West, State Championships, Nationals or International competition level
- For arts, cultural, or academic excellence activities – be participating in an official competition or event, equivalent to representing the North-West, State, Nationals or International events.
- Have met acquittal conditions for previous council Grants
- Not have any overdue debt with Council

Council may fund retrospective applications lodged within 40 days after the event date.

7. INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following applications are ineligible to receive funding under the Program:

- Coaches, team managers, trainers and support crew
- Applications which fund:
 - Equipment or other expenditure that is personal or for personal gain
 - Items that would otherwise be funded by Government bodies.

8. LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Applications are to be made using the Program's prescribed application form and must include specified supporting documentation.

Applications must be received by 5pm on the first of each month to be considered by Council in that month.

9. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of the Program.

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10. GRANT AMOUNTS

- a) Up to \$350 will be available for individuals participating at North-West Trials or State Championships for an Eligible Event.
- b) Up to \$500 will be available for individuals selected to participate at a national competition or event level.
- c) Up to \$1,000 will be available for individuals selected to participate at an international competition or event level.

Individuals may apply for a maximum of five Grants per financial year.

Council will set a fixed allocation for the Program as part of its budget determinations each financial year.

11. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

Applications will be assessed by a panel of council officers, against the eligibility assessment criteria within the guidelines.

Any panel member who has a conflict of interest with an application must declare their conflict and not participate in the assessment.

Recommendations from the panel will be presented for approval by Council resolution.

The Council has the discretion, when considering the recommendations, to ensure the application fulfils the spirit and intent of this policy.

12. ACQUITTAL PROCESS

The successful recipient must acquit the Grant within 60 days of the nominated event date. Funds will be paid to the applicant upon successful acquittal.

13. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Individual Grants Application Form
Individual Grants Acquittal Form
Individual Grants Guidelines

14. AUTHORISATION

Authorised by Council resolution on 16 October 2025 <hr/> Brett Walsh Chief Executive Officer
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14.7 Community Grants Policy - Organisation

Consideration of the following policy for adoption – 11.06 Community Grants Policy - Organisations.

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY
1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation
1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community
OUR LEADERSHIP
5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
ELT & Councillors	Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

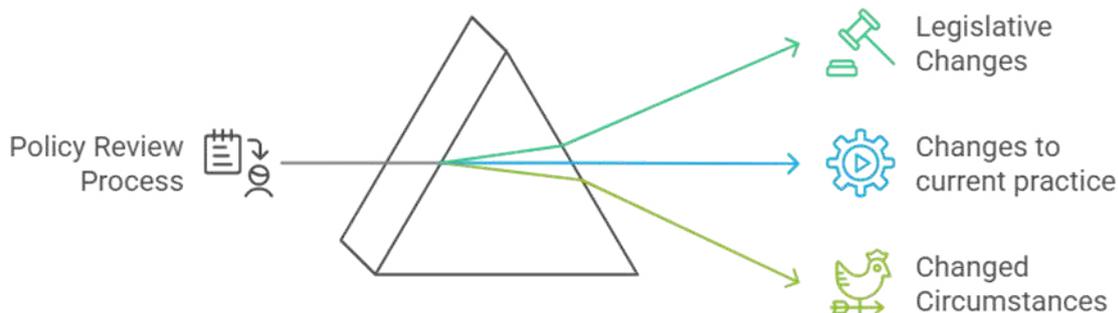
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Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

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Purpose:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies may require amendment at review due to either legislative change, changes to current practice, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Alternatively, policies may not require any amendments at review.



Discussion:

The Community Grants Policy – Organisation No. 11.06 has been reviewed by officers and Councillors and is presented for adoption.

References to legislation remain current and in-force, it continues to reflect current practice, and there have been no significant circumstantial changes that impact the policy.

Consequently, no significant changes to the policy have been proposed following the review undertaken at the policy workshop.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:		As per FY 25/26 budget allocation
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	Risks are possible to occur.
Consequence:	Minor	
Rating:	Low	

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Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. 11 06 Community Grants Policy Organisation Version 16102025 v2 [**14.7.1** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Community Grants Policy – Organisations No. 11.06, as presented.

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Community Grants Policy - Organisation	
Policy Number:	11.06
Policy Category:	Community Support
Authorised by:	Res-
Date approved:	16 October 2025
Review Date:	16 October 2027



The logo of Longreach Regional Council features a circular emblem with a central figure and the words 'LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL' around the perimeter. Below the emblem, the text 'Longreach Regional Council' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with the motto 'Ilmawenbe Inindford Longreach Yarakka' in a smaller font underneath.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent, equitable and accountable framework for the Longreach Regional Council (Council) Community Grants Program - Organisation.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to community organisations, based within the Longreach Regional Council area, applying for a grant from Council, under its Community Grants Program – Organisation.

This policy does not apply to:

- Existing program partnerships and agreements
- Community Grants Program - Individual
- Sponsorship Program
- Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

3. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012, section 194-195

4. DEFINITIONS

Acquittal - the process by which a recipient demonstrates in writing to Council that it has expended the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement on completion of the activity or project.

Community Organisation - an incorporated entity that carries on activities for a public purpose or whose object is not directed at making a profit.

Grant - an amount of money and/or in-kind value that is contributed by Council to an organisation, as part of the Community Grants Program - Organisation.

In-Kind - means the provision of goods and services (not money), such as waiver of hire fees

Program - the Community Grants Program - Organisation

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5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to supporting local community organisations through the Program. The aim of the Program is to:

- Develop the capacity and sustainability of a community organisation to meet the needs of its members.
- Support a community organisation to acquire equipment or to upgrade facilities owned by the community organisation.
- Assist a community organisation to deliver improved liveability to the community.

6. ELIGIBILITY

Under the Program, the applicant must:

- Be a Community Organisation that has a property address located in the Longreach Regional Council area
- Have met the acquittal conditions for previous Grants
- Not have any overdue debt with Council.

7. INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following applications are ineligible under the Program:

- Agencies or departments of local, state or federal governments
- Businesses or entities whose purpose includes obtaining a profit or conduct profit making activities.
- Activities and projects funded from other Council funding programs.
- Applications where Council funds will be used for:
 - Wages or salaries for staff
 - Recurrent costs of day-to-day operations
 - Retrospective expenses
 - Equipment or other expenditure that is personal or for personal gain
 - Payment of Council rates
 - Items that would otherwise be funded by other government bodies

Applications where proceeds will be donated to another cause will only be eligible for in-kind grants.

8. LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Applications are to be made using the Program's prescribed form and must include specified supporting documentation.

Applications must be received by 5pm on the first day of each month, to be considered by Council, in that month.

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9. GRANT CRITERIA

- a) Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity (eg will it contribute to the region's liveability).
- b) The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria set out in this policy.
- c) The proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council area.
- d) The applicant must demonstrate how funds from other sources will support the event or project.
- e) Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability of the event through a detailed budget submitted with the application.

10. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of the Program.

11. GRANT AMOUNTS

- a) Each community organisation is eligible to apply for a maximum grant of \$5,000 per financial year including in-kind.
- b) In-Kind support will only be considered for council services which are listed in the fees and charges schedule.

Council will approve a total budget allocation for the Program as part of its budget deliberations each financial year.

12. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

Applications will be assessed by a panel of council officers, against the eligibility assessment criteria within the guidelines.

Any panel member who has a conflict of interest with an application must declare their conflict and not participate in the assessment.

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to approve eligible Grants of \$1,000 or less without a Council resolution.

Recommendations from the panel for other Grants will be presented for approval by Council resolution.

The Council has the discretion, when considering the recommendations, to ensure the application fulfils the spirit and intent of this policy.

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13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acknowledgement of Council 's Grant must include:

- featuring Council's logo in project signage, promotional material, media advertising
- public acknowledgements in speeches and media materials
- invitations to participate in the event ceremonies
- incorporating Council supplied materials in information packs.

The level of acknowledgement should be commensurate with the amount of Council funding.

14. ACQUITTAL PROCESS

The successful funding recipient must acquit the spending of Council's Grant in a method determined by Council, within three months of the nominated event date.

15. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Community Grants Application Form
Community Grants Guidelines
Community Grants Assessment Form
Community Grants Acquittal Form

16. AUTHORISATION

Authorised by Council resolution on 16 October 2025:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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14.8 Sponsorship Policy

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.07 Sponsorship Policy.

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

11-07 Sponsorship Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY 1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation 1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community
OUR ECONOMY 2.2.2 Provide tourism development services to promote the region and grow the visitor economy
OUR LEADERSHIP 5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors & ELT	N/A

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

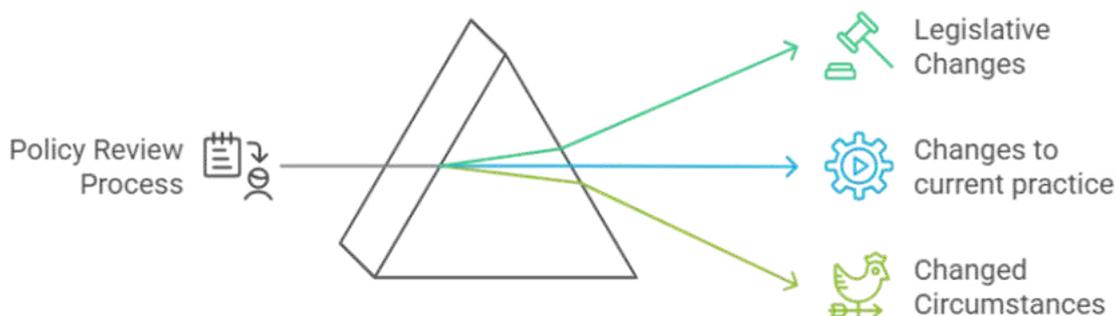
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Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

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Purpose:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies may require amendment at review due to either legislative change, changes to current practice, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Alternatively, policies may not require any amendments at review.



Discussion:

The Sponsorship Policy. 11.07 has been reviewed by officers and Councillors and is presented for adoption.

References to legislation remain current and in-force, it continues to reflect current practice, and there have been no significant circumstantial changes that impact the policy.

Consequently, no significant changes to the policy have been proposed following the review undertaken at the policy workshop.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:		As per FY 25/26 budget allocations
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	Risks are possible to occur.
Consequence:	Minor	
Rating:	Low	

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Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. 11 07 Sponsorship Policy [**14.8.1** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07, as presented.

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Sponsorship Policy	
Policy Number:	11.07
Policy Category:	Community Support
Authorised by:	Res-
Date approved:	16 October 2025
Review Date:	16 October 2027



**Longreach
Regional
Council**
Ilfencembe Isisford Longreach Yarakka

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent, equitable and accountable framework for the Longreach Regional Council (Council) Sponsorship Program.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all organisations applying to Council for Sponsorship, under its Sponsorship Program.

This policy does not apply to:

- Existing program partnerships and agreements
- Community Grants - Organisation
- Community Grants - Individual and
- Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

3. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

4. DEFINITIONS

Acquittal - the process by which a recipient demonstrates in writing to Council that it has expended the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement on completion of the activity or project.

Organisation - any entity that carries on activities for a public benefit. This includes, but is not limited to, incorporated associations, community groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations, and other entities that operate with the goal of benefiting the whole or part of the community.

In-Kind support - means the provision of goods and services (not money), such as waiver of hire fees.

Program - the Sponsorship Program.

Sponsorship - is a sum of money given to an organisation for a specified purpose directed at achieving goals and objectives consistent with Council's strategic objectives.

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5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to positioning the Longreach Regional Council area as a vibrant hub for economic development, tourism, and community engagement.

The aims of the Program are to:

1. Support activities and events that promote economic growth and enhance tourism in the Longreach Regional Council area
2. Engage locals and visitors through events and activities held within the Longreach Regional Council area
3. Assist local organisations to be financially sustainable into the future.

6. ELIGIBILITY

Under the Program, the applicant must be:

- Able to demonstrate that the economic and social benefits from the event will be directed to the Longreach Regional Council area, and
- Have met acquittal conditions for previous Sponsorship.
- Not have any overdue debt with Council.

7. INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following applications are ineligible under the Program:

- Applications whereby any funds will be donated to a charitable organisation
- Applications where Council funds will be used for:
 - Retrospective expenses
 - Equipment or other expenditure that is personal or for personal gain
 - Payment of Council rates

8. LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

1. Applications are to be made using the Program's prescribed application form and must include specified supporting documentation.
2. Applications must be received by 5pm on the first day of the month, to be considered by Council, in that month.
3. In-Kind support will only be considered for Council services which are listed in the fees and charges schedule.

9. SPONSORSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicants must demonstrate strong alignment to the Program aims.
2. The project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council area.
3. Sponsorship must be for a specific event, project or activity with a fixed time frame.
4. The applicant must demonstrate how funds from sources, other than Council, will support the event or project.
5. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability for the event through a detailed budget.

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10. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of the Program.

11. SPONSORSHIP AMOUNTS

Sponsorship amounts are up to a maximum of \$10,000 per event (excluding GST).

Council will approve a total budget allocation for the Program as part of its budget deliberations each financial year.

12. AGREEMENT

Applicants must enter into a sponsorship agreement with Council for any funds awarded under this policy.

13. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

Applications will be assessed by a panel of Council officers, against the eligibility assessment criteria within the guidelines.

Any panel member with a conflict of interest in relation to an application must declare their conflict and not participate in the assessment.

Recommendations from the panel will be presented for approval by Council resolution.

The Council has the discretion, when considering the recommendations, to ensure the application fulfils the spirit and intent of this policy.

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acknowledgement of Council's Sponsorship must include:

- featuring Council's logo in project signage, promotional material, media advertising
- public acknowledgements in speeches and media materials
- invitations to participate in the event ceremonies
- incorporating Council supplied materials in information packs.

The level of acknowledgement should be commensurate with the amount of Sponsorship.

15. ACQUITTAL PROCESS

The successful recipient must acquit the use of Council's sponsorship contributions in a method prescribed by Council, within four weeks of the nominated event date.

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16. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Sponsorship Application Form
Sponsorship Guidelines
Sponsorship Assessment Form
Sponsorship Acquittal Form

17. AUTHORISATION

Authorised by Council resolution on 16 October 2025

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

14.9 Australia Day Awards Policy

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.03 Australia Day Awards Policy.

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

11-03 Australia Day Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors & ELT	N/A

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

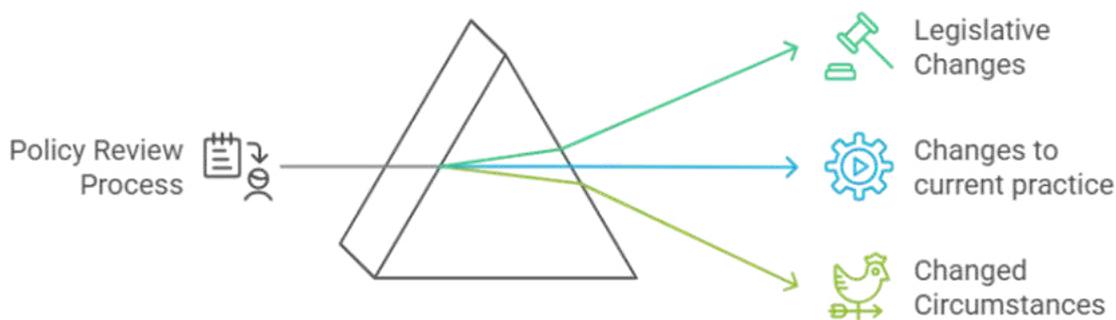
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Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies may require amendment at review due to either legislative change, changes to current practice, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Alternatively, policies may not require any amendments at review.

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Discussion:

The Australia Day Awards Policy No. 11.03 has been reviewed by officers and Councillors and is presented for adoption.

References to legislation remain current and in-force, it continues to reflect current practice, and there have been no significant circumstantial changes that impact the policy.

Consequently, no significant changes to the policy have been proposed following the review undertaken at the policy workshop.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:		As per FY 25/26 budget allocation
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	Risks are possible to occur.
Consequence:	Minor	
Rating:	Low	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

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Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. 11 03 Australia Day Policy Version 16102025 v3 [**14.9.1** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Australia Day Awards Policy No. 11.03, as presented.

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Australia Day Policy	
Policy Number:	11.03
Policy Category:	Community
Authorised by:	Res-
Date approved:	16 October 2025
Review Date:	16 October 2027



Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yareeka

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Australia Day awards eligibility, categories, nominations and judging process and to recognise Longreach Regional Council's (Council) commitment to Australia Day celebrations.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all individuals, groups, employees, volunteers, and members of the judging panel involved in Australia Day awards, celebrations, or events organised or endorsed by Council. It has effect throughout the nomination period and the judging process, and during all official Australia Day celebrations within the Longreach Region.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

Council recognises the proud heritage and individual identities of the communities of the Longreach Region and uses the annual Australia Day Awards on 26 January each year as an opportunity to recognise the significant contribution by members of these communities.

4. AWARD CATEGORIES

Regional Awards (Longreach Regional Council area)
Citizen of the Year – to recognise an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of their community, and/or given outstanding service to their community during the past year or, over a number of years.
Senior Achievement of the Year (18 years and older) – to recognise an individual (participant, coach, official, administrator) or a team, who has made a noteworthy contribution to the cultural or sporting life of their community or has attained an outstanding achievement in a cultural or sporting activity.
Junior Achievement of the Year (under 18 years) – to recognise an individual (participant, coach, official, administrator) or a team, who has made a noteworthy contribution to the cultural or sporting life of their community or has attained an outstanding achievement in a cultural or sporting activity.

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Local Awards (Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford/Yaraka)
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Local legend (individual) - to recognise an individual in each community who has contributed significantly to the social, economic, sporting or cultural life of their community.
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Local legend (organisation) - to recognise an organisation or event in each community that has contributed significantly to the social, economic, sporting or cultural life of that community.

5. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Australia Day Awards will be open for a minimum period of six weeks and must be submitted using the prescribed form.

6. JUDGING PANEL

A judging panel for the Australia Day Awards will be established each year and will consist of the following members from the region:

- Two Councillors (one of which will be chair)
- Up to four independent members from across the region (maximum one per community)

The judging panel will assess all nominations using the selection criteria for each award.

Any panel member who has a conflict of interest with a nominee or nominated event must declare their conflict and, if required, not participate in the judging.

7. ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must reside within the Longreach Regional Council area.
- Community events must be held within the Longreach Regional Council area.
- Nominees cannot have won an award in the same category in the last three years.
- The Citizen of the Year Award is recognised as a *lifetime achievement award* ie a person can only receive this Award once in their lifetime.
- Current elected members are not eligible for nomination.
- Recognising exceptional contributions through paid work: while the Australia Day Awards often celebrate voluntary service, it's encouraged for individuals to be nominated based on their paid employment when their impact extends beyond the expectations of their role. A nomination can be justified when an individual:
 - Consistently exceeds the scope of their paid duties:** They demonstrate initiative, leadership, or innovation that significantly enhances their workplace or sector.
 - Creates positive change in the community:** Their work benefits not just their organisation but also the broader public—through advocacy, outreach, education, or support.
 - Demonstrates sustained commitment and excellence:** Their contributions are not one-off but reflect a long-term dedication to improving lives or systems.
 - Acts with integrity and compassion:** They embody values that inspire others and foster a culture of care, inclusion, and service.

In essence, the awards recognise **impact**, not just **position**. If someone's paid role becomes a platform for extraordinary service to others, they are a worthy candidate.

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8. AMBASSADOR

Council will have a guest speaker at each Australia Day Celebration, which may include a Queensland Government Australia Day Ambassador.

9. CELEBRATIONS

Council will sponsor an Australia Day celebration in each of the Longreach Region communities and will sponsor a community group to provide food and drinks in each community.

Community groups are encouraged to organise events to celebrate Australia Day for both the local community benefit and as a fundraising opportunity.

10. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Australia Day Awards Nomination Form
Australia Day Awards Guidelines

11. AUTHORISATION

Authorised by Council resolution on 16 October 2025:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

14.10 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of September 2025.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.1 Maintain and enhance public open spaces, parks, gardens, and pathways for community enjoyment, to create a cooling environment, and to improve accessibility

1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents

Consultation:

Internal	External
ELT, Managers and impacted staff occurs weekly.	Community engagement occurred on the 20 th September 2025, in front of Ringrose & Button Accountants (footpath stall). Purpose to inform and engage the community on the Skate Park project, Showgrounds accessibility improvements and any other enquiries.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Joel Perry (Project Manager)

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Purpose:

This report provides an update on the community projects around the region. Main updates are as follows:

- The Teal Street Housing Project is progressing on schedule. Internal painting and driveways now occurring.
- Longreach showground accessibility improvements commenced 22nd September. Will continue through October to install footpath, lighting and accessible carparks.
- Tender for construction work released for Longreach Recreational Precinct Development.
- New Isisford SES training building commenced.
- Tender process continues for the new Animal Management Facility.



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Attached are dashboards for projects.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:		
Expenditure:		
Net Result:		See attachments

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council’s Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery	Comments:
Likelihood:	Likely	Construction work will see temporary closure of various facilities. Communication and alternatives provided to public prior to work commencing.
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	M6	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Changes to existing assets and creation of new will occur. All impacted assets are displayed in the attached Project Dashboard.

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Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. Projects Dashboard [**14.10.1** - 1 page]
2. Major Projects Dashboard [**14.10.2** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

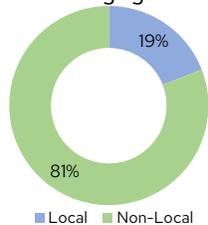
That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.

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Project	Progress	Funding	Status	
MU042	Close in Wellshot Centre Verandah	Contractor engaged. Work to commence early 2026.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
HC029	Isisford community hall upgrade (drainage)	Work completed.	Longreach Regional Council	Complete
DM016	Isisford SES Training Room	Work commenced late September. Will continue through October and early November.	SES Support Grant	In Progress
PK070	Barbecue replacement at Yaraka	BBQ now purchased and electrician engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
SP022	Yaraka Pool - Replace fence	Contractor engaged. Work to commence early-mid 2026.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
LB007	Longreach Disaster Centre Construction	Work completed.	Longreach Regional Council	Complete
LH013	Teal St housing for six houses over 4 lots	Tiling and cabinet installation now completed for all six houses. Internal painting and driveways now in progress.	Housing Investment Fund	In Progress
SF024	Showgrounds accessibility items	Work commenced 22nd September. Will continue through October to install footpath, lighting and accessible carparks.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
LB008	Replacement interactive table for Longreach Library	New tables now ordered. Awaiting delivery.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
MU041	Qantas Park - Extension on VIC building for storage	Contractor engaged. Onsite dates TBC.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
CC021	Childcare - Internal fence around playground	Contractor engaged. Onsite dates TBC with materials ordered.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
AC001	Animal Management Facility	Tender for new Animal Management Facility open via Venderpanel Marketplace for second time.	Works For Queensland Program	Procurement
PK067	Longreach Recreational Precinct Development	Playground design now finalised by Kompan Australia. Tender documents for construction released Friday 19th September.	Growing Regions Program (Round 2)	Procurement
CM011	Cemetery - Additional row	RFQ underway.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
CC022	Childcare concrete track	RFQ underway.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
CC019	Longreach Childcare - Accessibility & Inclusion - Stage 2	RFQ underway.	Community Childcare Fund (Round 4)	Procurement
PK071	Walking Networks	Funding agreement now signed. Lighting concept design being reviewed by funding body.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
SF023	Thomson River Pontoon	Waiting for funding body documents to be finalised prior to RFQ.	Longreach Regional Council & Games On! Program	Researching
SF022	Showground dressing room upgrade	Waiting for funding body documents to be finalised prior to RFQ.	Longreach Regional Council & Games On! Program	Researching
CM012	Cemetery - Repair plinths	Project on hold until other cemetery projects are completed.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started

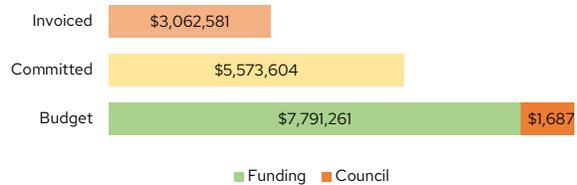
Local Engagement



Project Status



Budget vs Actual Expenditure



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Project: Teal Street Housing Development		Status	In Progress	1/10/25
		Recent Deliverables		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Purpose:	Construct 6 new Council housing in Longreach. Two houses and four units to be built on Teal St and will be affordable houses for Council workers, with rent capped at 80 per cent of market value.	Internal painting continued progress.		Internal painting to continue.
Project Team:	Executive Sponsors: Brett Walsh, David Wilson and Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry	Installation of driveways and carports commenced.		Electrical and plumbing fit offs to continue.
Funding Source:	Funded by the state government's Housing Investment Fund.	Electrical and plumbing fit offs occurred.		Driveways to be completed.
Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.			
Work to be completed by local builder Neuendorf Constructions 		Risks	Previous status	Current status
		Overall	█	█
		Time	█	█
		Budget	█	█
		Scope	█	█
		Communication	█	█
		Status Description		
		No risks identified so far.		
		No risks identified so far. Work on schedule.		
		No risks identified so far.		
		No risks identified so far.		
		General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.		

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Project: Longreach Recreational Precinct Upgrade		Status	Procurement	1/10/25
		Recent Deliverables		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Purpose:	The Longreach Recreational Precinct Upgrade is initiated to address critical gaps in the town's community infrastructure by creating an inclusive, multi-use outdoor space. The project aims to enhance quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The upgrades are aligned with council's strategic goals to improve liveability, promote health and support community cohesion.	Tender for construction work released via VenderPanel Marketplace.		RFQ to open for pump track work.
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson & David Wilson Project Manager: Joel Perry	Procurement documents for a pump track RFQ prepared.		Evaluation to occur for construction tender.
Funding Source:	90% of budget is committed by the Growing Regions Program and 10% by Longreach Regional Council.	Community engagement occurred on 20th September.		All weather parking along Emu Street to commence.
Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.			
		Risks	Previous status	Current status
		Overall		
		Time		Nil risk.
		Budget		Nil risk.
		Scope		Nil risk.
		Communication		General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.
<p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"> Agreement signed (Apr-25) Milestone 1 Due - Planning (Apr-25) Milestone 2 Due - Procurement (Oct-25) Milestone 3 Due - Construction Stage 1 (Apr-26) Milestone 4 Due - Construction Stage 2 (Oct-26) Final Inspection (Jan-27) Post-Completion Report (Apr-27) Official Opening (Jan-27) Milestone 5 Due - Construction Stage 3 (Apr-27) Project Funding End Date (Jul-27) </p>				

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Project: Childcare - Energy Efficiency Improvements Stage 1 & 2		Status	Procurement		1/10/25
Purpose:	Upgrade functional aspects of the facility, specifically to accommodate children with mobility issues by upgrading concrete paths to safe and modern standards and replacing old doors with high usage. The project also includes construction of a quiet space for feeding mothers, upgraded sun shades and also upgrade equipment to help to reduce overheads.	Recent Deliverables		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period	
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry Acting Childcare Director: Jessica Harvey	Collecting quotes for mothers room construction.		Engage contractor for mothers room.	
Funding Source:	Community Child Care Fund Program and Longreach Regional Council.	Contractor engaged for external door replacements.		Engage contractor for shade structure.	
Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.	RFQ underway for another shade structure. Behind Thomson/Barcoo rooms.			
		Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
		Overall			No risks identified no far.
		Time			No risks identified no far.
		Budget			No risks identified no far.
		Scope			Scope almost finalised.
		Communication			General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.

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Project: Animal Management Facility		Status	Procurement	1/10/25	
		Recent Deliverables		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period	
Purpose:	Construction of a new Animal Management Facility that is fit purpose facility designed to support its essential animal and rural lands management services to the community, while improving staff cohesion and retention, reducing operational risks to staff and animals, optimizing service delivery, and prioritising sustainable asset management practices.	Tender active via VendorPanel.		Second Tender evaluation to occur.	
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Grace Cronin-Jones Project Manager: Joel Perry Manager Regulatory Services: Jeffrey Newton	Evaluation occurred with no successful respondents approved.			
Funding Source:	Funded from Works for Queensland.	Tender released for a second time via VenderPanel.			
Stakeholders:	Longreach residents, ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.				
		Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
		Overall			Budget risk identified so far.
		Time			No risks identified no far. Funding ends 30 June 2027.
		Budget			Risk identified during scoping process.
		Scope			No risks identified no far.
		Communication			General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.
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14.11 Information Report Communities

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month for the Community Services Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Corporate Plan Strategy

OUR ECONOMY

2.2.2 Provide tourism development services to promote the region and grow the visitor economy

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Officers in the Communities Directorate

Purpose:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council monthly, outlining achievements, challenges, and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Library Services

This month we welcomed approximately 22 children from the Longreach Childcare Centre vacation care program. The group enjoyed a variety of activities across the library, filling the space with energy and curiosity. Staff have shared very positive feedback, noting how much the children valued the experience.

These visits are now planned as a regular part of their program. They not only help foster a love of reading and learning from an early age but also give children opportunities to connect with the library. For the library, they strengthen our role as a trusted community hub where people of all ages can connect, learn, and feel a sense of belonging.

Ilfracombe Library has received a grant from the Regional Tech Hub to host three community sessions focused on technology safety and digital awareness. These sessions will explore important topics such as recognising scams, making the most of library resources online, and understanding internet service options. With expert support, printed resources, and open community discussion, locals will be able to compare technologies like nbn Fixed Wireless and satellite and make more informed decisions about connectivity.

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Details of the sessions will be shared soon through Council’s website, Facebook page, and IILY newsletter.

Library Statistics

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	September	YTD	September	YTD	September	YTD
Loans	379	1180	9	28	10	39
New Members	5	24	1	1	1	2

Swimming Pool Statistics

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD
Adult	459	650	431	1311	6	6	0	0
Child	754	1131	137	270	18	18	0	0

Childcare Services

The Vacation Care program ran over the school holidays and welcomed many excited children to participate in the program. Each day had a different theme, some of these included Yoga and Mindfulness Day, Science Day, Talent Show Day, Jelly Day etc. For book worm day the children visited the Longreach Library and explored all the wonderful resources available.

Recruitment is well underway filling the Service’s current staff vacancies. Over September we welcomed two new full-time employees. In October we will be welcoming another three additional staff filling the ECT Kindergarten teacher role for the rest of the year, a part-time role and also a casual position.

The annual childcare photos took place with our very own in-house photographer capturing some wonderful memories for the families to cherish.

Staff professional development has been a big focus for September with the whole Service closing for all staff to strengthen their knowledge and skills in snake training, understanding Autism in children, programming and team bonding. Throughout the month a Health and Safety Representative for the Service was able to undertake a weeklong HSR training. Leadership participated in risk management training and content management system training.

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Facility Usage

The following community facilities were utilised in September.

Longreach Civic Centre	Longreach State High School Dance Assessment, Internal Council Meetings and Training, GBA Training
Longreach Showgrounds	Group Fitness Sessions, Defence Force Camping, LSOE School Cluster Sports Afternoon, Longreach Junior Rugby League Cluster Day and Presentation Night, Itinerant Vendor Camping, Camping and Stabling of Horses, Longreach Touch Football, Heart of Australia Bus
Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Darts
Isisford Hall	Barcoo Chat & Craft Sessions, First5 Forever Program, Chair Yoga, Christian Church
Edkins Park	Rotary/Lions Club Movie Night, Longreach Jockey Club Community Breakfast with Robbie Dolan (winner of last year's Melbourne Cup) and the Melbourne Cup Trophy
Kiama Park	Yaraka Campdraft

Water Tower Lights

The water tower lights were lit up in specific colours for the following occasions –

World Sepsis Day	Pink
Light up for Mito (World Mitochondrial Disease Week)	Green
Queensland Police Service	Blue and White
Light up for ITP – Immune Thrombocytopenia Awareness Week	Purple

Funeral Services

Longreach Cemetery Funeral Figures – September	
Funeral Type	
Church & Graveside Funeral	1
Civic Centre & Graveside Funeral	
Church Service Only	
Graveside Funeral	

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LRC Graveside Set Up Only	
Memorial Service	
Cremation	
Internment of Ashes – Private Family	2
Plaques Arranged By LRC	3
Undertakers Services Only	

Communication Activity – Statistics for September 2025

Website:

- 12,213 sessions (11,540 in August)
- 19,059 page views (21,131 in August)
- After the Home landing page, the most popular pages are:
 - Careers
 - News
 - Services & Facilities
- Most people have found the website through direct search.
- 76% of people use desktop as a device, followed by 25% mobile devices.
- See attachments for the data.

Facebook:

- 4,565 followers (4,032 in August), 67% of our followers are women.
- 20 posts in total September 2025
- Post topics –Careers, events, public notices, garden competition, tenders.
- Post with the highest reach of 6,218 calling for tenders for Skate Park precinct.
- See attachments for the data.

Community Events

'My Garden' Competition September saw the much-loved 'My Garden' competition come to life once again, with green thumbs from Isisford, Ilfracombe, and Longreach proudly showcasing their beautiful gardens. Growing and maintaining a garden in our harsh outback conditions is no easy feat – but our entrants rose to the challenge with dedication, creativity, and passion. The results were nothing short of inspiring, and each garden was a true credit to its owner.

We were fortunate to have Betty Taylor from Springsure as our judge again this year. With a spectacular garden of her own and a wealth of knowledge in all things horticulture, Betty brought expert eyes and a deep appreciation for the effort behind every entry. A huge thank you to everyone who entered – it was a joy to visit your green spaces and see the pride and love poured into each one.

The winners of the 2025 'My Garden' Competition are...

Best Small Town Garden - Lucy Spencer

Best Flower Garden - Mackenzie Stewart

Best Fruit & Vegetable Garden - Lucy Spencer

Best Container Garden -Mackenzie Stewart

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Best Rural Garden - Erica Marsh
Champion Garden - Erica Marsh

Judge's Choice Award

This new category was introduced by our judge after being inspired by the many beautiful gardens spotted during last year's visits – even those not officially entered. This year, one exceptional garden caught her eye from the roadside and truly deserved recognition.

Judge's Choice – Johanna Parsons

Congratulations to all our winners and entrants – your gardens are a testament to the beauty and resilience of gardening in the outback. We look forward to seeing even more blooming creations next year!

(See attachment for photos)

Community Recovery Officer Report

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) have advised that the completion date of eligible activities associated with the Community Relief Fund Guidelines – Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding commencing 21 March 2025 were extended until 30 September, 2025. The Community Recovery Officer has advised landholders by email of this extension. A total of 21 landholders, one tourism business and one volunteer club within the Longreach LGA have provided invoices for eligible activities to date.

The Community Recovery Officer has continued to visit landholders within the Longreach LGA to assess human and social impacts from the western Queensland flooding and provided information about psychosocial and financial support services.

Appendices

1. Longreach Regional Council_-_ Monthly Analytics Snapshot - Website [**14.11.1** - 1 page]
2. Facebook Follows - September [**14.11.2** - 1 page]
3. Facebook Reach - September [**14.11.3** - 1 page]
4. Facebook Visits - September [**14.11.4** - 1 page]
5. My Garden Photos [**14.11.5** - 1 page]
6. September 2025 Tourism Overview - Council Report [**14.11.6** - 10 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

Sessions

12,213

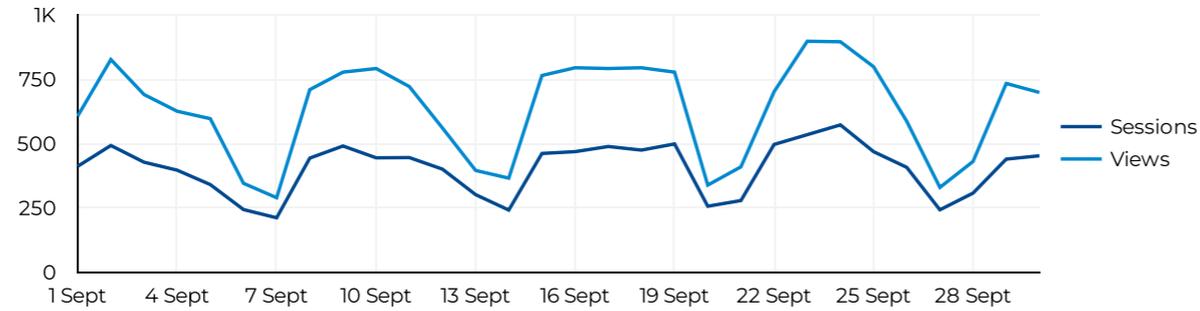
Views

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Views / Session

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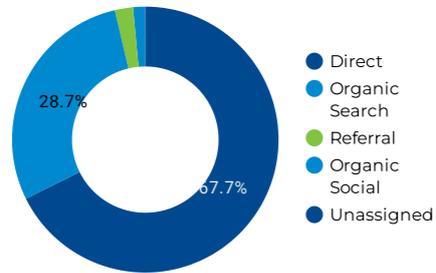
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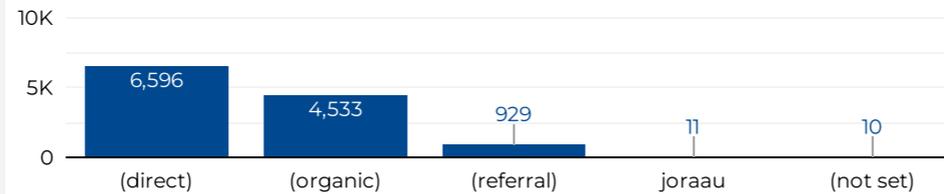
Top 10 Pages

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1.	/Home	6,591
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3.	/newsroom	854
4.	/Services-and-Facilities/Swi...	541
5.	/Search-Results	437
6.	/Community/Events/Events...	382
7.	/directory-record/15/apex-pa...	367
8.	/Live-and-Work/Careers	343
9.	/Services-and-Facilities/Park...	332
10.	/Services-and-Facilities/Fun...	258

Channels



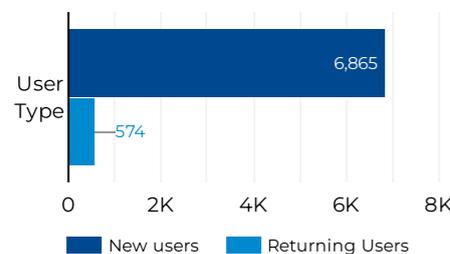
Sessions by Session Campaign



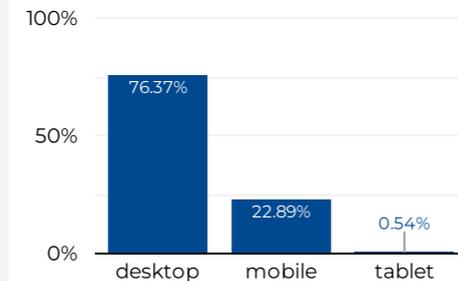
Top 10 Referral Sources

	Session source	Sessions ▾	Views
1.	(direct)	6,596	8,681
2.	google	4,082	7,671
3.	bing	408	901
4.	longreach.admin....	307	506
5.	l.facebook.com	116	235
6.	outbackqueensla...	76	130
7.	m.facebook.com	70	96
8.	portal2.docassem...	59	170
9.	au.search.yahoo.c...	56	138
10.	experiencelongrea...	26	44

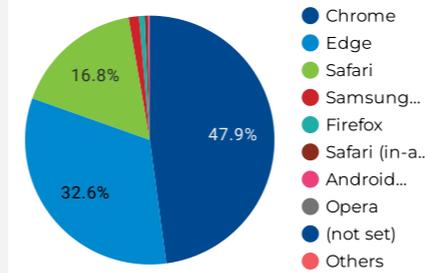
Sessions by User Type



Sessions by Device Type



Sessions by Browser



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Follows ⓘ

28 ↓ 9.7%



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Reach ⓘ

13.1K ↓ 26.5%



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Visits ⓘ

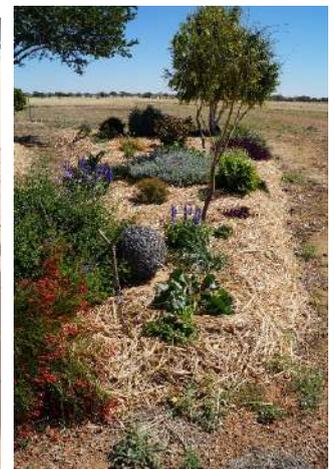
3.4K ↓ 20.8%



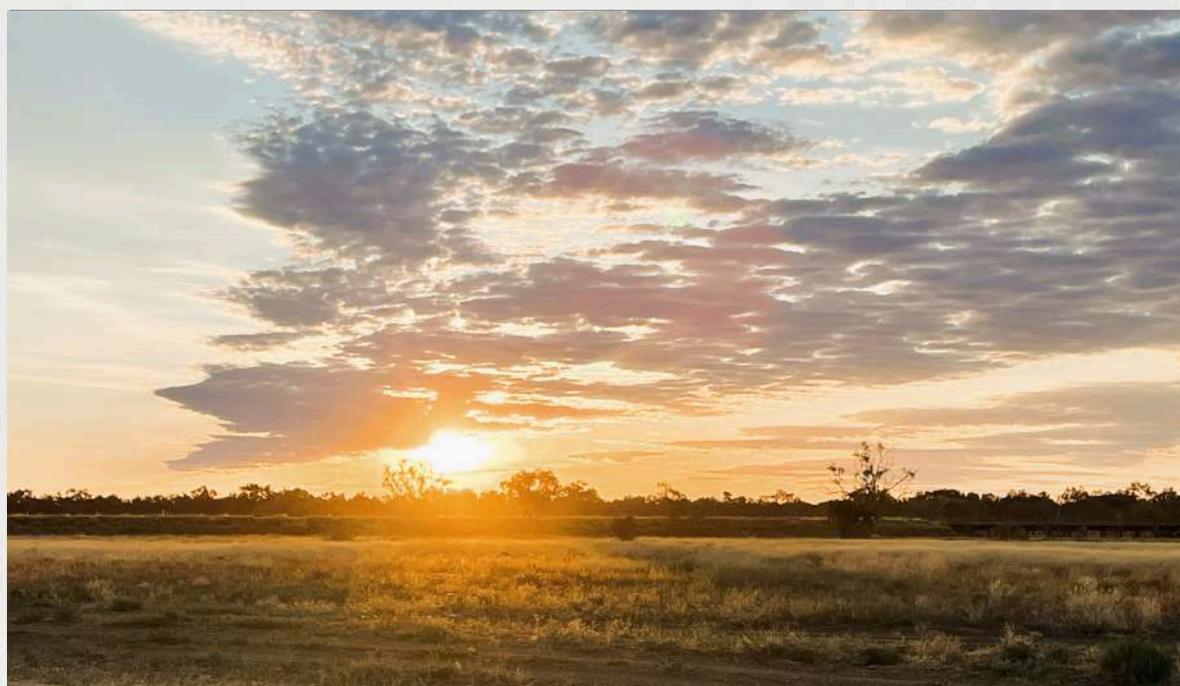
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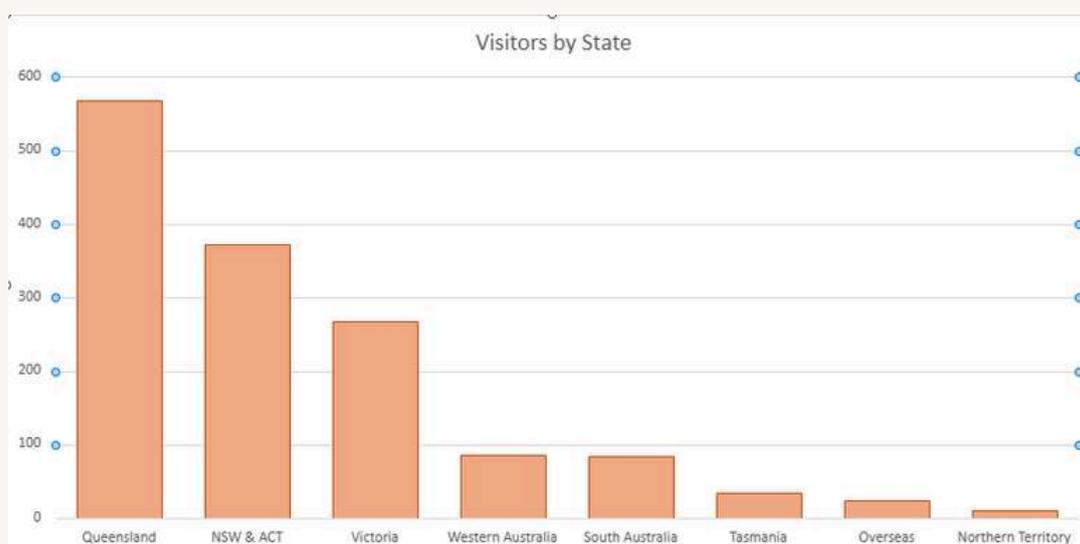


Thomson River Floodplains at sunset.
Michelle Ballard.

Tourism Update

VISITORS THROUGH THE CENTRE

Month	VIC 2023	VIC 2024	VIC 2025	UP/DOWN
January	236	151	113	↓
February	181	169	137	↓
March	596	401	392	↓
April	1217	1226	777	↓
May	2605	2965	2140	↓
June	3847	4267	2979	↓
July	5404	5851	4038	↓
August	3492	4249	3604	↓
September	2499	2360	1448	↓
October	1112	884		
November	341	292		
December	152	80		
Year to Date	21,682	22,895	15,628	↓



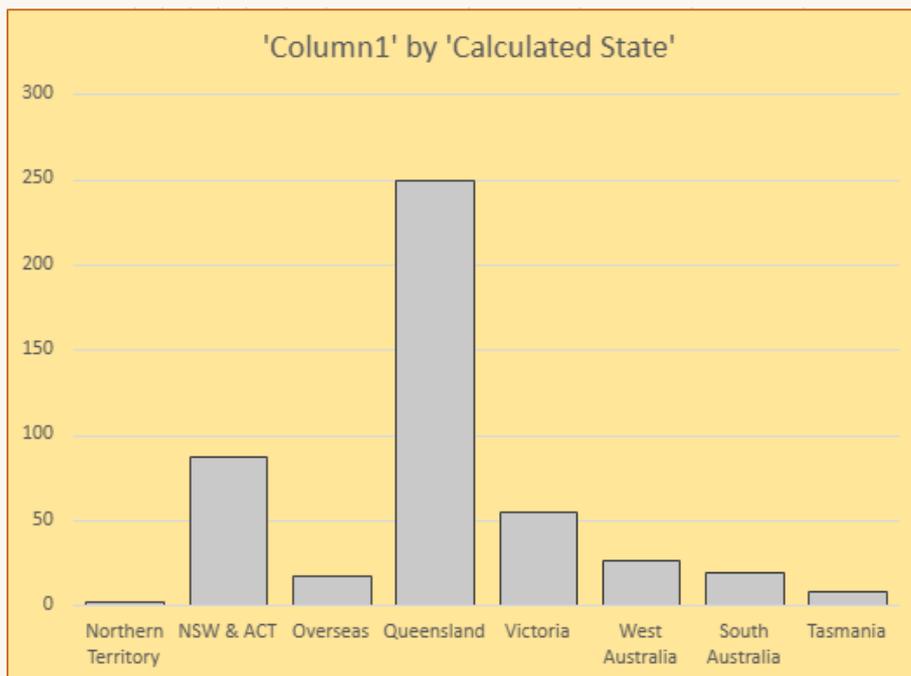
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VISITOR ENQUIRIES 2025

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Phone Calls	26	101	210	365	348	242	203	310	258
Emails	28	68	67	127	94	56	50	30	32
Info Packs	18	30	43	62	63	19	42	22	27
Counter Bookings	0	6	13	43	211	399	256	510	259
Phone Bookings	28	21	46	43	62	38	14	30	49

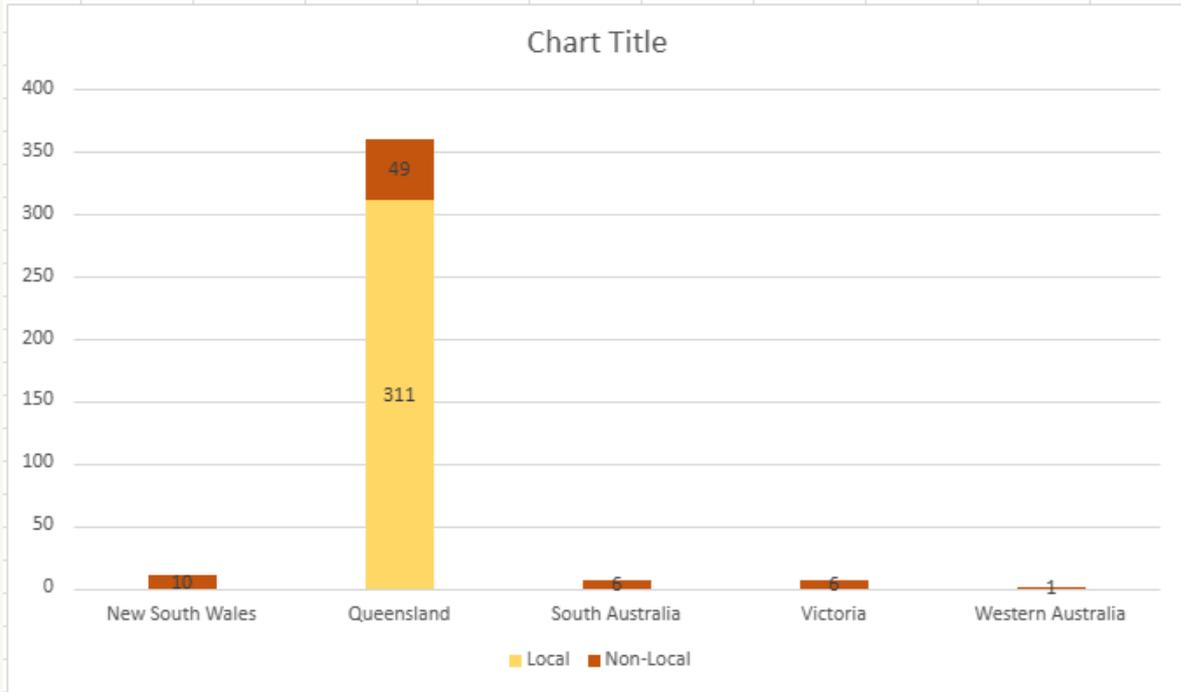
POWERHOUSE & HISTORICAL MUSEUM

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
VISITORS	0	0	89	203	344	432	670	436	469



ILFRACOMBE POST OFFICE, LIBRARY & COUNCIL HUB

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
VISITORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	467	460	383



CAMPING INCOME 2025

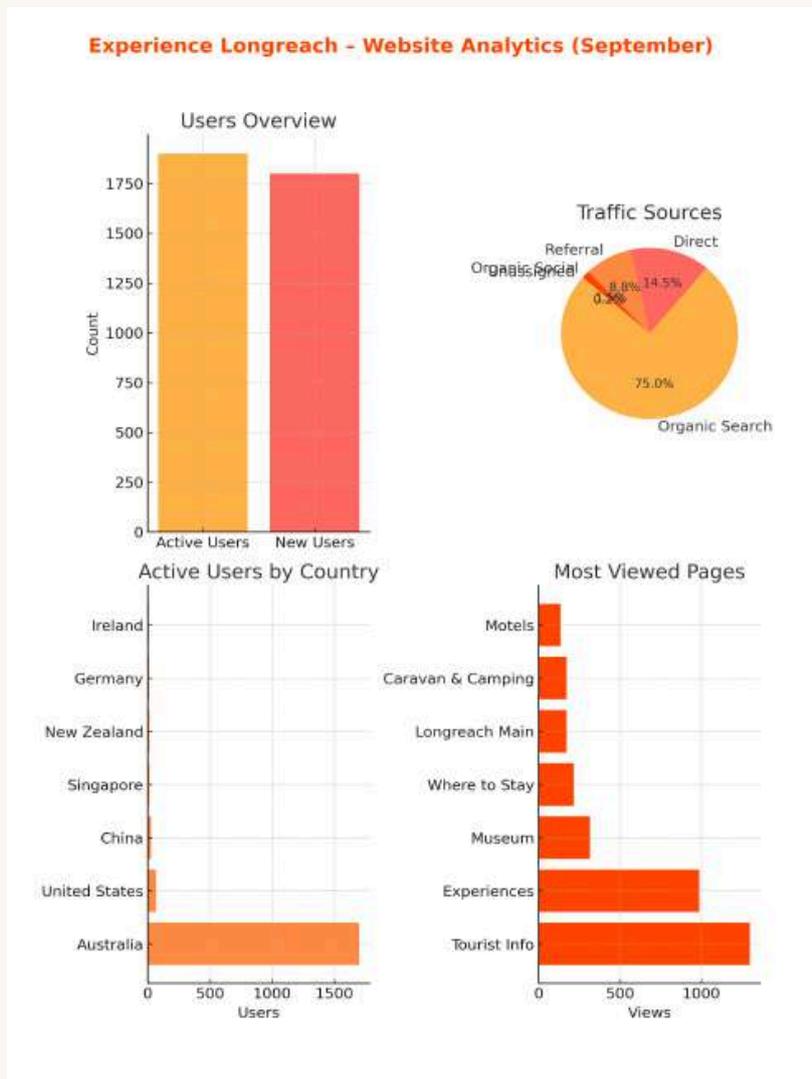
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Apex Park	\$792	\$30	\$288	\$425	\$6383	\$11,109	\$17,279	\$12,416	\$6262
Isisford	\$0	\$60	\$80	\$130	\$3390	\$5170	\$7,325	\$2,845	\$1735
Yaraka	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850	\$0	\$1850
TOTALS	\$792	\$90	\$368	\$555	\$9,773	\$16,279	\$26,454	\$15,261	\$9,847

MARKETING AND MEDIA

WEBSITE

Key Insights:

- 1.9K Active Users with 1.8K new visitors, showing strong discovery of the website.
- Organic Search dominates traffic (95%), proving SEO efforts are working well.
- Majority of users are from Australia (1.7K), but international interest is noted (USA, China, Singapore).
- Visitors are most interested in tourist info, experiences, and accommodation options.
- Average engagement time is just over a minute – visitors are skimming quickly for key info.



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Travel Today had a 4-page spread written by Lee McCarthy about her experiences when visiting Longreach plus our 2-page editorial. This was inserted into 15 different newspapers across the state.



Longreach Region
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EMMETT | YARRAKA

Longreach Region Explore Centre
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The Longreach Region is where the spirit of the Australian Outback comes alive, offering iconic, spectacular, breathtaking landscapes and warm hospitality. This vibrant region encompasses four distinct communities: Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yarraka – each with its own unique charm.

Longreach is renowned for world-class museums like the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Outback Founders Museum. Visitors can enjoy scenic river cruises, historic train journeys, cosy coffee shops and boutique shopping. Just 27km east along the Moloka Way lies Ilfracombe – home to the award-winning Wellshot Hotel and the intriguing Lynn Cameron Machinery Mile.

Further south, Isisford offers a quieter retreat by the Barcoo River. Discover its fascinating dinosaur history and marvel at the Big Yellowbelly. From here, follow the Barcoo Way to Yarraka, a hidden gem, known for being the terminus of the railway.

From historic journeys to natural wonders, the Longreach Region is an extraordinary destination where history, adventure and outback beauty blend seamlessly.

Spectacular Selfies
Thomson River – Capture unforgettable sunsets as fiery skies reflect across calm waters, creating the perfect Outback backdrop.

Inglis Nature Reserve – Bushwalking tracks open onto sweeping plains, where sunsets paint the horizon in golden light.

Mount Slocumbe – Soak up panoramic views of rugged ranges and endless plains, a favourite spot for photographers and sunset chasers.

History-Making Places
Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame – Honouring the heritage, grit, and stories of Australia's stockmen and pioneering families.

Outback Founders Museum – Celebrating the history of Australia's most iconic airline with immersive exhibits and restored aircraft.

Powerhouse & Historical Museum – Showcasing the region's industrial and social history through early electricity generation, machinery, and local artefacts.

TOP NOTCH EXPERIENCES
Longreach Town Tour, 1-hour experience
Thomson River Sunset Cruises, with dinner & entertainment
Longreach School of Distance Education, 1 hour
Longreach Birding Tours, small group bird-watching tours

MOTOR RAIL EXPERIENCES
Outback Aussie hours offer unique rail journeys. Enjoy the rugged landscape while learning about local history.
outbackpilgrims.com.au

STARBUCK CRUISE EXPERIENCE
Savour Coffee on the Thomson River with dinner & entertainment afterwards.
outbackpilgrims.com.au

EXPERIENCE LONGREACH FROM ABOVE
Unforgettable scenic flights, experience the beauty of Australia's outback.
queenslandhelicopters.com.au

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Stay in Style: Longreach's Signature Retreats
In Longreach, accommodation is as memorable as the experiences. **Salibush Retreat** offers rustic luxury in heritage-inspired cabins, spa, hot tub, andisable themed rooms, complete with the indulgence of an exclusive outdoor bath terrace beneath star-filled skies.

Just outside town, **Mitchell Gross Retreat** delivers award-winning glamping in eco-safari tents, where deep tubs, king beds, and sweeping views of native grass plains combine comfort with tranquility.

In the heart of town, **The Steeping Post** blends boutique charm with pioneer heritage. Its character-filled rooms styled to reflect Cobb & Co days while offering all modern comforts.

Together, these distinctive stays capture the essence of the Outback—authentic, welcoming, and unforgettable—making them the perfect base to explore the region's world-class attractions and breathtaking landscapes.

Explore the Outer Region
ILFRACOMBE – Hub of the West
Just 27km east, Ilfracombe greets travellers with its big personality. Wellshot Hotel – an award-winning outback pub filled with quirky artefacts and good humour. Lynn Cameron Machinery Mile – a mile-long outdoor museum of tractors, trucks, and farming history.

SISFORD – By the Barcoo
Settle into the slower pace of Isisford, where the Barcoo River invites fishing, birdwatching and campfire evenings. Don't miss the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre, showcasing the world-famous *Isisfordia dunckeri* – a 100-million-year-old crocodile fossil. For a photo with a twist, stop by the Big Yellowbelly, a tribute to the region's favourite fish.

YARRAKA – End of the Line
Once a railway terminus, Yarraka is now a traveller's hidden gem.

End of the Line Museum – celebrating resilience and history.
Mount Slocumbe – panoramic views and unforgettable sunsets. Here, the silence, skies, and rugged ranges embody the essence of the Outback.

Scenic Flights from Longreach to Lake Eye
Air Central West – Lake Eye Scenic Flights
Take to the skies with Air Central West and witness the rare spectacle of Kooli-Thondaluk Eyes in full flood after this year's rains. Departing from Longreach, one- and two-day tours trace the great rivers of the Channel Country, revealing how vast waterways feed Australia's largest inland lake. Along the way, pass by over Birdville, Goyler Lagoon, Innamincka, and the legendary Burke & Willis Dig Tree. With expert pilots sharing local knowledge, these journeys are more than scenic flights—they're unforgettable experiences showcasing the scale, beauty, and spirit of inland Australia.

GOLDEN WEST TOURS
Longreach Town Tour, 1 hour
Ilfracombe Town Tour, 3 hour
Wellshot Day Tour, full day
goldenwesttours.com.au

DROVERS SUNSET CRUISE
Outback Aussie hours offer unique sunset cruises on the Thomson River.
outbackaussietours.com.au

COBB & CO STAGECOACH EXPERIENCE
Ride in genuine stagecoaches and enjoy the Old Time Tent Show.
outbackpilgrims.com.au

Durr River Downs Tour
A guided tour of Durr River Downs, established 1873 and once one of the largest pastoral stations in the region.
durrriverdowns.com.au

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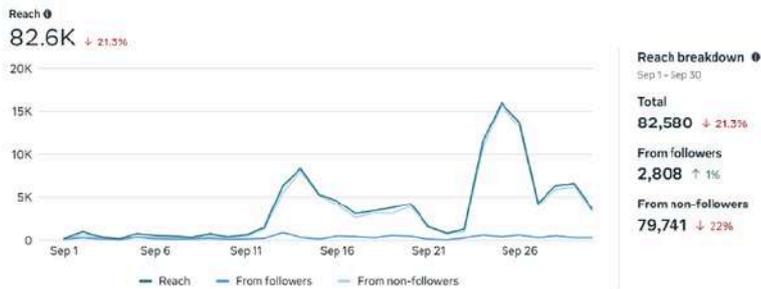
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Facebook Top Posts – September



Tucked away in Outback Queensland...

Sat Sep 13, 3:01pm

👁️ 27.6K ❤️ 270

💬 17 📌 31



The holidays are here, and adventure i...

Tue Sep 23, 10:20pm

👁️ 18.4K ❤️ 286

💬 5 📌 17



Ever wondered what travel was like before...

Fri Sep 19, 5:01pm

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Oar-some news - the Outback Rowing...

Sun Sep 28, 4:41pm

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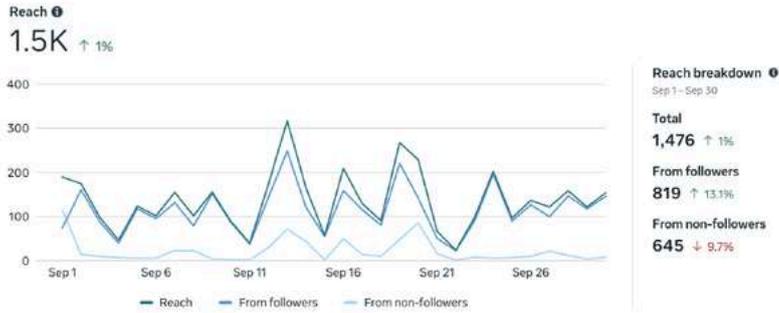
Who needs lavender fields in...

Wed Sep 17, 5:00pm

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Instagram Reach



Instagram Top Posts – September

Big experiences. Big memories. That's... Fri Sep 12, 4:53pm 481 likes, 46 hearts, 2 comments, 3 shares	Hold on tight — history's rolling... Fri Sep 19, 4:36pm 464 likes, 37 hearts, 0 comments, 0 shares	Tiny towns. Big stories. Emmet-... Sat Sep 13, 3:01pm 347 likes, 34 hearts, 0 comments, 1 share	School holidays = Outback road trip... Tue Sep 2, 3:01pm 302 likes, 38 hearts, 0 comments, 0 shares	When the Outback blooms, it feels like... Tue Sep 9, 3:00pm 300 likes, 23 hearts, 1 comment, 0 shares

Upcoming EVENTS 2025

October

2nd

Rowing for Bush Kids, Barcaldine

& 3rd

2 Day Rowing Camp for kids grade 6 - 12 - Barcaldine Rec Park

4th

Flyer's Ball, Longreach

4th

Outback Rowing Regatta, Barcaldine

Outback Sprints at Barcaldine Rec Park

5th

Outback Rowing Regatta, Longreach

Head of the Outback at Thomson River, Apex Park 7am to 12pm

26th

Ross Cup Races, Isisford

26th

Wellness Fest, Ilfracombe

Markets, Food and Mindfulness Activities at Ilfracombe Rec Centre

November

8th

The Publican's Cup, Longreach

Last Race Meet of the Year, Longreach Jockey Club

24th &

25th

Fire Brigade Trials, Longreach

29th

Longreach Lions Christmas Street Party

Eagle Street, Longreach

December

2nd

A Not So Silent Night, Longreach

Christmas in Edkins Park



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14.12 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Communities.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Tanya Johnson (Director of Communities)

Strategy and Planning

Project	Status	Update
Community Recovery	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community Recovery Officer continues to work closely with flood affected landholders.• There has been an extension provided for the Community Relief Funding. All costs now covering eligible activities up until 30 September 2025 must now be submitted to Council by the 30 November
Longreach Childcare Review	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report complete
Solar Light Project Walking Network	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal agreement in place (purchase order received from TMR)
Games on 2032	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal agreement signed
Cycling Network	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The council reviewed plans and submitted them to TMR for approval.

Strategic Leadership

- Small Towns Reinvention Conference
- CPR Group – Community Strategy and Housing Strategy inception
- Astute – Childcare Services report completion meeting
- Executive Leadership Team quarterly meeting

Operational Management

- Asset Management application meeting
- Safety Committee Meeting
- Facility and Parks and Gardens Team meeting
- Projects update meeting

Workforce Capability

- Appointment of Childcare Services Director
- Conduct one on one Meetings with managers
- Work with HR partners

Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with various Local Contractors

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- Operated the Courtesy bus for Flyers Ball Committee
- Attended the Community Consultation pop-up

Small Towns re-invention conference

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Council and the CEO for their support in enabling us to attend the Small Towns Reinvention Conference held in Kapunda, South Australia. Your commitment to ongoing community learning and leadership development made this valuable experience possible.

The Small Towns Reinvention Conference focused on community-driven projects and innovation, showcasing how small towns across Australia are revitalising themselves through local leadership, creativity, and collaboration.

The program began with a series of Masterclasses designed to inspire and build capacity for small-town transformation. Key themes included leadership, resilience, and new models for community investment and service delivery.

Masterclasses Overview

1. Ideas Fuel Action, Action Builds Momentum, Momentum Makes Change
2. Community-Led Innovation in Practice
3. Ageing Well in a Small Town
4. Community Foundations as Tools for Building Investment and Grant Making
5. Rules, Rebels, and Results – Building Brave and Collaborative Communities
6. BYO Disaster Response Systems for Small Towns
7. Building Social Connection in Rural Communities
8. Using the Co-operative Model to Retain or Return Services to Small Towns

We were able to attend two of these Masterclasses, which provided excellent insight into how other regions are tackling similar challenges with creativity and community spirit.

Key Learnings & Reflections

- We recognised the strong level of support that our own Council provides to our community—a level not always matched in other states.
- Many communities demonstrated remarkable passion and innovation in sustaining and reinventing their towns, often thinking “outside the box” to create local solutions.
- The conference reinforced the importance of grassroots leadership and community empowerment in driving meaningful, long-term change.

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- It also highlighted how collaboration between local government and community organisations can accelerate progress.

An important takeaway was witnessing the direct local economic benefits of hosting such conferences. It was estimated that the event generated approximately \$250,000 of economic activity in the Kapunda region. This demonstrates how business travel can translate into leisure travel, contributing to tourism and ongoing regional economic growth.

Following our participation in Kapunda, we have collaborated with the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. and the Blackall Tambo Regional Council to work towards hosting the 2026 Small Towns Reinvention Conference in Longreach and Blackall.

Our vision is to showcase our wider region by taking the conference “on the road”, involving as many of the RAPAD Councils as possible. This may include packaging the conference to incorporate travel and accommodation through our neighbouring regions, or by hosting select events in nearby communities.

This regional approach will highlight the unique strengths and diversity of Western Queensland while also making the conference more accessible for our more remote councils. It’s an opportunity to not only celebrate our local innovation and collaboration but also to inject valuable economic and social benefits into multiple communities across the region.

The Small Towns Reinvention Conference was a highly beneficial experience. It provided valuable ideas, practical frameworks, and a renewed sense of motivation to continue building on the strengths of our own community.

This experience has deepened our understanding of what is possible when local communities and councils work together to drive innovation and resilience in small towns.

The opportunity to host the 2026 Conference in Longreach represents a significant milestone—not only for our community but for the entire RAPAD region—and will further position Western Queensland as a leader in small-town reinvention and regional collaboration.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented.

15 Works Report

15.1 Installation of water meters on all properties accessing Council's treated and raw water networks

Advocating for the installation of water meters on all water abstractions from Council's weir pools by making a submission as part of the Cooper Creek Water Plan review.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Water Supply and Reliability Act 2008

Water Act 2000

Water Regulation 2016

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Policy Considerations

01-11 Risk Management Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents

1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities

1.3.2 Maintain and improve the health of the Thomson and Barcoo River waterways and catchments

OUR ECONOMY

2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities

OUR SERVICES

3.1.1 Upgrade and maintain storage, treatment, and reticulation infrastructure to provide each community with a reliable, quality water supply

3.1.3 Implement innovative water management practices to preserve the water supply

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust

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Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors Executive Leadership Team	Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Heidi Browne (Engineering Technical Officer),

Shane Anderson (Utilities Consultant)

Purpose:

To make a submission for the installation of water meters at all properties that take water from Council's weir pools, by submitting a request as part of the Cooper Creek Water Plan review.

Discussion:

Currently, limited data is available with regards to water abstractions from Council's weir pools. This makes the overall management of Councils' water supply operations, especially in terms of water conservation and demand management difficult, since apart from Council's abstractions, no other flow data is recorded nor reported. Council is required to record and report its water abstractions (town water supply) to the Regulator at set intervals.

The following known licenses that take water from the weir pools exists:

- a) 9 water licences with purpose of irrigation
- b) 5 water licences with purpose of stock or domestic
- c) 1 water licence with purpose of impound (LRC main weirs)
- d) Irrigation purpose water licenses total 940.5 ML
- e) LRC water licence 604058 authorises 2200ML to be taken from Lot 4 on SP232181 for town water supply purposes.

Longreach solely relies on the Thomson River for its water supply and does not have alternative supply sources. The management of its weir pools and water abstractions is therefore critical, in ensuring demands are met for town water supply, especially during the implementation of water conservation, water restrictions, and water demand management initiatives.

It should be noted that water restrictions to abstractors other than Longreach, are imposed by the Regulator once the water level drops 1.3m below the fixed crest of the main town weir.

The Water Regulation 2016 states the water management areas where measurement of entitlements is required. Measurement is based on several factors such as risk and type of authorisation. The Cooper Creek Water Plan area is not listed as an area requiring

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measurement of water taken under an entitlement. Some individual entitlements have measurement conditions. For trading to occur, both entitlements must have measurement devices installed. The purpose of a water licence from a watercourse may be changed by application, however, the purpose cannot be changed unless the existing licence states a rate of take, daily volumetric limit and nominal entitlement.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	
Expenditure:	Nil	
Net Result:	Nil	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Assets and infrastructure Environmental (external influences)	Comments:
Likelihood:	Possible	
Consequence:	Moderate	
Rating:	Medium	

Environmental

Installation of water meters in unmetered areas will assist Council to manage water demand, by being more responsive. It will also assist in future augmentations to water supplies.

Asset Management

Water meter data will assist in future needs studies.

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

Nil

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Recommendation:

- a) *That Council makes a submission to the Regulator to amend the Cooper Creek Water Plan to include a condition to have the taking of water measured under an entitlement, and*
- b) *If successful, that agreement be reached with the Regulator with regards to the sharing of metered data with Council.*

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15.2 Term of Grant - Release of Unallocated water from Town and Community Reserve

Consideration of approving the Term of Grant for Council's application for release of an additional 500ML of unallocated water for the purposes of town water supply to Longreach Regional Council.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Queensland Water Act 2000

Section 117 - Contents of water licence Section 118 - Conditions of water licence
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Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR SERVICES

3.1.1 Upgrade and maintain storage, treatment, and reticulation infrastructure to provide each community with a reliable, quality water supply
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3.1.3 Implement innovative water management practices to preserve the water supply
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Consultation:

Internal	External
LRC Director of Works LRC Utilities Manager Executive Leadership Team Councillors	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV). Arup Engeny

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Shane Anderson (Utilities Consultant),

Heidi Browne (Engineering Technical Officer)

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Purpose:

Council has been invited to lodge an application for unallocated water for town water supply purposes, from the 'town and community' reserve, as prescribed under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 (Cooper Creek Water Plan). The application must be submitted as per the Terms of Grant document including a resolution confirming the acceptance of the Terms of Grant.

Discussion:

On 30 May 2025, Council received correspondence from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV) advising the release of 500ML of unallocated water from the Town and Community Reserve under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) for the purposes of town water supply to Longreach Regional Council (Council). The correspondence included the Terms of Grant (TOR) document which outlines the application, assessment and offer processes under this release. The closing date for Council to make an application is 5pm on 31 October 2025. It should be noted the Terms of Reference (TOR) Part D – Eligibility also requires the application to include a Council resolution confirming the acceptance of the Terms of Grant.

The price for unallocated water under this release is \$0 (zero) per ML.

The terms were specifically developed to recognise the unallocated water release is dependent upon alterations to Council's town weirs and executing funding to support the Longreach Weir Project. Consequently, should a water licence be granted to Council under this release process, it will have an expiry date of 3 years. Council may apply to either renew the water licence or amalgamate it with Council's existing water licence (WL 604058) prior to the expiry date upon demonstration that the associated storage works have been constructed. The application for unallocated 500ML is being prepared on the basis the water will be allocated to Longreach township. Due to the complexity of the application and the short application deadline, any partial allocation of the 500ML to say, Ilfracombe has not been considered. However, this can be addressed before the 3-year expiry date mentioned above.

Council has engaged Arup to prepare the application in line with the Terms of Grant document with emphasis on meeting the 31 October 2025 deadline. Arup is considering the concurrent application to impound water (Thomson Weir raising project) being prepared separately by Engeny, to support the unallocated water application.

Arup, with representation from Council has held meetings with DLGWV to progress the application and provided Council officers with a draft application for review. Arup are confident the application can be submitted by the 31 October 2025 deadline, on the understanding the regulator may ask for additional information during the assessment period.

While there are some minor changes that are of administrative and technical nature, required to complete the application, most of the work has been completed. The aim is to have this outstanding information included and the application peer reviewed by the submission date.

Environmental

The application has been prepared in consideration of the following environmental factors:

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- Access to water under existing entitlements.
- Stock or domestic supplies.
- The ecological values of the catchment.
- Low flows.
- Waterholes and wetlands.
- Connections between waterholes, particularly at times of low flow.
- The floodplain downstream of the proposed taking or interfering inundation of habitats.

Asset Management

This report does not specifically address asset management, as there is a separate report dealing with water impoundment; and especially in relation to the existing Thomson River weirs and raising of same.

Appendices

1. DRAFT UNALLOCATED Water Licence application Longreach [**15.2.1** - 31 pages]
2. Letter to Council [**15.2.2** - 1 page]
3. Terms of Grant [**15.2.3** - 20 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council, endorses the recommendation to accept the Terms of Grant for Release of unallocated water from the Town and Community Reserve under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 – Town water supply for Longreach Regional Council, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to submit the application.



Longreach Regional Council

Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Licence Application

Unallocated water



Document control

TABLE 1: DOCUMENT CONTROL

Prepared by:	_____
Position title:	_____
Department:	Choose an item.
Version number:	1.0
Status	Draft
File / document number:	_____

Document authorisation

TABLE 2: DOCUMENT AUTHORISATION

Reviewed by:	Andre Pretorius
Position title:	Director of Works
Signature:	_____
Date:	_____



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Schedule 2 – Application Form

Part A – Applicant Details

Name(s)

Specify the names of the persons seeking unallocated water. Corporation, trustee or entity name(s)	
Longreach Regional Council	
ACN (if corporation)	
N/A	

Street address

Address	
96A Eagle Street	
Suburb/Town	
Longreach	
State	Postcode
QLD	4730

Postal address

Address	
PO Box 472	
Suburb/Town	
Longreach	
State	Postcode
QLD	4730

Contact details

Provide the full name of one person who will be the contact for this application	
Brett Walsh	
Email	
brett.walsh@longreach.qld.gov.au	
Phone	Alternative phone
07 4658 4111	

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Part B - Volume of water

Volume of Water

Specify the minimum and maximum annual volume of water in megalitres you are seeking in whole numbers.

Minimum (megalitres)	500
Maximum (megalitres)	500

Commented [AW1]: Do we want to specify daily volumetric limits and mate rates? Current licence is daily volumetric limit (12.5) and max rate (500l/s)

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Part C - Source and location of water

Source of water

Provide the name of the watercourse, lake or spring from which water will be taken.
Thomson River

Describe the parcel/s of land on or adjoining the place from which the water is to be taken. If water is to be taken from a point within the bed and banks of a watercourse which cannot be properly described in terms of a lot and plan, enter the property description of the nearest adjacent land and tick the adjacent to (✓) box.
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Lot	Plan	Adjacent to
4	SP232181	
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To take water from specific point(s) on the nominated land, provide the GPS latitude and longitude (GDA 2020) for the proposed location of take.
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Latitude #1

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Longitude #1

N/A	'	"	E
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Part D - Eligibility

Eligibility criteria	Longreach Regional Council response
Longreach Regional Council to provide a resolution confirming the acceptance of the Terms of Grant	?

Commented [AW3]: Do we have this from Council?

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Part E- Declaration

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

being representatives of Longreach Regional Council, I/we do hereby seek a water licence in accordance with the Terms of Grant and declare that the information and attachments contained in this application are true and correct.

Organisation name			
Longreach Regional Council			
By (name)	?	By (name)	
Position		Position	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	
Witnessed by		Witnessed by	
Witness signature		Witness signature	
Date		Date	

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Schedule 3 – Evaluation criteria

Criteria ID	1
Criteria	The purpose for which the water is required.
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(a) and (g)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe what the water is to be used for (e.g. town water supply) provide a detailed description of the requirement for water including source/s, respective volumes and associated costs of designing, constructing and maintenance of infrastructure. provide supporting information confirming all current water users (residential and non-residential – community, industry and commercial) and demand for water (including timing of take and demand patterns) provide an understanding of all future water users, supply and demand, including factors anticipated to impact future scenarios (such as projections of use requirements – e.g. population growth and economic development; and anticipated water availability – e.g. impacts of climate change).
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1. Criteria 1 Response

The purpose of the water under this application is for town water supply for Longreach. A safe and resilient water supply is an essential resource for Longreach, providing for the health and wellbeing of the community, opportunities for economic and community development, as well as enhancing adaptive capacity to climate change.

Longreach sources its water from the Thomson River, primarily from the Town Weir but also utilising three upstream weirs (Fairmont, Bimbah and Goodberry Hills Weirs). All four weirs are owned and operated by Council, and together have a combined storage capacity of about 8400 megalitres (ML)—the Town Weir storage comprises around 3300 ML of this, and has a minimum operating volume of about 88 ML.

Raw water is pumped from the town’s water storage via duty standby submersible pumps with screened intakes (??) into the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) which can treat 9ML/d but typically

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produces 4 – 7.6 ML/d depending on demand. Treated water is stored in an 8.8 ML Ground Level Reservoir for distribution, either directly or via a 0.5ML water tower. Water is distributed via a reticulated network (61kms), supplying approximately 1,200 connected properties consisting of mostly residential (1200) but also industrial and commercial connections (142). The Assets are managed by Council through controlled procedures and plans identifying maintenance schedules and replacements that is incorporated in Council's annual budget development and approval. The current budgeted cost (FY26) of supplying water to the Council region is detailed below:

Budgeted costs FY26	\$3,364,079
Loan Principle	\$414,508
Less excess water charges	(\$530,000)
Add ROI (for future work)	\$220,000
Add discount amount	\$303,128
Total to recover	\$3,771,715

1.1. Current Demand assessment

The 2019 Longreach *Regional Water Supply Security Assessment*, prepared by the then Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, evaluated the reliability of Longreach's urban water supply system. It analyses factors such as population growth, climate variability, and water demand using historical data and hydrologic modelling, with a focus on the Town Weir fed by the Thomson River. The report assesses the system's ability to meet current and future water needs under varying conditions.

Key findings indicated that while Town Weir can meet Longreach's current water needs in the near term, however there are risks under future climate change (drought) and population changes potentially leading to water supply shortfalls highlighting the importance of long-term planning in response to climate change and population pressures across all levels of Government.

Since this report, there has been a number of significant new economic growth opportunities developed and/or planned, increasing future demand for water.

Council currently holds a licence to impound 3,300 ML in the Thomson River town weirs and an entitlement to take 2,200 ML for town water supply. These licences are held under the Cooper Creek Water Plan. Council is currently progressing an amendment to the impoundment licence to increase storage capacity in the Town Weirs to 4,200 ML as part of the approach to increase regional water security.

Information collected by Council shows that the total volume of water sourced for town water supply from the town weirs over the eight years from 2010/2011 to 2017/2018 averaged approximately 1,800 ML/yr (ranging between 1,470 ML/yr to 2,040 ML/yr).

Based on the total volume of water sourced and the serviced population for each year, the average water demand from the Town Storage during this period was approximately 1,690 litres per capita per day (L/c/d). This figure accounts for residential and non-residential (commercial, municipal and industrial) water supplied from the reticulation network, plus any system losses. It also includes water use by the transient population, such as tourists and temporary workforces. Longreach hosts in excess of 300,000 visitors per annum and many temporary workers including backpackers, short term medical staff and off-farm agricultural workers, all of which places significant demands on the water supply network

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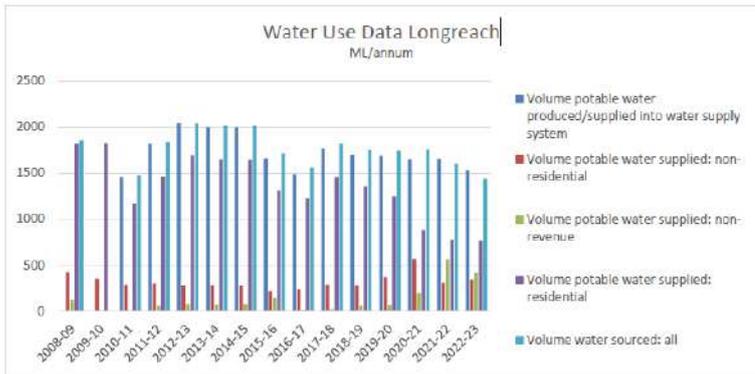


FIGURE 1: BREAKDOWN OF WATER USE IN LONGREACH 2008/09 – 2022/23

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Plot against rainfall

non-revenue water (i.e. real water losses (leaks), apparent water losses and Council Water Use) is also a significant aspect of the water balance. Given the age of the meter fleet it is likely that apparent losses are likely to be higher and real losses somewhat lower than these reported in **Error! Reference source not found..** In the Longreach context Non Revenue water is likely to have two major causes (discussed further in Section **Error! Reference source not found.**);

- Customer metering error (apparent losses), and
- Water leaks or system losses in the Longreach Water Supply network.

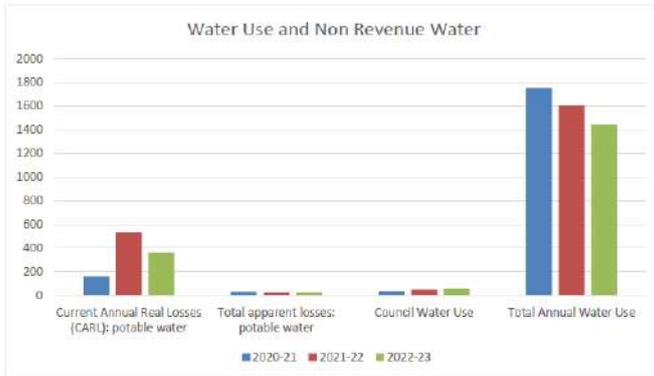


FIGURE 2: NON-REVENUE WATER ESTIMATES FOR LONGREACH

1.2. Future Demand assessment

The 2019 Longreach *Regional Water Supply Security Assessment* has assessed future water demands for Longreach. The population of Longreach has generally centred around the range of 3,000–3,500 people (averaging approximately 3,270) over the period 1933 to 2018. The RWSSA assumed, for the purpose of estimating future water demand, the population would return to its historical range of 3,000–3,500 people over the period 2018–2041.

Based on the average daily water demand of approximately 1,690 L/c/d, with a future population of 3,000-3,500 people, Longreach's average future water demand is estimated to be in the range of 1,850-2,160 ML/yr. While this demand remains relatively high compared to other regional service providers, it is considered reasonable in the context of living in the hot and dry climate of Longreach where water use for evaporative cooling of residences and greening of the landscape are essential to the liveability of the community.

Since the development of the RWSSA, there has been a number of significant developments in Longreach, including:

- Major growth in the last couple of years – 61 properties (mostly government, social housing). A population increase of 2% per annum over the last two years (current population 3,726)
- The establishment and growth of a kangaroo meat processing works
- The establishment of a concrete products industrial plant
- Construction of new housing by the Queensland Government (20 housing units) and LRC (7 housing units)
- The expansion of the Longreach Hospital to include a new renal chair unit, larger pharmacy and new nursing accommodation
- The expansion of the Longreach Tourist Park to cater for more caravans
- The establishment of a new 150 site caravan park
- The completion of a sealed bitumen road from Longreach to Townsville opening up a new drive tourism route.

There is also expected to be more general future residential, commercial and industrial growth in Longreach, including large subdivisions. It is expected these developments will create additional demand beyond that contemplated in the RWSSA. Some of the immediate opportunities for future growth include:

- Planned growth for additional 51 lots near the airport (Residential Activation Fund supported)
- Looking to acquire airport land back for potential industrial and rural residential in the future
- Potential for a private development of rural residential site NE of the Airport
- potential polypipe manufacturing business

Based on the average daily water demand of approximately 1,690 L/c/d and most recent population estimates of 3,726 and applying a number of growth scenarios (??) by 2030 the average future water demand could be as high as ??.

Projected climatic changes for Longreach¹ indicate that by 2050 seasonal variations may include:

¹ Ministerial Infrastructure Designation Proposal - Thomson River Weir Raising Project January 2024 (Project Number: 220597)

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- slightly wetter summers, with drier winter, autumn, and spring
- warmer temperatures for each season (average, minimum, and maximum)
- higher evaporation rates for each season.

The future water demand estimations above are therefore conservative, in that they adopt historical data with periods of lower water use during water restrictions, and does not account for future climatic variability, which could increase the frequency and duration of water restriction periods. There is some uncertainty in respect of the long-term implications of climate change on future water demand and security in Longreach. However, there is a high degree of confidence that climate variability will increase, and rural communities will experience reduced rainfall and more frequent, and prolonged, drought^{Error! Bookmark not defined.}. This emphasises the need for the additional water availability to ensure a secure and reliable water supply for the people of Longreach.

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Criteria ID	2
Criteria	The efficiency of existing and proposed water use practices.
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(b)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the efficiency of any existing water use by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ describing how existing water supplies are used efficiently (e.g. water treatment processes, water demand management processes, water sources tailored to water users, application efficiencies, adoption of best practice guidelines) ○ Identifying any water use efficiency measures that are already in place (e.g. minimisation of storage leakage/ evaporation losses, recycled water initiatives, water conservation and restrictions, metering and monitoring of water usage). • describe planned water use efficiency practices for intended water use, in addition to existing measures, and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consideration of water used for non-potable purposes (e.g. industry, residential and community gardens), ○ demand management optimisation of the reticulation system, and ○ monitoring, detecting and reducing water losses within the towns' supply network. • demonstrate the requested volume of water (nominal entitlement) will support the proposed water use activity. • identify a need for a specific (i.e. daily) rate of take to meet the proposed water use activity.
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the existing and proposed water use practices are efficient, • water use is comparable to any industry standards and practices, • systems are designed to minimise water losses and enable water savings, and components of town water supply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient consideration has been given to non-potable components of town water supply.

2. Criteria 2 Response

As demonstrated above, potential water demand for town water could be in the order of ?? in future years which exceeds the current allowable take of 2,200 ML/yr from the Thomson River Town Weir Pool. The requested additional take of 500 ML/yr of water will allow Council to meet potential demand projects while continuing to explore opportunities to reduce demand and conserve water. The current maximum rate of take identified under licence 604058 (2,200 ML /yr) of 12.5 ML/d and 500 L/s are deemed sufficient as limits for the proposed additional take as the same infrastructure will be utilised and these rates are governed by current infrastructure capacity.

Water security is critical to maintaining Longreach's strong and unique identity, sense of community, and social and economic development. Establishing improved water supply underpins the LRC's strategic directions in respect of community services and infrastructure provision, recognising that water reliability supports future development, social networks and the

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longevity of rural communities Reduced water supply, particularly in regional and rural areas, has many impacts on public health, the environment and the economy.

The overall strategy to increase the stored water volume and potentially access more water from the Thomson River would likely reduce the frequency, duration and severity of water restrictions for Longreach, particularly as drought events are expected to increase. Drought events have social and cultural significance, often experienced most keenly by regional communities that rely on agricultural and pastoral livelihoods² and it has been identified³ that the “cascading impacts of drought are complex, interrelated and affect the whole community.” These include the loss of social networks, reduced mental health and reduced local services.

A large volume of Longreach’s water supply provides for the ongoing maintenance of public and private ‘green’ spaces, such as gardens, lawns, parks, and sporting fields. Green spaces provide vital health services as well as environmental services, reducing socioeconomic health inequalities, facilitating activity and promoting better mental health and well-being⁴. A secure water supply will facilitate more reliable continuation of green space maintenance and allow for the incorporation of greenspace into the design of buildings, healthcare facilities, social care settings, homes and communities. This creates shared spaces which facilitate interaction and attachment, foster well-being, and increase opportunities for green exercise.

2.1. Current Water Efficiency Practices

Current water efficiency practices mostly revolve around the management of customer demand and the maintenance and replacement of infrastructure.

Longreach Regional Council recovers water and sewerage costs through rates charged to customers. The rates charged to customers is based on a unit allocation per customer type (i.e. residential, commercial) with an amount of water associated with that allocation. The typical allocation per connection is 1200 KL. Connections are metered and if usage is above the allocated amount of water, excess charges apply on a volumetric basis. On average, the residential average usage per connection in 2024 was approximately 1,100 KL (or similarly 1,355 L/p/d).

Bulk water usage is monitored through instrumentation and data collection to understand patterns in usage and variability in flows/demand. Council sets levels of service around supply continuity including targets for maximum mains breaks and customer supply interruptions, which both help drive good practice for maintenance programs and infrastructure replacement to reduce water loss and conserve water.

Council also maintains an after hours/emergency service for customers to report water leaks or bursts to facilitate timely repair. Council has been actively implementing a program to replace old water mains and this has seen a reduction in real water losses in the past 3 years losses have been reduced

Council also implements a *Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan*, that specifies restriction trigger levels for each of the major towns in the Longreach LGA, along with the restriction details (e.g. times when sprinkler usage is allowed), target town consumption (L/p/day) and remaining months of water supply at each of these trigger levels which further

² Paxton, 2021

³ Kelly (2019)

⁴ Barton and Rogerson, 2017

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supports water use efficiency and conservation (**Error! Reference source not found.**). A range of restrictions on specific activities to achieve these reduced consumption rates are further detailed in the *Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan*.

TABLE 3: WATER RESTRICTIONS DEFINED IN THE *WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN*

Restriction Level	Trigger (below weir crest)	Target Town Consumption	Remaining Months of Supply (at restriction level)
1: Water Conservation	0 to 1.3 m	4.9 ML/d 1,310 L/p/d	20
2: Demand Management	1.3 to 2.3 m	4.3 ML/d 1,122 L/p/d	14
3: Demand Management	2.3 to 3.3 m	3.6 ML/d 1,122 L/p/d	11
4: Drought Management	3.3 to 4.3 m	3.0 ML/d 778 L/p/d	9
5: Critical Water Supply	4.3 to 10.3 m	2.3 ML/d 600 L/p/d	5

In addition to the available surface water from Thomson River, Council also hold an entitlement to extract up to 800 ML/a from the Hooray Sandstone unit of the Great Artesian Basin. Until about 10 years ago, some of this water was used to contribute to the total urban water supply for Longreach through a raw water supply scheme. However, due to a number of issues, including high fluoride content of the groundwater and the aged condition of the associated infrastructure, this supply source is no longer used and the scheme has been decommissioned.

Similarly, a town bore was drilled in [?] to provide an alternative water supply and support the fluoridation of the towns water supply; however, it proved to be problematic for the operation of key aspects of the water treatment plant (particularly disinfection) and the fluoridation aspect was challenging to regulate and not supported by the community. Subsequently, the bore was decommissioned from the scheme however some of this bore water is being used to offset potable water for non-potable applications (e.g. roadworks).

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2.2. Future Water Efficiency Practices

In response to growing concerns around water security, LRC developed the *Water Security For Growth Program* to address the water supply and demand imbalances identified above. The program three key focusses:

- 1. Water Supply Augmentation** - Raising the height of the existing five weirs on the Thomson River to increase water storage and secure additional water for town water purposes under the *Cooper Creek Water Plan*.
- 2. Demand Management Activities** – implementing contemporary smart meters across the distribution network, continue to renew old water mains and undertaking detailed leak detection analysis.
- 3. Planning for future Water Development Opportunities** – Developing a *Water and Wastewater Servicing Strategy* considering future growth requirements and alignment of trunk infrastructure with QLD Planning Guidelines and demand reduction measures such as

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water recycling and alternative manufactured water supply (e.g. wastewater recycling or treatment of poor quality water from the Great Artesian Basin (GAB)).

In late 2024, Council received funding through the WISER program to support the *Water Security For Growth Program* as a collaborative funding partnership between Council and the State and Federal Governments. This funding will support Council's weir raising initiative along with the additional initiatives to support reduced demand on the town water supply and increase water security (**Error! Reference source not found.**).

TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF WATER SECURITY PROJECTS

Water Security Initiative	Funding Allocation	Potential Water Saving
Water Supply Augmentation	\$11M	Review of drought triggers and levels
Demand Management	\$6M (mains replacement) \$1.5M (meters and leak detection)	245 ML/yr
Future Water Development Opportunities	\$0.5M	To be determined through servicing strategy

The *Longreach Water and Wastewater Servicing Strategy* (under development) will further explore opportunities to reduce demand (refer Section **Error! Reference source not found.** below).

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Criteria ID	3
Criteria	The availability of an alternative water supply for the purpose for which the water is required
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(b)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must state whether alternative water sources are available to meet water demands without the need for the unallocated water. To address this criterion the application must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss alternative water supplies (e.g. groundwater, recycled water, and permanent transfer of existing water licences) • describe the viability and reliability of each of these • identify any opportunities to make use of those supplies (such as, the potential to substitute raw water supplies for certain purposes and/or alternate supplies for non-potable uses). <p>If other viable alternative supplies exist, the application should also describe how the water under this application is intended to be used in conjunction with the other water sources.</p>
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant alternate water sources have been identified and investigated, and • sufficient consideration has been given to these sources.

3. Criteria 3 Response

A feasibility study was undertaken by Cardno in 2017 to consider a range of options for improving water security in Longreach. The options considered include raising existing weir levels, new water storage areas, desalination of groundwater or a new groundwater bore and a water recycling scheme. Based on the Cardno assessment, the raising of weir levels to increase the volume of the town weir pool was considered the most feasible solution and has focussed Council's efforts as the first priority. This was based on the following justification:

- No additional infrastructure required, town storage to utilise existing intake infrastructure associated with Longreach water treatment plant (WTP).
- Minimises introduction of new environmental impacts, representing a material change to existing identified impacts within the current footprint only.
- Represents to the most reliable source of additional water given the reliability of Thomson River flows and supply, quality and licensing limitations associated with other options.
- Fewer impacts to private landholders and community given that no additional infrastructure or inundation of land not already subject to inundation is proposed.
- Relatively lower operation and maintenance costs in comparison to other options.

As discussed further in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** above, this priority initiative is complemented by a number of additional initiatives aimed at reducing the overall water demand including leakage reduction and improved metering of the town distribution system. Further, the future development of the *Longreach Water and Wastewater Servicing Strategy* will explore opportunities to reduce demand by considering the following options:

- Engagement and advocacy within the community to increase water efficiency

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- Wastewater recycling including for industry and/or council operations (e.g. roads, parks, fields) – note consideration of augmentation of drinking water is not considered due to cost and community sentiment against the practice)
- Stormwater recycling including for industry and council operations (e.g. roads, parks, fields)
- Recycling of water within existing water treatment plant processes (e.g. backwash water)
- Potential to augment supply (either directly or through offsetting potable demand) through the use of the current GAB bore allocation and infrastructure. Note: consideration of a new bore with more suitable source water quality (~80kms from Longreach) was ruled out in the original feasibility study due to prohibitive costs of construction and operation.

While these options are seen as having potential to reduce overall demand and improve water security, they will unlikely negate the need to access additional water to secure the long term water security for Longreach. This was a primary justification for the need for additional storage in the town weir pool under the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) Application.

The option with the greatest potential to offset the need for the additional take is to improve the treatment of the existing GAB bore supply (potential supply volume of 800 ML/yr though licence) to augment the current supply scheme. However, analysis done through the Cardno feasibility study demonstrated that the current yield from these bores is likely only a maximum of 240 ML/y and the cost of installing and operating permanent infrastructure far exceeds the cost of increasing the town water storage and accessing more surface water from the Thompson using existing infrastructure.

Rather, the aim of these options are to:

- reduce associated raw water demand from other licence users, therefore reducing demand on the town weir pool supply
- limit/stabilise the current rates of demand under a changing climate and growing population
- support emergency supply management during drought and
- maximise water use efficiency and integrated water management principles for whole of community outcomes.

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Criteria ID	4
Criteria	The extent to which water is being taken under existing authorisations in the Plan area
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(c)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must include information regarding any existing water entitlements Council may currently hold at the proposed development location, specifically including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of existing water entitlements and their current and historical usage, and • justification of why these existing water entitlements are not suitable or adequate. <p>Council is not required to provide any information on other existing authorisations that take water within the plan area.</p>
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing entitlements and usage data has been identified • sufficient consideration has been given to the suitability or adequacy of these entitlements. <p>DLGWV will consider any existing authorisations that take water within the plan area during the assessment process.</p>

4. Criteria 4 Response

The Ministerial Infrastructure Designation Report (MID) for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project (RIDA: Appendix B) prepared by NGH Consulting (dated 8th January 2024, ref. 220597) in support of the Thomson River Weir Raising Project (application ref. MID-0423-0690) provides the relevant information regarding existing water entitlements held by Council at the proposed development site. The relevant information relating to the criteria 4 response is summarised below.

Review of existing water licences held by Council within and adjacent to the proposed development land parcels has been undertaken, utilising the water entitlement register last updated 7th July 2025 – accessed 18 September 2025). The active licences held by Council relating to Longreach are shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** The licences relating to the take of water for town water supply are identified as 609661 (impound) and 604058 (take). Licence 43976J is located upstream of the town weirs and is not considered relevant to this application. Details pertaining the licences per the key issues raised in criteria 2.

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TABLE 5: WATER LICENCES HELD BY COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH LONGREACH TOWNSHIP

Licence Number	609661	604058	439761	OIC 22/12/1983	
Holder	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council
Relevant Plan	Cooper Creek Water Plan	Cooper Creek Water Plan	Cooper Creek Water Plan	Cooper Creek Water Plan	Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers
Authorisation Type	Licence to interfere by impounding- Embankment or Wall	Licence to take water	Licence to interfere by impounding- Embankment or Wall	Licence to interfere by impounding- Embankment or Wall	
Status	Under Amendment	Issued	Issued	Issued	
Issued Date	28/05/2014	13/12/2018	3/09/2010	1983	
Expiration Date	30/06/2111	30/06/2111	30/06/2111	-	
Capacity (ML)	3300	-	3000	1090 (Bimbah Weir) 1650 (Goodberry Weir)	
Max. Height (m)	-	-	5.2	-	
Location (Lot/Plan)	4/SP232181	4/SP232181	2/SP134387	-	
Authorised Purpose	Impound Water	Town Water Supply	Impound Water	Impound Water	
Entitlement Per Annum (ML)	-	2,200	-	-	
Max. Extraction Rate (ML/day)	-	12.5 (500 L/s)	-	-	

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Include graph of current and historical use

Section **Error! Reference source not found.** provides justification for the need for additional storage volume and additional take of water, supported by the Longreach regional water supply security assessment (RWSSA) and the MID application. The justification of why these current allocations are not adequate is primarily driven by the assessment that in the face of increasing climate variability, increasing demand and reduced security and sustainability, additional water is required for Longreach's future water security.

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Criteria ID	5a
Criteria	<p>The impact the proposed taking of, or interfering with, the water may have on the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to water under existing entitlements • stock or domestic supplies, • the ecological values of the catchment • low flows • waterholes and wetlands • connections between waterholes, particularly at times of low flow • the floodplain downstream of the proposed taking or interfering • inundation of habitats
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(i), (iii) (iv) and (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if access to water for stock or domestic purposes will be impacted within the Longreach Weir waterhole, • if key ecological values within and downstream of the Longreach Weir waterhole will be impacted, • consideration of the take of water during times of low flows within and downstream of the Longreach Weir waterhole and during critical low flow conditions within the Longreach Weir waterhole • if any local wetlands have direct linkages with the proposed location of take, and if so, any impacts, • (if local waterholes are connected), any considerations of taking water during times of low flow, • the interactions of floodplains with the flow of water and if the proposed take of water will impact these interactions. <p>Note, there is no requirement for the application to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to water under existing water entitlements - DLGWV will consider this as part of the hydrological (IQQM) modelling outputs, or • inundation of habitats - this is specific to an interference of water, or • impacts to Water Allocation Security Objectives (WASO's) or Environmental Flow Objectives (EFO's) – as these are not specified for the Cooper Creek Water Plan.
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess the results of hydrological modelling (IQQM) and information supplied to determine any potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impacts to existing users • ecological conditions relevant to the proposed location of take • any associated impacts locally or downstream of the proposed location of take, and requirement for conditions on the resulting licence to take water, to mitigate potential impacts. <p>Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.</p>

5. Criteria 5a Response

5.1. stock or domestic supplies,

The increase in storage volume of the Town Weir Pool will provide greater access to water for stock and domestic purposes. Additionally, further analysis of drawdown (Refer Section ??) has shown that water will be available for longer within the weir pool as the frequency of hitting lower level restrictions is reduced

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5.2. the ecological values of the catchment

The Town Weirs are located within the Thomson River sub-basin (0032) of the Cooper Creek basin (003). There are no defined EV's and WQO's identified under the *Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy 2019* (EPP Water) for the Thomson River sub-basin. Additionally, no aquatic flora or fauna species listed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act, Queensland NC Act and / or listed as a Priority species within Queensland were recorded during the field surveys conducted as part of the MID Application. Therefore, it is considered unlikely that the increased interference or take will have a significant impact on conservation significant species, due to a lack of known records nearby, lack of suitable habitat, and/or no observations of these species during recent targeted surveys.

However, there are a number of recognised ecological features of the River that should be considered in relation to the increased storage and take of water within the Longreach Town Weirs. Given the Town Weirs system is already well established and there is no proposed change the location of the existing weir structures, the expanding of their vertical and lateral extents commensurate with the overall height increase is not expected to have significant impacts to these ecological features. This was specifically addressed within the MID Application and **Error! Reference source not found.** summarises some of the potential impacts and the key mitigations.

TABLE 6: SUMMARY OF KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND IMPACTS (ADAPTED FROM MID APPLICATION)

Environmental Aspect	Key Potential Impacts	Mitigation
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts on the depth, velocity and frequency of flooding due to changes in hydrology along the Thomson River main channel. 	MID Hydrology assessment concluded likely to be inconsequential and recommended that the areas immediately adjacent to and downstream of the weirs are monitored for scour or erosion following overtopping events.
Aquatic ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts on aquatic flora and fauna associated with disturbance of the bed and banks through increased depth of inundation for bed-dwelling ecology. Potential impacts on the movement of fish past the raised weirs. 	The increased depth of inundation for bed-dwelling ecology is not expected to have an impact due to the already established depths in the pool and the prevailing low aquatic habitat complexity. The increased storage area will result in an increased inundation (and the footprint of the FSL) within the main channel Thomson River and at least three off-channel ephemeral tributaries. This will result in a shift in hydrological regime from ephemeral to semi-permanent inundation of in-stream and riparian habitats within the modelled revised FSL. There is potential for a net positive benefit for smaller bodied fish species, as increased off-channel shallow and complex habitat will help avoid predation by larger species, abundant in the main channel Thomson River and increase the dry weather refuge opportunities. Fish passage structures are also incorporated into the weir designs and operations.

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Terrestrial ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts on terrestrial flora and fauna associated with the increased Full Supply Level (FSL) and increased flow velocity downstream. 	Efforts to protect and restore the ecological health of the Thomson River and Town Storage banks include controlling grazing to support natural tree recruitment, planting native species like <i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i> where regeneration is lacking, and installing artificial hollows or repurposing felled trees to maintain habitat for hollow-dependent fauna. Additional measures focus on monitoring erosion near weirs, restricting public access to prevent riverbank damage, and implementing bank stabilisation works where project-related scouring threatens habitat integrity.
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts on land directly disturbed by the increased FSL. 	Small portions of the revised FSL are shown to intersect with a number of allotments (13), based on geospatial analysis. Analysis undertaken through the MID application indicates that intersections are very minor in nature and due to the resolution of LiDAR data and inherent error in cadastral boundaries, may not necessarily equate to actual inundation of the allotments. Furthermore, inundation increases are typically contained to the bed and banks of the Thomson River. Council is committed to continued consultation with adjacent landowners throughout the project to mitigate potential impacts
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the additional storage and take from the Thomson River doesn't involve the extraction or interference with any groundwater sources, no potential groundwater impacts would occur as a result. 	N/A

These identified impacts are largely associated with the increase capacity of the Town Weir Pool and the proposed increased take of water (assuming the increased capacity) is unlikely to have any further material impact on these features as the analysis shown in Section ?? indicates that the drawdown and availability of water within the town weir pool is not significantly different under the increased take compared to the current take pre weir increase.

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5.3. low flows, waterholes and wetlands and floodplain downstream

Waterway connectivity along the Thomson River is already affected by the Town Weir, creating a deep pool reaching beyond the upstream Fairmont Weir and serving as a dry season refuge. Similarly, the Oma Waterhole downstream serves a similar function, connecting to Cooper Creek during the wet season with the waterhole noticeably cut-off from any downstream or upstream connection through the year.

Hydrological assessments undertaken for the MID application indicate that the frequency and intensity of overtopping of the weir was similar between the current and post-weir raising scenarios. It also highlighted some localised velocity increases downstream of the weirs that are likely to be inconsequential. Therefore, the impacts to associated waterholes and downstream floodplain of the raising of the weirs is not considered significant.

No wetlands were identified in the vicinity of the Town Weir Pools through the aquatic ecology assessment undertaken as part of the MID Application.

The take of water under this application is not considered to have a material impact on the downstream environment as this is government more by the frequency of

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overtopping the weirs, which has shown be immaterial between current and raised weir scenarios. Analysis of the take of additional water (Section ??) from the weir pool indicates a reduction in the frequency of experiencing low flow/water level which is seem as an overall positive outcome from the project.

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Criteria ID	5b
Criteria	<p>The impact the proposed taking of, or interfering with, the water may have on the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water quality • the drawdown levels in waterholes • the natural movement of sediment • the movement of fish and other aquatic species • the connection with groundwater
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(ii), (v), (vi), (xii), and (xv)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application must, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if there will be an impact on water quality, either within the Longreach Weir waterhole or downstream of any proposed locations of take, • how drawdown within the Longreach Weir waterhole will be considered to meet future water demands, • if there is any connection with groundwater associated with future water demands taken from within the Longreach Weir waterhole. <p>Note, there is no requirement for the application to address the following, as these are specific to an interference with water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural movement of sediments, or • the movement of fish or other aquatic species.
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if there is a requirement to mitigate any identified impacts through conditioning of a water licence.</p> <p>Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.</p>

6. Criteria 5b Response

6.1. water quality

As part of the MID Application, water quality assessments were undertaken. Water quality in the vicinity of the Town Weirs was classified as moderate to good, likely influenced to some degree by surrounding land-use and local geomorphology, which is characteristic of a moderately disturbed ecosystem. Water Quality of waterways within the vicinity of the Project was highly variable, with spatial heterogeneity in physicochemical stressors and toxicants typical of ephemeral systems in the region.

Given the already modified nature of the town weir pool, the raising of the weirs is not considered likely to have a material impact on long-term water quality with the greatest potential impact through the construction of the new weirs. There is no current material change in water quality correlated with the drawn down of the weir pool and this is not expected to be further impacted under the additional take scenario. Given the high historic background turbidity in the system, the ongoing sedimentation of the weir pool is possibly the greatest water quality risk in future and should be monitored to assess the impact to storage volume and water quality (noting it has not been a material risk to date).

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6.2. the drawdown levels in waterholes

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6.3. the connection with groundwater

As the additional storage and take from the Thomson River doesn't involve the extraction or interference with any groundwater sources, no potential groundwater impacts would occur as a result.

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Criteria ID	5c
Criteria	<p>The impact the proposed taking of, or interfering with, the water may have on the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recreation and aesthetic values • cultural values, including, for example, cultural values of local Aboriginal communities
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(xiii) and (xiv)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>The application should identify any known water related values associated with the water source, at this location and any locations connected to it.</p> <p>The application must include details of all stakeholder consultation regarding the Longreach Weir Project, including that from those located downstream of the proposed take; and specifically including local Aboriginal communities, indigenous groups or representative bodies.</p>
Key issues which are required to be addressed	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an appropriate level of identification and consultation with communities' values has been undertaken • specifically, this has included local indigenous communities' and their cultural values, and • sufficient consideration has been given to mitigation measures that may be undertaken.

7. Criteria 5b Response

7.1. recreation and aesthetic values

Tourism plays a vital role in Longreach's economy, contributing significantly to regional growth and employment. According to the Longreach Regional Council's Economic Development Charter, tourism—alongside agriculture—is one of the dominant industries in the region. Between 2021 and 2023, Longreach's Gross Regional Product (GRP) rebounded sharply from approximately \$260 million to over \$370 million, with increased tourism identified as a key driver of this growth⁵. The sector supports local businesses, enhances cultural vibrancy, and contributes to community liveability, making it a cornerstone of Longreach's economic development strategy.

The Thomson River is a cornerstone of Longreach's tourism appeal, offering both natural beauty and immersive outback experiences. It hosts popular attractions like River Cruises, where visitors enjoy sunset river cruises aboard historic paddlesteamers, camping and picnic facilities, fishing, boating/paddling and swimming.

Recognising its value, the *Thomson River Master Plan* was developed by Longreach Regional Council to enhance recreational and tourism opportunities along a 4km stretch of the river. The plan aims to improve access, add amenities like nature trails and picnic areas, and create unique tourism experiences while preserving the river's environmental integrity.

⁵ Economic Development Charter. Longreach Regional Council.

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The raising of the town weirs is not anticipated to have a material impact on the recreational and aesthetic value of this area. The greatest potential impact is a reduction in access to riverside camping sites during high storage levels. The following benefits are seen from the weir raising project:

- More water in the weir pool more often increasing the aesthetic appeal of the river for users and river operators
- Improved fish movement and increased aquatic habitat in the weir pool leading to improved recreational experiences

As per the analysis in Section 7.2, the additional take of water from the weir pool is not expected to have a material impact on the recreational and aesthetic value of the Weir Pool as water levels are maintained at higher levels for longer.

7.2. Cultural values including, for example, cultural values of local Aboriginal communities.

Longreach Regional Council has strong positive relationships with First Nations Communities of the region. Through these relationships Council has worked actively in the community to recognise and value first Nations Cultural Heritage as a key foundation to the region.

Assessment of Aboriginal and non-indigenous cultural heritage was undertaken as part of the MID Application. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inspection found presence of isolated and concentrated tangible artefacts along the length of the study area, including within the proposed construction footprint.

To mitigate potential adverse impacts, the assessment recommends that continued consultation with Bidjara representatives is undertaken prior to and during the project construction to implement recommended mitigation measures, including monitoring of initial ground disturbance works. Additionally, a range of recommendations in relation to items with potential non-indigenous historic importance to be considered by Council is included in this assessment.

Council will be developing a Cultural Heritage Management Plan during early stage of the project deliver to plan out the following identified prioritised actions:

- Ongoing consultation and engagement
- Monitoring initial ground disturbing works by Native Title Representatives.
- Development of a Cultural Heritage Agreement with representatives of the Bidjara
- Completion of Cultural Heritage Training and Awareness for people working on site.
- The Development of project Stop Work Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters

7.3. Community Consultation

Significant community and cultural consultation has occurred to date through the development of the MID application and other associated applications. As part of the delivery of the weir raising project and the development of the *Water Servicing Strategy*, further community consultation will be planned and implemented.

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Criteria ID	6
Criteria	The imposition of flow conditions, on water entitlements to take, or interfere with, water, to protect low flows and other ecologically significant flows
Head of Power	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(f)
Key issues which are required to be addressed	The application must describe if there are any ecologically significant flows to support local ecological assets that could be impacted from the proposed take of water.
Key issues which are required to be addressed	DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if there is a requirement to mitigate any identified impacts through conditioning of a water licence. Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.

1. Criteria 6 Response

No Water Allocation Security Objectives (WASO's) or Environmental Flow Objectives (EFO's) are specified for the Cooper Creek Water Plan.

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Our ref: CTS 10226/25

30 May 2025

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 472
LONGREACH QLD 4730



Department of
**Local Government,
Water and Volunteers**

Email: ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Walsh

RE: Release of unallocated water from the Town and Community Reserve under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 for Longreach Regional Council

I am pleased to advise that on 30 May 2025, I as the delegate of the Chief Executive under the *Water Act 2000* (Water Act), released 500 megalitres of unallocated water from the Town and Community Reserve under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 for the purposes of town water supply to Longreach Regional Council (Council).

Enclosed with this correspondence is the Terms of Grant document which outlines the application, assessment and offer processes under this release. I note that in accordance with clause 7 of the Terms of Grant, the closing date for Council to make an application is **5pm on 31 October 2025**.

These Terms were specifically developed to recognise that the unallocated water release is dependent upon alterations to Council's town weirs and executing funding to support the Longreach Weir Project. Consequently, should a water licence be granted to Council under this release process, it will have an expiry date of 3 years. Council may apply to either renew the water licence or amalgamate it with Council's existing water licence (WL 604058) prior to the expiry date upon demonstration that the associated storage works have been constructed.

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers is available to meet with Council to discuss the Terms of Grant, specifically the requirements for making an application under this process.

If you require any further information, please contact Kylie O'Keeffe, Senior Water Officer, Water Management and Use, Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers on 4763 0769 or email kylie.okeeffe@rdmw.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Kristy Meacle
Director
Water Management and Use – North Region
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1. Application for unallocated water for Town Water Supply

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV) invites Longreach Regional Council (Council) to lodge an application for unallocated water for town water supply purposes, from the 'town and community' reserve, as prescribed under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 (Cooper Creek Water Plan).

Unallocated water is being released to increase the reliability of supply of water for the township of Longreach, which includes the storage and management of water within weirs on the Thomson River.

This document (Terms of Grant) outlines the process for an application (and supporting information) to be made and assessed under the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act).

2. Eligibility and restrictions

Council is eligible to make an application for a water licence under this Terms of Grant for town water supply. No other person or entity is eligible.

Council, as a local government, is a prescribed entity under the Water Act and is eligible to hold a water licence under the Water Act.

Council must submit evidence of a council resolution to accept the Terms of Grant.

A water licence will only be granted from unallocated water reserves if the application is consistent with the Cooper Creek Water Plan outcomes and objectives.

3. Water availability, type and product specification

The town and community reserve of the Cooper Creek Water Plan applies to all subcatchments within the Plan area. The total volume of town and community reserve that can be released within the Cooper Creek Water Plan area is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Total volume of town and community reserve in Cooper Creek Water Plan

Sub-Catchment	Total volume within town and community unallocated water reserve (ML)
All	500

4. Price

The price for unallocated water under this release is **\$0** (zero) per ML.

5. Water Licence

Under section 14 of the Cooper Creek Resource Operations Plan 2013, unallocated water can only be granted as a water licence. Under section 23 of the Cooper Creek Water Plan, a water licence to take water from a watercourse, lake or spring in the Plan area must state the following elements:

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- the purpose for which water may be taken under the licence;
- the maximum rate at which water may be taken;
- the daily volumetric limit;
- the nominal entitlement; and
- the conditions, if any, including flow conditions and conditions about storing water taken under the licence.

As per section 117 of the Water Act, a water licence must include stated contents. Under section 118, a water licence is subject to the conditions the chief executive (or their authorised delegate) may impose.

Any licence granted under this process may state or include any or all of the following:

- the water taken under the authority of this water licence can only be used for the purpose of town water supply;
- an (initial) term that will align with completion of constructed infrastructure to store the water released under these terms.
- the requirement for a measuring device (with telemetry capabilities) approved by the chief executive to be installed and working to measure the volume of water taken;
- the licence cannot be converted to a water allocation nor can it be traded or transferred to another person or entity;
- the licensee must undertake and report on a stated monitoring program.

A sample licence that may be granted under this process can be found in Schedule 1.

6. Planning an application

Independent advice: Council should consider obtaining independent advice for particular circumstances in planning and preparing an application, including advice on the presence and suitability of the water source from which water is proposed to be taken.

Pre-lodgement information: DLGWV acknowledges previous discussions with Council and correspondence including provision of information regarding potential evaluation criteria related to a process to apply for water to meet Council's water requirements. It is strongly recommended that Council or its agent request a pre-lodgement meeting to discuss specific requirements for addressing evaluation criteria if they require further clarity. A request for a pre-lodgement meeting should be made to the contact nominated in Section 9.

Associated approvals: Council is responsible for obtaining any approval, consent, notification or agreement required and should commence the process to obtain them at the earliest opportunity. DLGWV reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any application where relevant consents, notifications, approvals or agreements have not been sought or obtained.

7. Completing an application

An application must conform to the following requirements before it will be assessed against the evaluation criteria.

Application form: The application form (Schedule 2) for accessing water identified in the Terms of Grant must be completed by Longreach Regional Council.

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Closing Date: The closing date for making an application is **5pm on 31 October 2025**. Council may make an application at its convenience provided this process remains active. DLGWV must give Council 30 business days' notice if it decides to cancel the Terms of Grant rendering the water unavailable.

Volume: Council must specify the minimum and maximum volume required. By stating a minimum and maximum volume range Council is agreeing that, if its application is successful and it is offered a volume of water within the specified range, the volume would be acceptable to Council. If a volume range is not applicable, please enter the required volume as both minimum and maximum volumes in the Application Form (Schedule 2).

Location of water take: Council must nominate the location of the proposed take of water. The location is to be in longitudinal and latitudinal coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020).

Addressing the evaluation criteria: Council must address all of the evaluation criteria specified in Schedule 3, by providing sufficient supporting information in writing for all criteria.

Signing formalities: An authorised signatory of Council must sign the completed application form.

Non-conforming application: Failure to meet all of the above requirements means an application is non-conforming. DLGWV will, depending on the extent and nature of the non-conformance, request further information or require a new application.

8. Lodgement of an application

An application will be accepted from Council or its agent by emailing UAW.North@rdmw.qld.gov.au. The subject heading should state: **Longreach Regional Council Unallocated Water Application**.

If files containing supporting information are too large to attach via email, please request an alternative application method by emailing the same email address.

Withdrawing an application: Council may withdraw its application by notifying DLGWV in writing, providing an indication of whether interest in water under this Terms of Grant remains, whether it intends to make a future application for the water, and the approximate timing of any future application. Upon receipt of withdrawal notification, DLGWV may decide to leave the process open to allow for a new application to be made by Council at a later date or close the process and withdraw the Terms of Grant.

Amending an application: Until the finalisation of DLGWV's assessment of the application under section 10 of this Terms of Grant, Council may amend its application by contacting DLGWV (via email UAW.North@rdmw.qld.gov.au) and must state the grounds for the requested amendment/s. DLGWV will consider the changes and notify Council of its decision whether or not to accept the amendment/s to the application.

9. Assessment

Receipt of application: DLGWV will acknowledge receipt of application and provide conformance advice to Council within 15 business days from the date the application is received.

Failure to provide sufficient information or non-conforming application: DLGWV may request additional information before determining eligibility or completing the assessment. If additional

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information formally requested by the chief executive's delegate is not provided, the application will be deemed non-conforming.

Supplying additional information: Council may request a meeting with DLGWV to discuss additional information requirements to address deficiencies. Additional information may be submitted as an addendum to the original application. DLGWV reserves the right to limit the number of times Council may be able to submit additional information to the original application, before rejecting the application.

Evaluation: The application with supporting information will be assessed by DLGWV in accordance with this Terms of Grant, including assessment against the criteria in Schedule 3. The time period for assessment will depend on the extent and complexity of issues and any requirement for one or more additional information requests.

10. DLGWV contact details

If Council or its agent is wishing to seek advice about its obligations and application requirements, please contact the department:

Attention: Kylie O'Keeffe

Phone: 07 4763 0769

Email: UAW.North@rdmw.qld.gov.au

11. Notification of offer or rejection

Offer (successful applicant): If the application is assessed as successful under this Terms of Grant, a water licence offer will be made in writing by email to Council.

The Water Licence offer will include:

- a letter of offer stating the volume of water in megalitres per annum being offered,
- a draft licence with conditions that will apply if Council accepts the offer, and
- an acceptance form to complete and return if Council accepts the licence as offered.

Amending a water licence offer: DLGWV may rescind and issue an amended water licence offer if an error is made in any of the documents that make up the contents of the water licence offer.

Rejected application: If, following assessment in accordance with section 9, the application is deemed to be non-conforming or unsuccessful under this Terms of Grant it will be rejected. Notification of rejection will be given in writing by email stating the reasons why an offer for a water licence has not been made.

Decisions are final: The decision to offer a water licence or to notify of rejection is final and not negotiable. If Council is not satisfied with a decision, a new application may be made, provided the closing date for completing an application as detailed in section 7 of this Terms of Grant has not passed.

12. Acceptance of offer

To accept the offer of a licence Council **must** complete and return the acceptance form to DLGWV by email to UAW.North@rdmw.qld.gov.au by the due date stated in the letter of offer.

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13. Grant of a water licence

Once DLGWV receives the acceptance form, a water licence consistent with the draft provided in the Water Licence offer will be granted. DLGWV will send the water licence via email to Council.

14. General Terms of Grant

Changes to the process: If the process is cancelled, or the closing date is extended, or some or all of the total volume of water available under this process is withdrawn, DLGWV must advise Council in writing (via email) stating the changes being made to the process.

Release and indemnity: By planning, making enquiries in relation to or making an application, Council agree to unconditionally release and indemnify the State of Queensland, DLGWV, its officers, agents and representatives from and against all actions, claims, proceedings or demands and in respect of any loss, death, injury, illness or damage (whether personal or property, and whether special, direct, indirect or consequential, including consequential financial loss) arising from or in connection with the Terms of Grant and the release process, including (without limitation) any related publication or announcement. The State of Queensland, DLGWV, its officers, agents and representatives will not in any circumstances (including for negligence) be liable for any loss of revenue, loss of profit, loss of anticipated savings or business, loss of opportunity (including opportunity to enter into or complete arrangements with third parties), loss of data or goodwill, loss of reputation or any indirect or consequential loss whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, in connection with the Terms of Grant or the release process.

No warranties: Council is responsible for making its own investigation and assessment about all matters relevant to this process, the Terms of Grant, the accuracy of all information and documents provided by DLGWV and all other matters relevant to its application. DLGWV is not liable to pay any compensation to Council or its agents in relation to its application or this process in any circumstances, for any reason. DLGWV provides no warranty about the quality or availability of water which may be obtained by Council as a result of this process. Council accept the risk as to quality and quantity of water that is made available.

Documents: It is recommended that Council keep a copy of its application, additional and supporting information provided for its own records.

Subject to offer of licence: No rights of access to water will be deemed to have been granted until a water licence has been offered by DLGWV and accepted by Council in accordance with the Terms of Grant.

Costs and expenses: Council must meet all costs incurred in participating in this process, planning and making its application and any associated approvals.

Jurisdiction: The Terms of Grant is governed by the laws and the courts of Queensland.

Public information: DLGWV may make publicly available information about the application received, and any volume granted to Council.

Right to information: Information contained in an application may be subject to third party disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

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Personal information consent: By lodging the application form Council permit DLGWV to access or use information in its application for the purpose of this process.

No fetter: Nothing in the Terms of Grant will fetter, act as an estoppel or as an agreement about the exercise of discretion or the making of a decision or subordinate legislation under any law by the State of Queensland, DLGWV, its officers, employees, agents or representatives.

Longreach Regional Council claims: Council will not make any claim against DLGWV or the State of Queensland in connection with a decision by DLGWV to exercise or not to exercise any of its rights in relation to the release process.

DLGWV discretion: Other than as expressly provided for in this Terms of Grant, DLGWV reserves the right to make any changes to this Terms of Grant in its absolute discretion by notifying Council in writing (email). Without limitation, DLGWV may:

- add or change terms or requirements including as a result of changes to legislation
- reject any or all applications
- amend the evaluation criteria stipulated in this Terms of Grant
- exercise discretion in evaluating any subjective evaluation criteria
- change the terms and conditions applicable to the licensing process, including the terms of any proposed water licence
- cancel the process.

15. Definitions

Agent is a person who is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant, including a consultant or employee, provided the applicant provides written advice nominating the agent to act on its behalf. The agent is not able to sign the application form, unless they have Power of Attorney over the applicant's affairs.

Application means making application against this Terms of Grant for acquiring a water licence; including the form and supporting information addressing the evaluation criteria.

Application Form means the form for making an application attached in Schedule 2.

Closing date means the date by which an application must be lodged with DLGWV.

Evaluation criteria means the criteria in Schedule 3.

Nominal entitlement (NE) means the volume of water authorised to be taken during a water year under a water licence. The total annual take must be less than or equal to the nominal entitlement (ML per water year) on the water licence.

Sample licence means the sample licence in Schedule 1.

Terms of Grant means this document inclusive of all schedules.

Water product means a volume of water available, as described in section 3 of these Terms of Grant.

Watercourse as defined in Schedule 4 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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Schedule 1 - Sample water licence

WATER LICENCE *Water Act 2000*

Reference	654321	Expiry Date	3 years from decision date
Licensee	LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL		
Authorised Activity	The taking of water from Thomson River with the point of take on or adjacent to Lot 4 on SP232181.		
Authorised Purpose	Town Water Supply		
Nominal Entitlement	500 Megalitres		
Daily Volumetric Limit	12.5 Megalitres		
Max Rate	500 litres per second		

This water licence is subject to the conditions endorsed hereon or attached hereto.

Given at ### thisday of2026.

Delegate of the Chief Executive
Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers

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Water Licence: 654321
Expiry Date: 30/06/2029

Conditions: Schedule A

1.81 Water taken under this authorisation must only be water that has been impounded under the authority of water licence 609661.

4.39 Water must not be taken under this authorisation unless a measuring device of a type approved by the chief executive to measure the volume of water taken is installed.

5.22 The amount of water taken under this authorisation must be recorded by the authorisation holder on or within 3 days of the 30 June. Such records must include the meter or measuring device reading and the time and date that the reading was taken. The authorisation holder must forward the records to the chief executive at waterservicesnorth@rdmw.qld.com.au within 30 business days after the end of each water year (30 June).

Conditions: Schedule B

SPEC01

The water taken under the authority of this water licence must only be used for the purpose of town water supply.

SPEC02

The water licence must not be permanently transferred or relocated.

SPEC03

Evidence must be supplied to the department, prior to the stated expiry date, to demonstrate completion of infrastructure upgrades of the impoundment, as authorised under the Water Act by water licence 609661, to be utilised to store the water to be taken under this authority of this water licence. This evidence must include 'as constructed drawings' supported by Registered Professional Engineers of Queensland certification.

SPEC04

Further to Schedule A condition 1.81, the taking of water under this authority is permitted only when condition SPEC03 has been met, and impoundment upgrades have been completed related to water licence 609661.

May include others – to be determined – one or more conditions may be included for a minimum flow requirement/ passing flow/ requirement not to cease flow.

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Schedule 2 – Application form

Application for unallocated water

Information Privacy Notice (Information Privacy Act 2009)

The information being collected in this form will be used by this department for the purpose of processing your application for town and community reserve unallocated water under the authority of Part 2 of the Water Regulation 2016. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any other parties unless authorised or required by law. The information collected will be retained as required by the *Public Records Act 2002* and may be stored in a departmental database. Information on the department's privacy commitment can be found on the department's website.

Part A – Applicant details

Name(s)

Specify the names of the persons seeking unallocated water.

Corporation, trustee or entity name(s)	ACN (if a corporation)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Address

Street address

<input type="text"/>		
Suburb/Town	State	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Postal address

If your postal address is different from your street address provide the postal details below.

<input type="text"/>		
Suburb/Town	State	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Contact details for this application

Provide the full name of one person who will be the contact for this application.

<input type="text"/>	
Phone	Alternative phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email	
<input type="text"/>	

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Part B - Volume of water

Volume of water

Specify the minimum and maximum annual volume of water in megalitres you are seeking in whole numbers.

Minimum megalitres Maximum megalitres

Part C – Source and location of water

Source of Water

Provide the name of the watercourse, lake or spring from which water will be taken.

Describe the parcel/s of land on or adjoining the place from which the water is to be taken. If water is to be taken from a point within the bed and banks of a watercourse which cannot be properly described in terms of a lot and plan, enter the property description of the nearest adjacent land and tick the 'Adjacent to' (✓) box.

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To take water from specific point(s) on the nominated land, provide the GPS latitude and longitude (GDA 2020) for the proposed location of take.

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Part D – Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria	Longreach Regional Council response
Longreach Regional Council to provide a resolution confirming the acceptance of the Terms of Grant.	

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Part E – Declaration

If more signature space is required, copy or print a blank copy of this page, complete and attach.

I/we, the undersigned, declare that:

being representatives of Longreach Regional Council, I/we do hereby seek a water licence in accordance with the Terms of Grant and declare that the information and attachments contained in this application are true and correct.

Corporation

Executed for and on behalf of (Corporation)

Organisation (Name)			
By (Name)		By (Name)	
Position		Position	
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Schedule 3 - Evaluation criteria—how these are to be addressed

Criteria	Head of power	Key issues which are required to be addressed	What the Department will assess	
1	The purpose for which the water is required.	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(a) and (g)	The application must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe what the water is to be used for (e.g. town water supply) • provide a detailed description of the requirement for water including source/s, respective volumes and associated costs of designing, constructing and maintenance of infrastructure. • provide supporting information confirming all <i>current</i> water users (residential and non-residential – community, industry and commercial) and demand for water (including timing of take and demand patterns) • provide an understanding of all <i>future</i> water users, supply and demand, including factors anticipated to impact future scenarios (such as projections of use requirements – e.g. population growth and economic development; and anticipated water availability – e.g. impacts of climate change). 	DLGWV will assess whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposal and water use purpose is consistent with the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011, • the volume is supported by demand information, and • appropriate planning studies have been undertaken and reported on to support the need for water for town water supply purposes.
2	The efficiency of existing and proposed water use practices.	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(b)	The application must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the efficiency of any <i>existing</i> water use by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – describing how existing water supplies are used efficiently (e.g. water treatment processes, water demand management processes, water sources tailored to water users, application efficiencies, adoption of best practice guidelines) – identifying any water use efficiency measures that are already in place (e.g. minimisation of storage leakage/ evaporation losses, recycled water initiatives, water conservation and restrictions, metering and monitoring of water usage). 	DLGWV will assess whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the existing and proposed water use practices are efficient, • water use is comparable to any industry standards and practices, • systems are designed to minimise water losses and enable water savings, and • sufficient consideration has been given to non-potable

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Criteria		Head of power	Key issues which are required to be addressed	What the Department will assess
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe planned water use efficiency practices for <i>intended</i> water use, in addition to existing measures, and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – consideration of water used for non-potable purposes (e.g. industry, residential and community gardens), – demand management optimisation of the reticulation system, and – monitoring, detecting and reducing water losses within the towns' supply network. • demonstrate the requested volume of water (nominal entitlement) will support the proposed water use activity. • identify a need for a specific (i.e. daily) rate of take to meet the proposed water use activity. 	components of town water supply.
3	The availability of an alternative water supply for the purpose for which the water is required	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(d)	<p>The application must state whether alternative water sources are available to meet water demands without the need for the unallocated water. To address this criterion the application must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss alternative water supplies (e.g. groundwater, recycled water, and permanent transfer of existing water licences) • describe the viability and reliability of each of these • identify any opportunities to make use of those supplies (such as, the potential to substitute raw water supplies for certain purposes and/or alternate supplies for non-potable uses). <p>If other viable alternative supplies exist, the application should also describe how the water under this application is intended to be used in conjunction with the other water sources.</p>	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant alternate water sources have been identified and investigated, and • sufficient consideration has been given to these sources.
4	The extent to which water is being taken under existing authorisations in the Plan area	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(c)	<p>The application must include information regarding any existing water entitlements Council may currently hold at the proposed development location, specifically including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of existing water entitlements and their current and historical usage, and • justification of why these existing water entitlements are not suitable or adequate. 	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing entitlements and usage data has been identified

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Criteria	Head of power	Key issues which are required to be addressed	What the Department will assess
		Council is not required to provide any information on other existing authorisations that take water within the plan area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sufficient consideration has been given to the suitability or adequacy of these entitlements. <p>DLGWV will consider any existing authorisations that take water within the plan area during the assessment process.</p>
5 a	Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(i), (iii) (iv) and (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi)	<p>The application must, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if access to water for stock or domestic purposes will be impacted within the Longreach Weir waterhole, if key ecological values within and downstream of the Longreach Weir waterhole will be impacted, consideration of the take of water during times of low flows within and downstream of the Longreach Weir waterhole and during critical low flow conditions within the Longreach Weir waterhole if any local wetlands have direct linkages with the proposed location of take, and if so, any impacts, (if local waterholes are connected), any considerations of taking water during times of low flow, the interactions of floodplains with the flow of water and if the proposed take of water will impact these interactions. <p>Note, there is no requirement for the application to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access to water under existing water entitlements - DLGWV will consider this as part of the hydrological (IQM) modelling outputs, or inundation of habitats - this is specific to an interference of water, or impacts to Water Allocation Security Objectives (WASO's) or Environmental Flow Objectives (EFO's) – as these are not specified for the Cooper Creek Water Plan. 	<p>DLGWV will assess the results of hydrological modelling (IQM) and information supplied to determine any potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> impacts to existing users ecological conditions relevant to the proposed location of take any associated impacts locally or downstream of the proposed location of take, and requirement for conditions on the resulting licence to take water, to mitigate potential impacts. <p>Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.</p>

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Criteria	Head of power	Key issues which are required to be addressed	What the Department will assess
<p>5 b</p> <p>The impact the proposed taking of, or interfering with, the water may have on the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water quality • the drawdown levels in waterholes • the natural movement of sediment • the movement of fish and other aquatic species • the connection with groundwater 	<p>Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(ii), (v), (vi), (xii), and (xv)</p>	<p>The application must, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if there will be an impact on water quality, either within the Longreach Weir waterhole or downstream of any proposed locations of take, • how drawdown within the Longreach Weir waterhole will be considered to meet future water demands, • if there is any connection with groundwater associated with future water demands taken from within the Longreach Weir waterhole. <p>Note, there is no requirement for the application to address the following, as these are specific to an interference with water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural movement of sediments, or • the movement of fish or other aquatic species. 	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if there is a requirement to mitigate any identified impacts through conditioning of a water licence.</p> <p>Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.</p>
<p>5 c</p> <p>The impact the proposed taking of, or interfering with, the water may have on the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recreation and aesthetic values • cultural values, including, for example, cultural values of local Aboriginal communities 	<p>Cooper Creek Water Plan Section 19(2)(e)(xiii) and (xiv)</p>	<p>The application should identify any known water related values associated with the water source, at this location and any locations connected to it.</p> <p>The application must include details of all stakeholder consultation regarding the Longreach Weir Project, including that from those located downstream of the proposed take; and specifically including local Aboriginal communities, indigenous groups or representative bodies.</p>	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an appropriate level of identification and consultation with communities' values has been undertaken • specifically, this has included local indigenous communities' and their cultural values, and • sufficient consideration has been given to mitigation measures that may be undertaken.
<p>6.</p> <p>The imposition of flow conditions, on water entitlements to take, or interfere with, water, to protect</p>	<p>Cooper Creek Water Plan</p>	<p>The application must describe if there are any ecologically significant flows to support local ecological assets that could be impacted from the proposed take of water.</p>	<p>DLGWV will assess the information provided to determine if there is a requirement to mitigate any</p>

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Criteria	Head of power	Key issues which are required to be addressed	What the Department will assess
low flows and other ecologically significant flows	Section 19(2)(f)		identified impacts through conditioning of a water licence. Note: Council will be consulted, regarding any such potential licence conditions during the offer stage.

Explanatory notes—addressing evaluation criteria

- The Cooper Creek Water Plan (Section 19(2)(g)) requires that a planning study is completed demonstrating the need for water for town water supply purposes. Demonstration may be achieved by supplying information which supports relevant Evaluation Criteria. Such information includes, but is not limited to, *current* demand management plan, water conservation and restriction policies, water recycling plan and drinking water quality plans. A current ‘Water Supply Plan’ and/or ‘Water Supply Security Assessment’ in line with the Department’s guidelines may be utilised in lieu of a planning study.
- A map outlining the various components of any proposed development and a timeframe for implementation must be included with an application. Where possible, applicants should also provide evidence of commitments to existing developments or expansions of an activity relating to the use of the water.
- Applicants may find that the maps required under one or more evaluation criteria can be packaged into one map if this does not compromise the level of detail required to sufficiently address the information requirements of the criteria.
- If the application references other reports or publications, an electronic copy of these documents (in pdf format) must be included in the application.

Associated approvals in relation to application

To enable the water to be granted and used for its intended purpose, applicants may also require other associated approvals. Some of these approvals will be required prior to making an application, while others can run parallel to this water release process or be applied for after a water licence has been granted. As a guide the following provides an outline of some of the associated approvals that may be required and when they must be obtained:

- (i) if required, the following evidence is required:
 - a. if changes to land tenure are required to allow the proposed development to occur—evidence of the changes
 - b. if changes to land ownership are required to ensure they are consistent with the “owner of land” defined in section 104 of the *Water Act 2000*—evidence of the changes
 - c. if an agent is acting on behalf of an applicant—evidence of power of attorney, company documents etc.
- (ii) if required, satisfying these requirements can proceed in parallel with this process (DLGWV may advise that copies of applications with application documents may be sufficient to address evaluation criteria):

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15.3 Application to amend Licence to Impound Water - 609661

Consideration of amending the existing water licence to impound an additional 900ML of water, due to the raising of 5 weirs located on the Thomson River.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Queensland Water Act 2000

Section 111 Additional information may be required

Section 117 - Contents of water license

Section 118 - Conditions of water license

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

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3.1.1 Upgrade and maintain storage, treatment, and reticulation infrastructure to provide each community with a reliable, quality water supply

3.1.3 Implement innovative water management practices to preserve the water supply

Consultation:

Internal	External
LRC Director of Works LRC Utilities Manager Executive Leadership Team Elected Member	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV) Engeny

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

André Pretorius, Director of Works

Purpose:

Council has received funding from Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) to support the Longreach Water Security for Growth Projects including raising of five weirs on the Thomson River. Raising the weirs will result in extra capacity to impound (store) water, which has triggered an application to amend the current water licence.

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Discussion:

In May 2025, the Council lodged an application to amend water license 609661 with the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV). DLDWV has requested additional information to assess the application under section 111 of the *Water Act 2000*.

The additional information required by DLGWV will address the outcomes specified under section 34 of the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 (the Water Plan.)

Most of the additional information that the Council is required to provide is contained within documents that supported Council's Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA) and Ministerial Infrastructure Designations (MID) applications.

Council has engaged Engeny to prepare the amendment application, including assessment criteria, due to the complex nature of the application, which is influenced by the proposed raising of 5 weirs on the Thomson River, construction 3 fish passages, an application to take an additional 500ML of water, and an assessment of demand and security drivers relating to the future growth of the Longreach township.

The weir raising project is intended to provide in the order of 0.9GL of additional storage to the existing 3.6GL reservoir.

Engeny has prepared a draft response to the assessment criteria, and this document has been forwarded to DLGWV for review. Engeny has also completed a 30% design assessment and supporting design drawings, including detailed construction plans demonstrating the most current design and proposed storage capacity. Prepared by a suitably qualified RPEQ, the design drawings detail the following aspects of the proposed town weir raising project:

- a) General arrangements plan.
- b) Typical cross sections and details for proposed weirs, coffer dam and fish passage;
and
- c) Longitudinal sections.

Implications

Asset Management

This report does not include impact on asset management as the granting of unallocated water is dependent on the five weirs being raised which is a separate matter.

Other Implications

Media communications are being prepared for approval by the National Water Grid as per the funding agreement for the Longreach Water Security for Growth Project.

Appendices

1. BN E 00322 008- RE P-003-0. Town Weir DD - 30% Design Report [**15.3.1** - 113 pages]
2. GL C 00322-0009-2- Letter - Water Licence (609661) RFI Response. [**15.3.2** - 21 pages]

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Recommendation:

That Council:

- a) *endorses the recommendation to proceed with an application to amend Water Licence 609661.*
- b) *delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to submit the application to impound water.*
- c) *delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to provide additional information to the Regulator when requested.*



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Town Weir Raise Upgrade

30% Design Assessment

BBNE00322_008-REP-001-0

4 SEPTEMBER 2025



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

Engeny have been engaged by Longreach Regional Council (LRC or council) to design a raise of approximately 1m to the town weir system to increase storage in the town waterhole reservoir that supplies water to the Longreach water treatment plant. The raise is intended to provide in the order of 0.9GL of additional storage to the existing 3.6GL reservoir. This report outlines the concept engineering of the weir structures in the Thomson River to identify the key design parameters for design of the weirs. This includes review of available information and weir history, fish passage design, weir hydraulics and geotechnical aspects of the design. No specific geotechnical information was available at the time of writing this report.

The intent of the report is to inform Longreach regional Council and Queensland State approving bodies of the project requirements to inform detailed design licensing and approvals, as well as progress design and construction planning.

1.2 Background

Longreach Regional Council currently operates the Town Weir system along the Thomson River, located approximately 3.5km north-west of the Longreach township. The Town Weir system comprises one (1) main weir (Town Weir) and four (4) Anabranch Weirs in location shown in Figure 1.1. A summary of the recent history of the weir system is attached in Appendix A.; and it is believed the weirs have been reconstructed at least once in the last 75 years. The Town Weir system facilitates the 'Longreach Waterhole' which is the primary freshwater supply for the Longreach township. Anabranch Weirs 3 and 4 failed during flooding events in 2022 and 2020, respectively, requiring upgrades by Council to repair and reinforce these weirs.

Longreach Regional Council with support from the Queensland Government, through the Department of Resources, have identified a need to replace and upgrade the weirs to provide greater water security for the Longreach Township and reduce the likelihood of the weirs failing during future flood events.

The proposed development involves raising the five (5) weirs by approximately 1 metre in height, increasing the capacity of the Longreach Waterhole from approximately 3,600ML to approximately 4,500ML, equating to an increase in capacity of approximately 25%.

The subject land consists of the Thomson River Riparian Corridor, Lot 2 SP123565 and Lot 4 SP212181. The proposed development (Town Weir, Anabranch Weir 1-4) is located approximately 4.5km north-west of the Longreach town centre. The subject land is currently utilised for water storage associated with the Longreach Waterhole. The subject land outside the Thomson River Riparian Corridor is currently utilised for agricultural purposes and contains structures ancillary to site operations.



Figure 1.1: Locality Plan of Weirs and Gauge



1.3 Available Data

The following data was utilised in the preparation of this report:

- Fairmount Weirs Rock Ramp Fishway Assessment (Marsden and McGill,2001).
- Longreach Weir Raise Hydrodynamic Modelling Report (DHI dated 23 June 2015).
- Bathymetry upstream of the Town Weir (2015).
- Elvis LiDAR Data (2011).
- Feasibility Study into Options for Sustainable Water Security (Cardno,2017).
- MR 6A 2017 - 18 Longreach Water Supply Security Modelling Brief (Draft 13 Aug 2018).
- Weir Raise Options hydrology Assessment (OD hydrology, 2019).
- Weir Survey (Hoffmann Surveyors 2019).
- Thomson River Weir Upgrade Concept Design by Engeny 10 March 2023.
- Thomson River Weir Raising Flood Impact Assessment (including TUFLOW model) by Water Technology dated 25 October 2023.
- Thomson River Weir Project, Regional Interests Development Application (Precinct Urban Planning dated January 2024).
- Aerial Survey and Bathymetry (Scout Survey 2025).

2. EXISTING TOWN WEIR SYSTEM

A summary of the existing town weir system characteristics is shown in Table 2.1 to Table 2.3. No detailed design or construction records existing for the existing five weirs, and data is inferred from survey, historic photos and anecdotal records from Council. A memorandum outlining the known history of the weir construction is provided in Appendix A; and recent site inspection observations in Appendix B.

TABLE 2.1: THOMSON RIVER CATCHMENT DATA

Characteristic	Value	
Catchment	Lake Eyre Basin/ Cooper Creek Resource	QLD globe operation plan
Catchment Area	57587 km ²	https://water-monitoring.information.qld.gov.au/
Thomson River Mean Annual Flow	1.052 million ML/year (mean) 564,000 ML/year (median)	https://water-monitoring.information.qld.gov.au/1970-2024 period
Longreach Annual Rainfall	444 mm (mean) 421 mm (median)	Longreach Aero (BOM)
Longreach Annual Evaporation	8.5mm /day 3.1m annual	Longreach Aero (BOM)
Streamflow Gauging Station	003202A Thomson River at Longreach, (1969 – Present) MGA94 Zone 55, Easting: 216780.653 Northing: 7408379.376	https://water-monitoring.information.qld.gov.au/

TABLE 2.2: EXISTING TOWN WATERHOLE IMPOUNDMENT DATA

Characteristic	Value	
Full Supply Level	178.6 m AHD (Existing) 179.6 m AHD (Proposed)	Engeny
Storage area at FSL	84 ha (Existing) 110 ha (Proposed)	2025 bathymetry
Full Supply Volume (ML)	3636 ML (existing) 4490 ML (proposed)	2025 bathymetry
Water Quality:		
Temperature Range	14.1 -36.5 C (Average 23.5C)	https://water-monitoring.information.qld.gov.au/
pH	6.4-7.4 (typical 7.1)	
Electrical Conductivity	100-400 µS/cm (typical 300 uS/cm)	
Turbidity	Typical 100-400 NTU (no flow) Typical 1000-2500 NTU during flood	Longreach WTP raw water data (LRC)
Depth range (2025 bathymetry)	0-6m typical storage depth Isolated areas up to 10 m deep	2025 bathymetry
Extraction	450 m ³ /hr (125l/s) submersible pump to approximate level 170m AHD @29m duty	Pflueger / Flowserve Pump manual Scott and Ensel – Longreach water supply pumps date 7.08.2006
Dead Storage level	Approximately 171.5m AHD	Scott and Ensel – Longreach water supply pumps date 7.08.2006 (TBC by Council)

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TABLE 2.3: EXISTING WEIR EMBANKMENT DATA

Characteristic	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4
Minimum Existing Crest Level (RL) (m AHD)	178.58	178.90	178.63	178.51	178.56
Estimated Downstream Height (m)	2.3	1.5	1.5	3.3	2.8
Channel bed level Downstream (m AHD)	176.3	177.4	177.1	175.2	175.8
Top of Weir Length Across Channel (m)	40	21	18	23	25
Approx. Crest Width (m)	4	4	3	3	3
Approx. Batter Slope upstream (m)	1 in 4	1 in 6	1 in 4	1 in 3	1 in 3
Approx. Batter Slope Downstream (m)	1 in 4	1 in 6	1 in 4	1 in 3	1 in 3
Construction type	Earth fill with bitumen grouted rock. Concrete surfacing on upstream face and 1.5m cutoff wall	Earth fill with bitumen grouted rock, and random concrete capping	Earth and lean mix concrete fill, concrete surfacing		
Foundation Treatment /seepage cutoff	Unknown				



3. PROPOSED WEIR RAISE

The proposed weir raise is based on the previous concept design (Engeny ,2023) which has a target full supply level of 179.6m AHD. This requires a raise of approximately 1m, however, to accommodate fish passage channels, weir crests may require to be higher than full supply level. A summary of the proposed raise of each weir is shown in Table 3.1, and 30% design drawings are attached in Appendix B:.

The proposed design life of the upgrade is at least 50 years.

TABLE 3.1: PROPOSED WEIR UPGRADE DATA

Characteristic	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4
Full Supply Level (m AHD)			178.60		
Upstream Entry Level (RL) (m AHD) – Fish Channel	178.60	n/a	n/a	178.60	178.60
Maximum Weir Crest Level (RL) (m AHD)	178.75	178.75	178.75	178.75	178.75
Estimated Downstream Height (m)	3.3	2.5	2.5	4.3	3.8
Channel bed level Downstream (m AHD)	176.3	177.4	177.0	175.2	175.8
Top of Weir Length Across Channel (m)	55	24	32	40	39
Crest Width (m)	4	4	4	4	4
Batter Slope upstream (m)			1 in 4		
Batter Slope Downstream (m)			1 in 4		
Fish Passage Required	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Construction type	Earth fill with Concrete erosion protection and concrete /rock apron downstream Foundation cutoff TBC, nominally sheet piling				

4. STORAGE CHARACTERISTICS

The most recent storage curve estimates total existing storage in the Town water hole of approximately 3636 ML (RL 178.6m AHD), and proposed storage after weir raising 4590 ML (179.6m AHD). Numerous storage curves have been developed historically and the storage history to current day, as well as issues and impacts of the storage changes is summarised in the following sections.

4.1 Storage History

Numerous surveys and attempts to estimate the volume of the town storage have been documented previously. These are outlined as follows:

- 1981 Queensland Water Resources commission (A3-5944) – This storage curve documents a volume of 3768 ML and area of 87 ha at Full supply level of 582.05 feet (Main Roads Datum) for the “New Weir” which refers to the existing town weir system which was constructed in 1973. A long section of the main channel indicates the significant variation bed level upstream for approximately 13km to Fairmount weir, which ranges in depth from 2-3m deep 1-2km upstream of the town weir to 9m deep at around 2.5-3km upstream at the town pump location.
- 2015 Storage curve (Council) – Estimated a full supply volume of approximately 3410 ML at Full supply level, with depths up to 9m, including approximate 8m depth at the Pump location (Old highway bridge)
- 2011 LiDAR, including Bathymetric survey DEM (Council, 2015) – a full supply volume of 3040ML was calculated at 178.6m AHD as shown in Figure 4.1. This is expected to be an underestimate of actual storage based on likely LiDAR error.

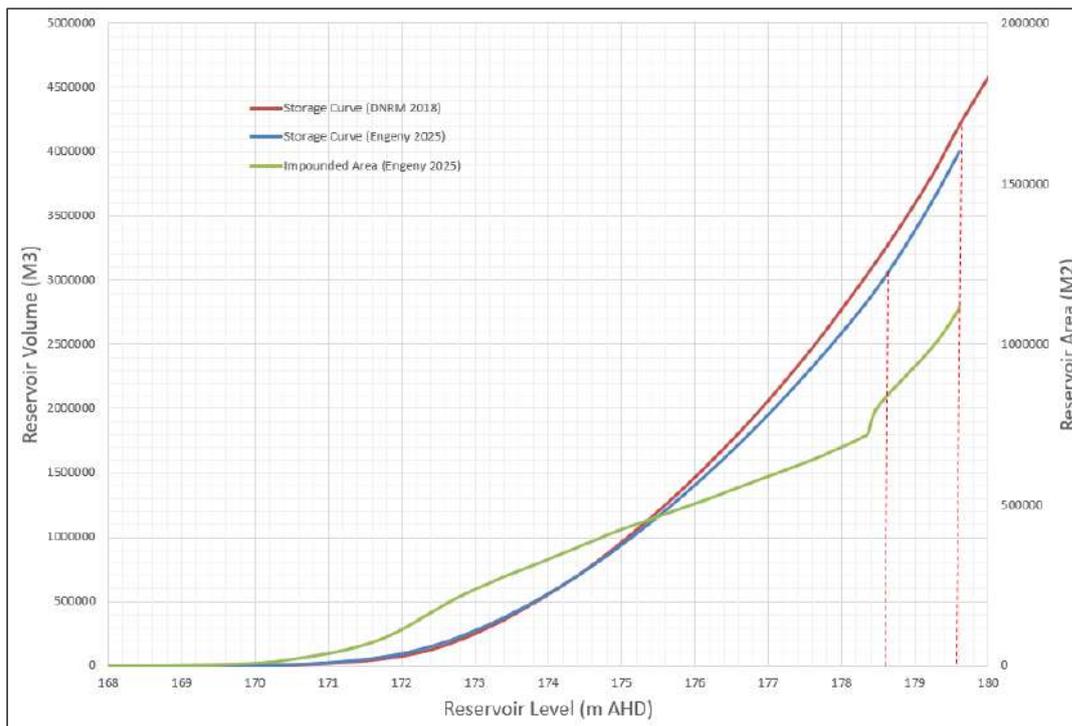


Figure 4.1: Town Waterhole Historic Storage Curves from LiDAR and 2015 Bathymetry

4.1.1 2025 Survey

A detailed aerial survey and multibeam bathymetric survey was undertaken in July 2025 to accurately determine current storage characteristics for both Fairmount Weir storage and the Town Weir Storage by Scout Surveyors. This survey has been used as the basis for the current design work.

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The storage curve calculated from the 2025 Town Weir survey is shown in Figure 4.2 and key levels summarised in Table 4.1. This calculates the full supply volume to be 3636ML currently, with a potential 954ML increase to 4590ML proposed after weir raising.

TABLE 4.1: TOWN WATERHOLE RESERVOIR – KEY LEVELS

Level (m AHD)	Significance of Level	Volume (ML)	Impounded (ha)	Area
168.0	Deepest location in storage	0	0	
171.5 (Approx)	Pump level – Assumed lowest extraction level of Town supply pumps	125	13	
175.20	Bed level at base of deepest weir (Anabranch weir 3)	1392	51	
178.60	Existing Full Supply Level	3636	84	
179.60	Proposed Full Supply Level	4590	110	
179.75	Weir Crest Level	4765	125	

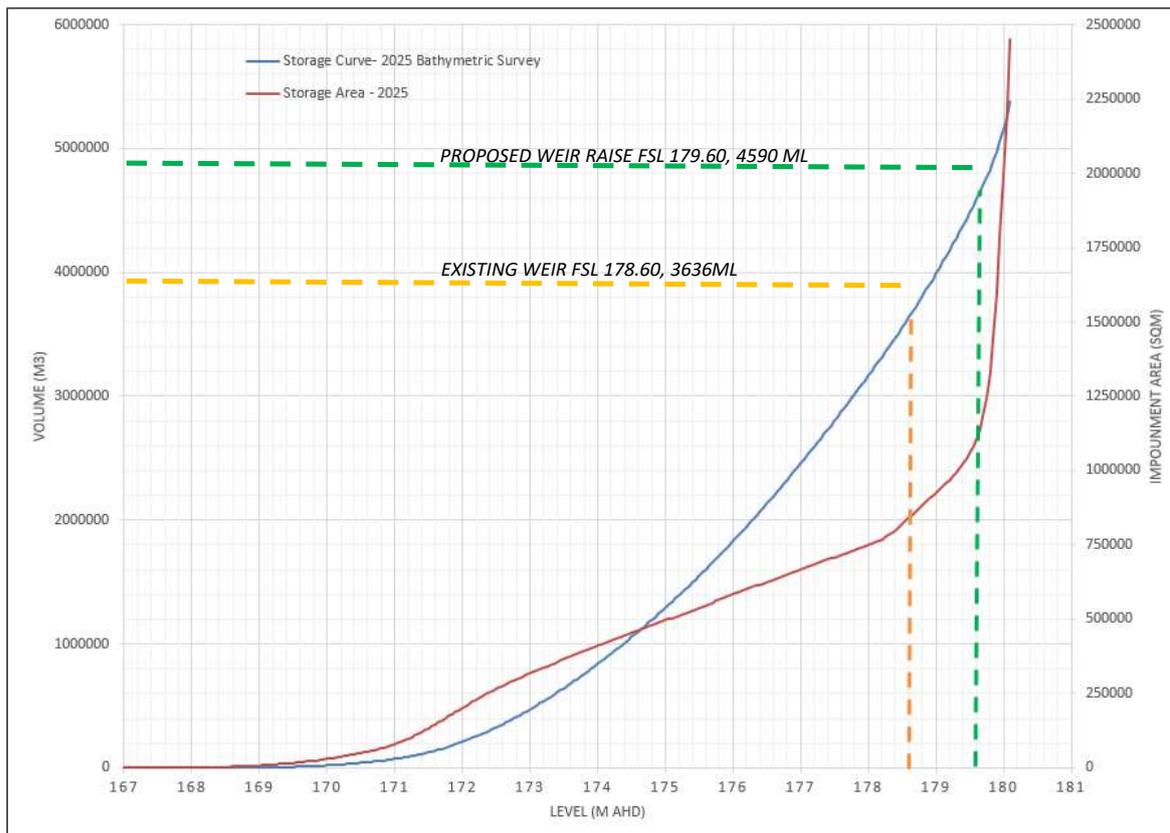


Figure 4.2: Town Waterhole Storage Curve - Surveyed 2025

4.2 Reservoir Sedimentation

All reservoirs formed by dams on natural watercourses are subject to some degree of sediments carried by inflows. Therefore, it is necessary to make an allocation of storage space for sediment accumulation in a reservoir, which is commonly termed as dead storage. The determination of dead storage may influence the design of active storage capacity in the reservoir, weir elevations and backwater conditions.

A comparison between the historic storage curves and the recently surveyed curves is shown in Table 4.2. Assuming the storage volumes are true and consistent, the data shows the variation in measured reservoir volume has fluctuated over the last 44 years, however, not significantly enough to be a threat to the overall capacity of the storage.

Given the Thomson River is known to transport significant sediment throughout its length during flood flows, the data indicates sediment transport of the river system is not significantly altered by the instream weir system and sediment movement may be a relatively 'steady state' in the storage. There is no data available to suggest sedimentation of the storage is a major risk or concern to the town waterhole.

TABLE 4.2: TOWN WATERHOLE STORAGE – FULL SUPPLY VOLUME CHANGE OVER TIME

Year	Estimated Full Supply Volume	Difference to 1981 Volume	Relative change to 1981 Volume
1981	3768 ML	-	-
2015	3410 ML	-358ML	-9.5%
2025	3636 ML	-122ML	-3.2%

Further to this, no data has been available for characterisation of sediment. No issues are reported by council in management of either the town water supply pumps (i.e. blockage of intakes), or generally with sedimentation of the storage. Turbidity readings over 2000 NTU are common during significant streamflow's which is indicative of the mobile sediment in the system, however these decline rapidly after flood flows cease and are generally manageable in the range of 100-400 NTU as measured at the Longreach water treatment plant.

Based on this information, an arbitrary allowance of 10% volume (364ML) may be considered an allowance of dead storage from sediment build up. If this is adopted the Town weir volume adopted for planning purposes is as proposed in Table 4.3.

TABLE 4.3: TOWN WATERHOLE STORAGE – FULL SUPPLY VOLUME ASSUMING 10% DEAD STORAGE

Scenario	Estimated Full Supply Volume	Full Supply Dead Storage allowance (10%)	Full Supply Volume excluding Dead storage
Existing Full Supply Level	3636 ML	364 ML	3272 ML
Proposed Full Supply Level	4590 ML	459 ML	4131 ML

4.3 Historic Channel Alignment

Available historic aerial photography and plans of the Thomson River have been reviewed to identify any significant channel relocation or meandering in the area surrounding the town weir over time. This photography is shown in Figure 4.3 and Figure 4.4.

The 1969 council drawing of the weir and reservoir system shows a river system alignment which can be compared with 1988 DME aerial photography and more recent imagery. These records display a relatively consistent channel alignment with no indication of significant channel variation or meanders in the since 1969 (76 years). Aerial imagery between 1988 and 2025 indicates no significant or obvious channel migration or new anabranches. Therefore, the existing weirs appear to have functioned since construction in 1973 (52 years) without major known riverbank movement or changes.

Based on this review there does not appear to be any historical precedent for major geomorphological changes in the river alignment, and the risk of channel relocation appears to be low.



Figure 4.3: 1969 LRC Plan Overlay with 2023 Aerial photo

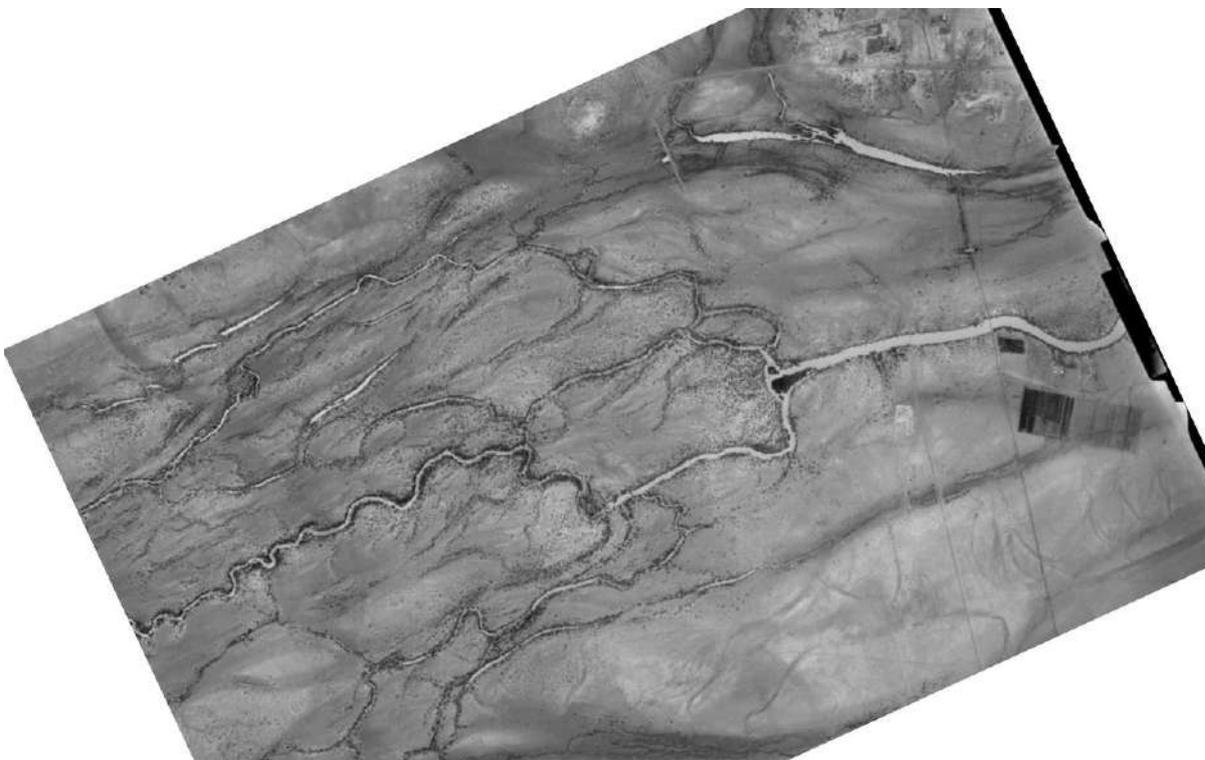


Figure 4.4: 1988 Aerial Photo (Qld Department Of Mines)

4.4 Weir Raising Infrastructure Inundation Impacts

The potential a raise of the full supply level of the town storage waterhole by 1.0 metre from 178.6m AHD to 179.6 m AHD has potential to inundate an additional area of 26 ha (increase from 84 to 110 ha inundated area). Generally, the increase is contained within the 12km main river channel and does not extend far into the floodplain, tributaries or anabranches. Minimal impacts to private property or infrastructure are expected. Impacted areas are as follows:

- **Existing Town Water Supply pumps.** The twin submersible pumps are mounted on the old highway bridge near the Apex Park. Pump design information provided by council indicates the level of the pumps is approximately 8.7m below the pump platform which is 0.7m below the bridge level. Council has advised the bridge deck level is 180.79m AHD, with the soffit at approximately 179.8 m AHD. Therefore, it is expected the pump platform will be 0.2m above full supply level of 179.6m AHD which is unlikely to impact pump operation.
- **Fairmount Weir embankment toe.** The toe of the Fairmount weir some 12km upstream of town weir has a crest level of 180.70m AHD and a toe level in the main channel of approximately 175.5m AHD (Fisher and Stewart, Drawing 98587/06, March 2000). Therefore, the toe is currently inundated by 3.1m, and this will increase to 4.1m. As the downstream batter slope ranges from 1 in 12 on the overbanks and to 1 in 30 in the main channel, no embankment stability impacts are likely. Changes to the embankment operation are likely to be:
 - Higher tailwater conditions, which is likely to reduce the extent of high velocities and drown the Fairmount weir structure sooner in overflow events.
 - The higher tailwater is likely to be better for embankment stability, reduce overtopping velocities and provide a smaller vertical grade change for fish passage.
- **Longreach to Winton Rail line - Railway Bridge.** The track level and base of the railway bridge deck were estimated at 182.7m (LiDAR) and 181.25 (site measurement) respectively by DHI in the 2015 flood study. Negligible permanent impacts to the bridge are expected from the FSL raise of the weirs
- **Landsborough Highway Bridge.** The road level of the highway bridge deck is estimated at 183.32m AHD (TMR Drg 277813, 78-13F-18). No significant permanent impacts to the bridge are expected from the FSL raise of the weirs
- **Private river access or pontoons** – Modification of private river access and pontoons may be required for the revised full supply level. This should be investigated by council for commercial or private boat operators on the river.
- **BOM Streamflow Monitoring Station** - The stream flow monitoring station is sited in an elevated kiosk several metres above ground level. The kiosk slab sits at ground level at RL182.767. Movement of 2m height marker posts and signage may be required with the new full supply level, and re-establishment of gauge datum and rating curves should be considered by the gauge operator.



5. HYDROLOGY

5.1 Existing Information

Numerous existing hydrologic assessments of the Thomson River and weir raising project have been undertaken and supplied by Council. Information reviewed for this work is summarised as follows:

- Feasibility Study into Options for Sustainable Water Security (Cardno,2017).
- Longreach Weir Raise Hydrodynamic Modelling Report (DHI, 2015).
- MR 6A 2017 - 18 Longreach Water Supply Security Modelling Brief (Draft 13 Aug 2018).
- Weir Raise Options hydrology Assessment (OD hydrology, 2019).
- Flood impact assessment (Water Technology 2023).

No additional hydrologic modelling or assessment has been undertaken as part of the 30% design, and a summary of the hydrologic aspects considered is outlined in the following sections.

5.2 BOM Streamflow Gauge

The Bureau of Meteorology own and maintains streamflow gauge 003202A Thomson River at Longreach. This has a flow record of approximately 56 years and reports instantaneous water level, flow, temperature, EC and pH and is publicly available at <https://water-monitoring.information.qld.gov.au/>.

The gauge datum is at a level of 177.265m AHD (1.535m below current weir crest level), and the gauge ceases to log flow at 178.565m AHD (0.035m below current weir crest level). Several BOM gauge outputs have been used in development of the 30% design.

Based on the average annual flow volumes, the mean annual streamflow volume statistics are summarised in Table 5.1. This demonstrates the Thomson River streamflow are orders of magnitude larger than the likely impoundment and extraction volumes from the raised weirs and there is significant capacity in the system to support greater yield for the Town weirs.

TABLE 5.1: ANNUAL AVERAGE STREAMFLOW VOLUMES

Statistic	Annual Volume (ML)	Year
Minimum	19,091	1993
Mean	1,051,565	Average of 54 years
Median	563,756	Median value of 54 years
Maximum	10,769,948	1974

5.3 Flood Hydrology

Design flood hydrology has not been updated in development of this report, and the previous flood hydrology used by Water Technology in 2023 has been reviewed. A summary of the flood hydrology flows for Thomson River is outlined in Table 5.2. These were derived from flood frequency analysis at the BOM gauge for approximately 50-year period of record.

The weir hydraulics assessment (section 7) indicates all weirs are fully submerged in total river flows of approximately 350m³/s, with most flow being directed in the main channel over town weir (260m³/s down out flow). Therefore, existing channel capacity is small in context of flood flows, and floodplains are engaged regularly in flood events. The 50% AEP flow is greater than the main channel capacity of Thomson River. Therefore, the flood hydrology flows are typically not relevant for design of the weir system, as most flood flows bypass the weirs via the extensive Thomson River floodplain.

This was further demonstrated in the flood impact assessment report (Water Technology 2023) where flood afflux impacts from weir raising upstream were shown to be minor and inconsequential in nature.

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TABLE 5.2: DESIGN FLOWS FOR THOMSON RIVER (WATER TECHNOLOGY1, 2023)

Average Recurrence Interval (years)	Annual Exceedance Probability (%)	Peak Flow (m3/s)
PMF		60000
2000	0.05%	10831
500	0.20%	27885
100	1%	15669
50	2%	11361
20	5%	6684
10	10%	3965
5.52	20%	1970
2.54	50%	416

5.4 Consequence Category

A consequence category assessment has been undertaken using the ANCOLD framework for the proposed town weir system and is documented in Engeny report *BBNE00322_008-REP-001-0*, dated August 2025.

This demonstrated the proposed raised town weir system has <1 Population at risk (PAR) and <0.1 potential loss of life (PLL) and is considered low consequence for dam break.

However, based on the criticality of the storage for Longreach town water supply, the consequence of failure of Town weir and Anabranche weir 3 was rated as significant under the health and social impact category. This is based on the likely implementation of water restrictions on the township of Longreach should these weirs fail. A summary of the consequence category ratings for the weirs is shown in Table 5.3.

TABLE 5.3: CONSEQUENCE CATEGORY ASSESSMENT – OVERALL SUMMARY

Weir	PAR	PLL	Total Infrastructure Costs	Impact on Dam Owner's Business	Health and Social Impacts	Environmental Impacts	Overall (Highest)	CCA
Town Weir	< 1	< 0.1	Medium	Medium	Major	Medium	Major	Significant
Anabranche 1	< 1	< 0.1	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Anabranche 2	< 1	< 0.1	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Anabranche 3	< 1	< 0.1	Medium	Medium	Major	Medium	Major	Significant
Anabranche 4	< 1	< 0.1	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low

Additionally, the Fairmount weir immediately upstream of the town waterhole reservoir has recently been assessed and determined to have an ANCOLD consequence category of Low.

6. FISH PASSAGE DESIGN

The existing and proposed weirs constitute water way barriers under the Fisheries Act QLD (1994). The QLD Department of Primary industries require installation of fish passage structures on barriers on the high-risk waterways of the Thomson River. These are the Town Weir, Anabranch 3 and Anabranch 4 weirs.

A preliminary fish channel design was proposed in the *Thomson River Weir Upgrade Fish Passage Justification Report (BNE00322_0004-REP-001-1)* with concepts for rock lined spillway style fishways proposed. This fish channels are considered a rock ramp bypass structure and require design of rock and hydraulic elements to maximise fish migration opportunities across a range of flows.

DPI has reviewed and provided comment on the initial fish passage proposal, with additional queries and data required, subject to more detailed hydraulics and design development. This section outlines the revised fish channel design in response to DPI comments as attached in Appendix D:.

6.1 Design Philosophy

As outlined in the *Thomson River Weir Upgrade Fish Passage Justification Report (BNE00322_0004-REP-001-1)* the design philosophy adopts a rock ramp spillway style bypass fish channel. The design is generally in line with the *Rock-Ramp Fishway Design Principles (QLD Govt, 2000)* Guideline. This approach is likely to be the smallest footprint and most economical construction to the fish channels across the designated weir structures, whilst providing significant improvement to fish migration opportunity.

A summary of the design criteria used in development of the fishways is shown in Table 6.1.

Since completion of the initial report, literature and more information has also become available pertaining to the Fairmount weir fishway structure, which is summarised in the following section.

TABLE 6.1: GENERAL FISH PASSAGE DESIGN CRITERIA

Parameter	Target
Minimum fishway water depth	0.15m
Minimum depth at downstream apron	0.3m
Minimum entrance velocity	0.3 m/s
Maximum entrance velocity	1.8 m/s
Mannings roughness	Mannings n=0.05 (base and batters average)

6.1.1 Fairmount Weir Fishway

Review of the *Fairmount Weirs Rock Ramp Fishway Assessment (Marsden and McGill, 2001)* outlines the existing rock ramp fishways over Fairmount weir which “successfully provide upstream passage for a range of adult and juveniles of the species encountered”. The Fairmount rock ramps structures are instream, which is considered feasible for the Town weir system, however, would require significantly more rock and earth fill quantities to construct the instream ramps.

A photo of the current Fairmount Fish channels is shown in Figure 6.1, and a summary in Table 6.2.

Notably the Fairmount fishways do not have a low flow depth for fish passage, and they are set at the same design levels and flow at the as the Fairmount weir spillway.

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TABLE 6.2: EXISTING FAIRMOUNT WEIR FISH PASSAGE STRUCTURE (FISHER STEWART DRAWING 98587/ 28)

Characteristic	Fairmount Weir
Fish channel type	Dual instream rock ramps
Height	5.2m to channel bed, however tail water conditions provide an effective height of 2.1m -3.5m typically
Length	70m
Width	10m channel base, 20m top width
Channel Arrangement	Rock ridges at 3.5m centres
Estimated Downstream Height (m)	5.2m
Fish channel Slope (m)	1 in 30



Figure 6.1: Fairmount Weir Rock Ramp Fishway (North bank looking down channel and south bank looking across channel)

6.1.2 Alternatives Considered

A natural appearance rock ramp fishway is considered the most appropriate in the remote site location as it is low maintenance, uses natural materials and maintenance is simple. The natural variance in the rock ridge style construction provides variation in the local hydraulics of the structure with many different pools, rapid and small falls combinations likely to be present across a range of flows. These conditions are likely to support a diverse variety of fish species and provide greater passage opportunities than a custom designed structure that may only target a smaller band of species.

A key decision in the selection of the fishway is whether to arrange it in the main river channel (like Fairmount weir fishway) or as a bypass spillway style fishway.

A summary of the different options considered are outlined in Table 6.3 The bypass channel style fishway was selected based on it achieving the objectives for improving fish passage and being a lower cost approach than an instream rock ramp that would require a change to the weir embankment design and increase quantities.

TABLE 6.3: FISHWAY OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Type of Fishway	Arrangement	Feasible	Benefits	Disadvantages
Bypass Fishway channel, variable 3m -9m base width	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:20 grade Rock ridges at 2m centres Bypass spillway 60-80m long in bank (cut to create channel)	Yes – Preferred option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel entry and exist can be located away from turbulent zones Uses natural materials (rock rather than concrete) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires excavation into existing riverbanks and greater footprint / impact area Simple earthworks excavation construction
Instream rock ramp over weir. Fishway partial width of weir (7m)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:20 grade Rock ridges at 2m centres Rock ramp 60-80m long in channel (filling to create ramp)	Yes Initial concerns on weir hydraulics over ramp have been modelled and shown feasible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses natural materials (rock rather than concrete) Less footprint than Bypass fishway Demonstrated effectiveness at Fairmount Weir fishway Similar fish passage opportunities to a fish bypass channel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large amount of Rock required in channel (likely across full channel width) More engineered fill in weir structure and in channel disturbance than a bypass channel Increased risk of fish mortality due to impact with rocks caused by high velocities over
Fish Ladder / vertical slot / cone fishway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In channel concrete (or similar) fish passage structure on or near the downstream slope of the weir. 1:20 grade with baffles / vertical slots or cones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Recommended. Would require optimisation and careful design for range of species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compact footprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location likely to be partially in a turbulent flow zone risking fish mortality in intermediate weir overtopping events prior to weir drown out. Extensive 'hard' engineering solution Requires careful design and labour-intensive construction. More complex than alternative approaches Concerns with fish mortality due to impact with rocks caused by high velocities over weir during large flow event.

6.2 Preferred Design – Bypass Rock Ramp

A summary of the bypass rock ramp geometry for the three-rock ramp channel fishways is shown in Table 6.4, which adopts the arrangement similar to a bypass channel shown in Figure 23 of the *Accepted Development Requirements* (DAF, 2018).

Rock ridges will be installed through the fish ramps extending 1m vertically up the channel batters. Rock ridges will consist of 1m diameter rock protruding 0.3m-0.5m above the channel base. The ridges will facilitate approximately a 0.1m drop in level at each ridge along the channel and create a progressive resting pool and falls system. Entrance and exist channels are widened to capture adequate flow and provided conditions for passage at the 150mm target flow depth.

As the design basis for the weir raising is to maintain a drowned condition before channel breakout occurs (Refer section 7.4) there is limited scope to raise the weir heights further to achieve 300mm flow depths through the fish channels before weir overtopping. Further raising of weir crest levels will potentially compromise the weir hydraulics and significantly change the design approach. As such the weir crest has been lifted 150mm above the fish way upstream entrance, and the fishway opening has been widened to 9m width compared to the 3m wide channel to capture additional flows.

TABLE 6.4: BYPASS FISHWAY HYDRAULIC SUMMARY (ALL SITES)

Characteristic	Town Weir	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4
Downstream Ramp Batter Slope		1:25 (4%) to 1 in 20 (5%)	
Fish Channel upstream Weir level		179.60 m AHD	
Ramp Length	68m	67m	71m
Channel width (base)		3m	
Entry and Exit Channel width		9m	
Rock Ridge spacing		2m	

6.3 Hydraulics

A summary of the key design levels, flows and average velocities for the bypass fish channels is shown in Table 6.5. Inflows into the fish channels prior to weir overtopping will provide conditions for fish passage for flow depths from 50mm to 150mm. Flow conditions will continue to be within design criteria limits up to depths of approximately 300mm. It is estimated that once the weirs overtop by approximately 300mm (fishway by 450mm depth) velocities increase, and the attraction flows relative to weir flows decrease which may limit fish passage. The proposed fish channels provide a major increase in fish passage opportunity during the most frequently occurring range of small flows at each weir compared to the current scenario as discussed further in Section 6.5.

The fishways at Anabranches 3 and 4 demonstrate similar hydraulics to town weir, with the exception that the Weir overtopping flows are typically lower compared to the fishway flows, which provides better attraction flows than at Town Weir (i.e. higher ratio of flow in fish channel vs the flow over the weir).

TABLE 6.5: BYPASS FISHWAY HYDRAULIC SUMMARY (ALL SITES)

Water Level	Main Weir Flow (m ³ /s)	Fish channel flow (m ³ /s)	Velocity (Fish channel upstream) (m/s)	Velocity (Fish channel entry) downstream (m/s)
179.6 (Fish Channel Crest / Full Supply level)	No Flow			
179.65 (50mm depth fish channel flow)	No Flow	0.17	0.29	0.43
179.75 (Weir Crest level) (150mm depth)	No Flow	0.90	0.50	0.82
179.90 (300mm depth fish channel flow)	5.4	2.6	0.71	1.24
180.05 (450mm deep fish channel flow)	15	4.7	0.90	1.56

Possible optimisation of the fish channel hydraulics to be assessed in detailed design include:

- Potential slight flattening of longitudinal slopes to improve channel velocities,
- Maximizing the depth of flow fish channel before weir overtopping to target 300mm. There may be an opportunity to increase this above 150mm at Anabranch 3 and 4 without major impacts to weir hydraulics.

6.4 Attraction flows

Per Table 6.5, fishway flows of up to 0.9 m³/s occur whilst there is zero flow over weirs which will provide attraction flows. At 300mm fishway flow depth, the weirs overtop and the total weir flow is approximately double fishway flow, however the weir flow is distributed across a width of 40 to 55m compared to a 9m wide fishway outlet. This provides unit flows from the 9m wide downstream entry of the fishway of 0.29m³/s/m compared to 0.14m³/s/m which is approximately double and will provide an attraction flow to the fishway.

The weir hydraulic modelling assessment demonstrates the hydraulic jump across the three weirs of interest (Town Weir, Anabranch Weirs 3 and 4) all occur on the downstream batter, and subcritical flow conditions will occur at the fish channels confluence with the main channel downstream. In all cases the fishway downstream apron entry is beyond the hydraulic jump extent the fish channel flow rates will be higher than the overall river channel flows.

6.5 Fish Passage Opportunity Time

The time available to fish passage was discussed in the *Thomson River Weir Upgrade Fish Passage Justification Report (BNE00322_0004-REP-001-1)* and is further clarified here. This is based on the BOM gauge flow vs duration curve which plots the daily average flow against number of days occurrence.

Comparing the in-channel flow regime at weirs to the gauge is complicated by the multiple channels and anabranches which split the stream flows downstream into various channels across the five weirs, compared to the single channel at the gauge location. Based on the hydraulic modelling in section 7 it is estimated that the existing weirs are generally all drowned out at a gauged flow of 220 m³/s and the proposed weirs at a flow of 306 m³/s

Annotated flow vs duration curves are shown in Figure 6.2 and Figure 6.3 to demonstrate the approximate changes in time that flow conditions may be suitable for fish to pass across the weirs.

6.5.1 Current Scenario

Flow duration records at the BOM gauge demonstrate there are stream flows in Thomson River for 38% of the time on average. This is equivalent to 4.6 months streamflow per year (i.e. 7.4 months of no stream flow). Streamflow tends to occur in later spring and throughout summer, however as the region is semi-arid and does not have well defined wet and dry seasons (McGill, Marsden 2000), stream flows can occur throughout winter and autumn months.

The existing town weir system is a significant barrier to fish passage up to bank full flow rates due to the high velocities over the weirs. Only during drowned weir conditions and flood flows greater than the main river channel capacity is fish passage currently possible. Based on the existing structure rating curves and modelled bank full channel capacity, fish passage opportunity is expected to commence when existing weirs drown out and total gauge flow rates exceed approximately 220m³/s. This occurs about 8-9 % of the time that there is flow in the Thomson River, which on average is approximately 11 days per year. This is shown on the flow duration curve in Figure 6.3.

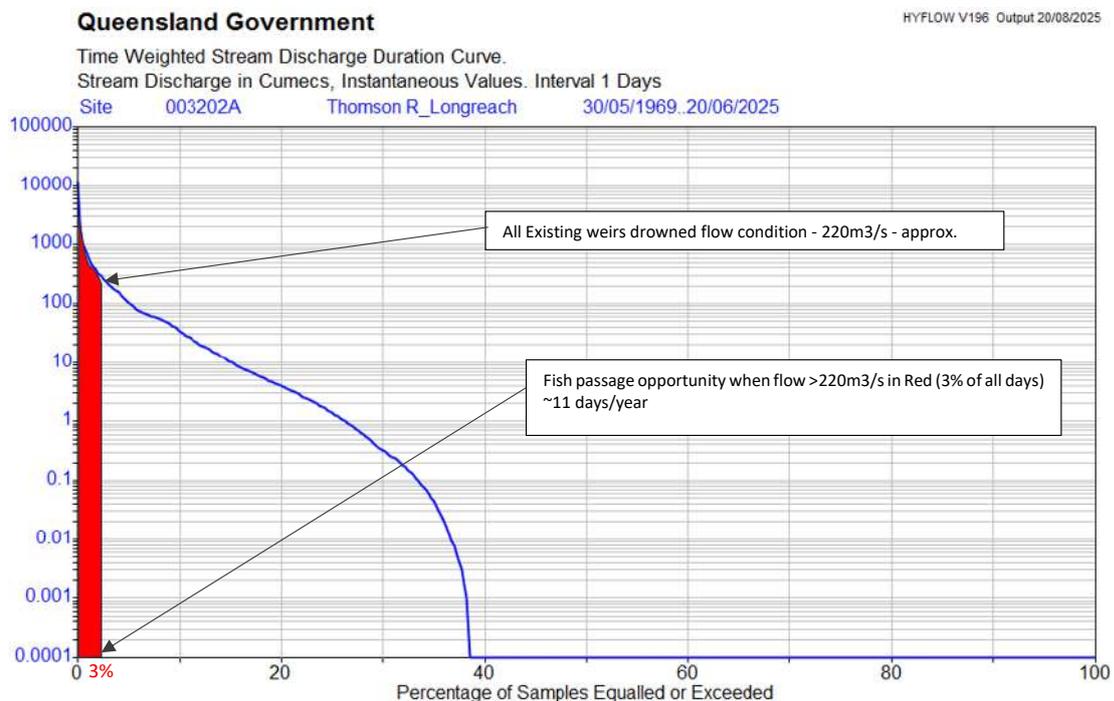


Figure 6.2: Estimated Existing Fish Passage Opportunity Time (i.e % time when weirs are drowned)

6.5.2 Proposed Upgrade with Fishways

Comparing the in-channel flow regime at weirs to the gauge is complicated by the multiple channels and anabranches which split the stream flows downstream into various channels across the five weirs. As the three fishways are each designed to facilitate minimum depths and velocities for fish passage at approximately 0.2m³/s to 4 m³/s at each weir, it is expected fish passage can occur to some degree for total gauged streamflow's of the aggregate of the flows at the three fish passage weirs, which is 0.6m³/s to 12m³/s. There is a range of higher flows before the weirs are drowned where velocities are likely to high for fish passage, and then once weirs are drowned out at gauged flow of 306m³/s fish passage can occur through the channel and floodplain.

Gauge data (refer Figure 6.3) indicates flows occur in this range a total of 17% of time which is equivalent to 45% of the time there is streamflow. This would mean the available fish passage window after the upgrades would be 62 days per year on average, which is an increase in the order of 5 times the existing window for fish passage.

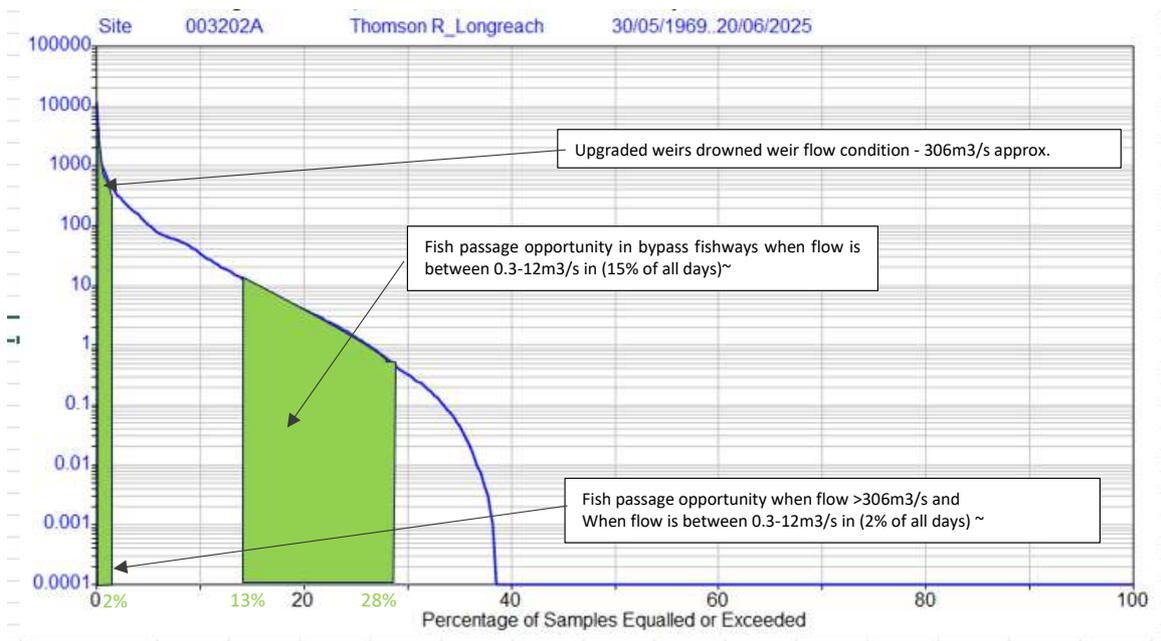


Figure 6.3: Existing Fish Passage Opportunity Time (i.e % time when weirs are drowned and fish channel has passable flows)

7. HYDRAULICS

To determine the hydraulic impacts of the 1m raise in weirs, detailed hydraulic modelling of the weir structures was undertaken to establish the local hydrodynamics of each structure, and impacts of the changed hydraulics.

Hydraulic modelling was undertaken to assess the hydraulic performance of each of the proposed raising of the weirs using HEC-RAS 1d and 2D modelling software by US Army Corp of Engineers.

The key outputs of the hydraulics assessment comprised the following:

- Modelled rating curves for each of the weirs, validated against theoretical and 1D model estimates.
- Bank full and drown out flow rates for each of the weirs.
- Two-dimensional velocity profiles surrounding the structures to inform scour protection design.

7.1 Model Set Up

The following topographic data was used (in order of prioritisation):

- 1m resolution digital elevation model (DEM) LiDAR (2011)
- Survey immediately surrounding all weirs (2025)
- Bathymetry survey (2025)
- Weir concept design and fish channels DEM.

Table 7.1 summarises the key input parameters used in the HEC-RAS model and the model set up is shown in Figure 7.1.

TABLE 7.1: HEC-RAS INPUT PARAMETERS

Parameter	Input	Basis
2d Cell Size	1m	Smallest practical cell size for run times
Inflow Boundary	Linear synthetic inflow hydrograph	Bank full capacity lower than design hydrographs
Outflow Boundaries	Rating curves at all outflow locations extracted 2D TUFLOW Flood Model (Water Technology).	As per inflow boundaries.
2d Timestep	1 second (fixed)	Smallest timestep without creating significant modelling errors over the weir.
2d Solver	Shallow Water Equation Eulerian Lagrangian Method (SWE-ELM)	As per manual advice
Weir Implementation	Terrain Modification	Terrain modification used to adjust the weir level and tie in bathymetric survey data set



Figure 7.1:HEC-RAS Model Set Up

7.1.1 Hydraulic Roughness

Hydraulic roughness values (Manning’s n) were used to describe the differing surface in the hydraulic model. Land classification categories were spatially defined as per the latest aerial imagery and appropriate values were assigned (Chow, 1959). Table 7-2 lists general roughness assumptions and roughness mapping is attached in Appendix E:.

TABLE 7.2:MANNINGS 'N' VALUES ADOPTED

Land Use	Manning’s n
Floodplain	0.04
Riverbed	0.033
Fully Rock Lined Scour Protection	0.06
Concrete weir surface	0.020

7.1.2 Model limitations

There are limitations to the modelling conducted which include:

- LiDAR anomalies (possible vegetation or large rocks) can be seen on the downstream side of the weirs. This is causing some high and low velocity zones which may not be a true representation of the hydraulics of the weirs once this is cleared during construction.
- There is the potential that riverbeds can move due to channel erosions or channel aggradation during flood events which could change local the hydraulic behaviour of the weirs.

7.2 Model Boundary Conditions

7.2.1 Inflow Boundaries

As previously reported in the flood study (DHI, 2015 and Water Technology, 2024), the channel capacity is significantly smaller than the 1 in 2 AEP flow (416 m³/s) and in the 1:2 AEP flow the weirs are fully inundated and drowned out. Therefore, using flood hydrology flows was not applicable for the detailed hydraulics of the structures and linear synthetic hydrographs were adopted to understand the hydraulic performance of the weirs across the range of flow rates until the structures are drowned. Figure 7.2 illustrates the inflow hydrographs for Model 1 (Town Weir, Weir 1 and Weir 2) and Model 2 (Weir 3, Weir 4).

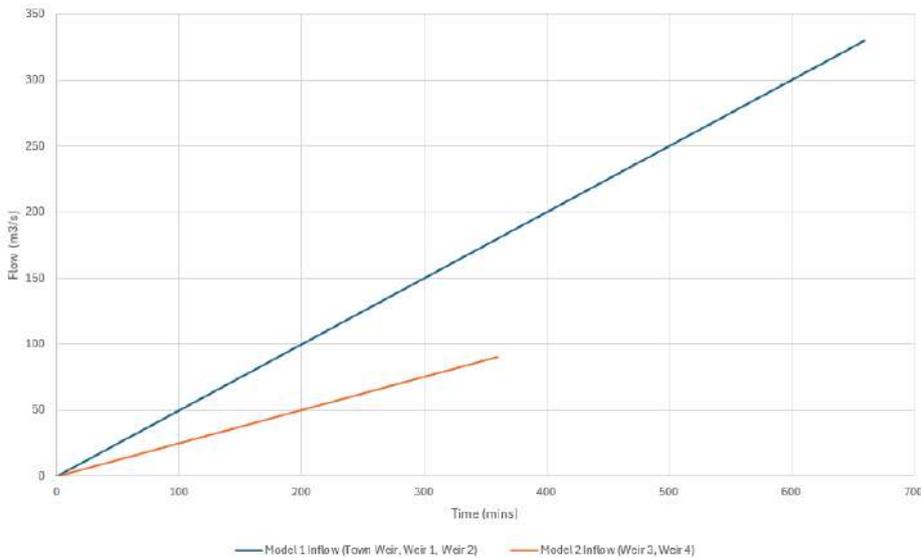


Figure 7.2: Model 1 (Town Weir, Weir 1 and Weir2) Inflow Hydrograph

7.2.2 Downstream Boundary Conditions

Initial tailwater rating curves were extracted from the TUFLOW model (Water Technology, 2024) at the downstream boundary of each of the weir's channels modelled. These boundary conditions are shown in Figure 7.3. The tailwater ratings show the main river channel has significantly more flow capacity than the anabranches, and at a given level there is approximately the same flow rate in the main channel as the combined sum of the four anabranch weir channels. At this stage the TUFLOW model has not yet been updated with detailed bathymetric survey, and this requires revalidation of tailwater rating curves in the next stage of design.

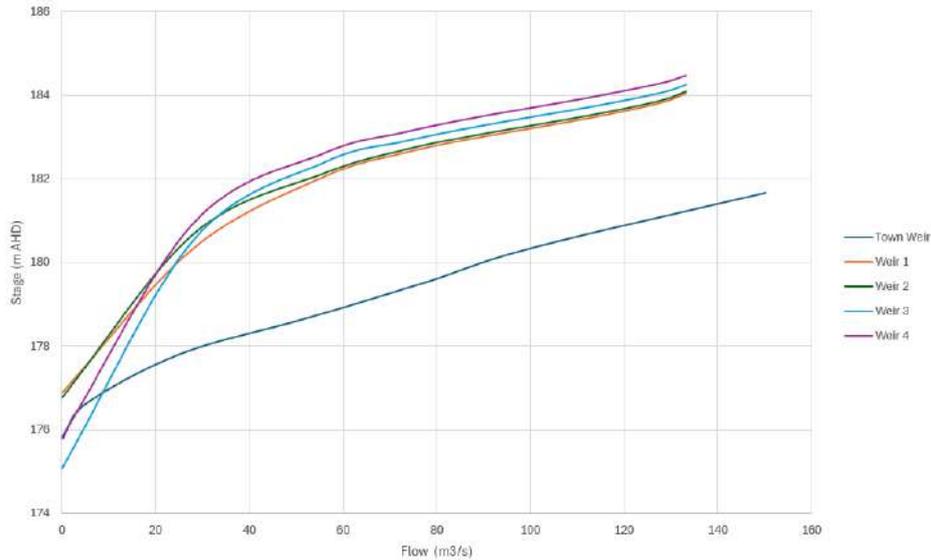


Figure 7.3: Downstream Boundary Condition – Tailwater Rating Curves

7.3 Bank full Capacity

A summary of the modelled bank full levels in proximity to the weirs is summarised in Table 7.3. Weir rating curves and model outputs demonstrating the local hydraulics of the structures are shown in Figure 7.4 to Figure 7.8. and mapping of hydraulic results of the weirs is attached in Appendix E:.

TABLE 7.3: WEIR BANK FULL LEVEL AND FLOW CAPACITY

Location	Bank full Level (m AHD)	Existing Weir Flow (m3/s)	Proposed Weir Flow (m3/s)
Town Weir	181.4	255	230
Anabranch 1	180.6	30 (approx.)	No significant change
Anabranch 2	180.5	27 (approx.)	No significant change
Anabranch 3	181.1	>30 (break out upstream before bank full at weir)	No significant change
Anabranch 4	180.5	>30 (break out upstream before bank full at weir)	No significant change

7.4 Weir Afflux

The maximum spill level for a fixed crest weir is typically determined by the weir afflux, which is the difference between the headwater and tailwater level. A maximum afflux of 300mm is normally adopted for the case of bank full flow upstream of the weir. If flooding does not pose major concerns to upstream sites, then the maximum afflux may be relaxed (subject to site conditions) but this is normally no greater than 600mm to minimize scour risk around the bed and banks of the channel. As the town weir site is in alluvial soils, and has moderate to little resistance to erosion, a maximum afflux of 300 millimetres has been adopted.

Table 7.1 summarises the flow and level where the 300mm afflux condition is met which is defined as the weir drown out condition. All weirs become fully submerged (i.e. afflux approaching zero) before flows reach local bank full levels, except Town weir. Town weir is fully submerged at a flow of 260m³/s when water levels are approximately 0.12m higher than the local top of bank level.

Based on these results there are no hydraulic requirements to further optimise the weir hydraulics such as lowering, widening or optimising the weir shape.

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TABLE 7.4: WEIR SUBMERGENCE LEVELS (FLOW AT 0.3M AFFLUX)

Location	Flow (m3/s)	Reservoir Stage (m AHD)	Freeboard below bank full level (m)
Town Weir	212	181.15	0.25m
Anabranch 1	25	180.40	0.20m
Anabranch 2	21	180.35	0.15m
Anabranch 3	24	180.30	0.80m
Anabranch 4	24	180.29	0.20m

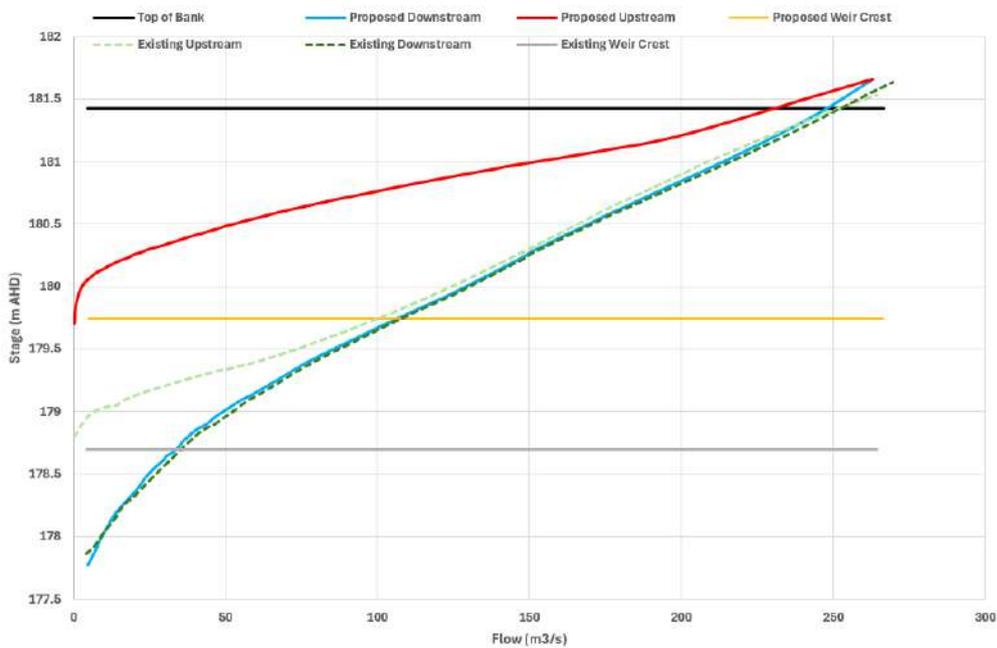


Figure 7.4: Town Weir Rating Curve - Existing (178.6m AHD) and Proposed (179.75 m AHD)

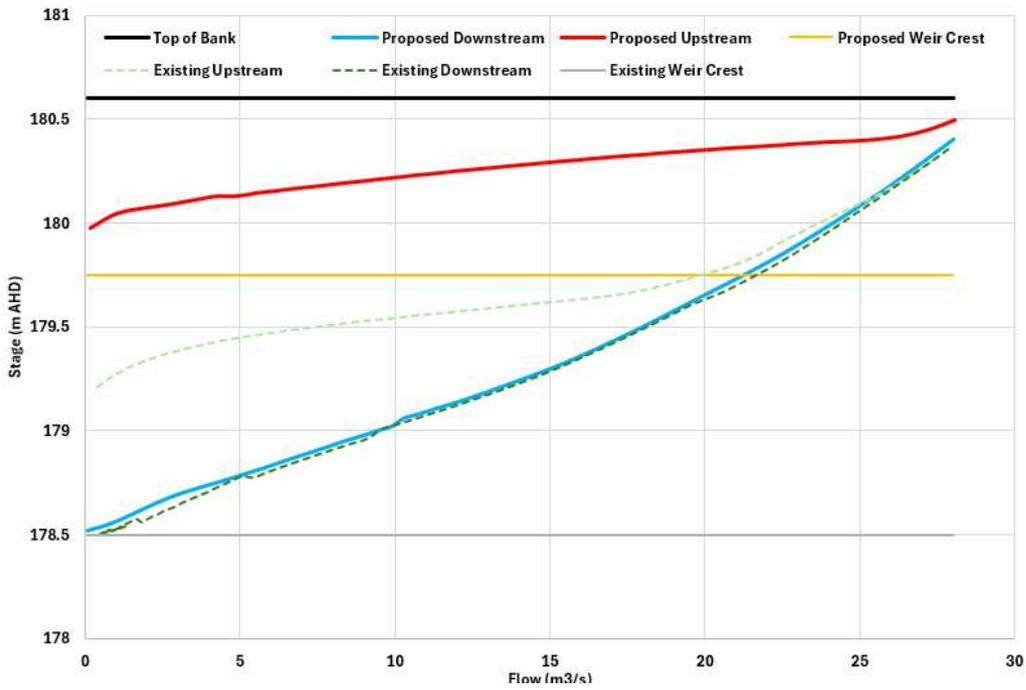


Figure 7.5: Anabranch Weir 1 Rating Curve - Existing (178.6m AHD) and Proposed (179.75 m AHD)

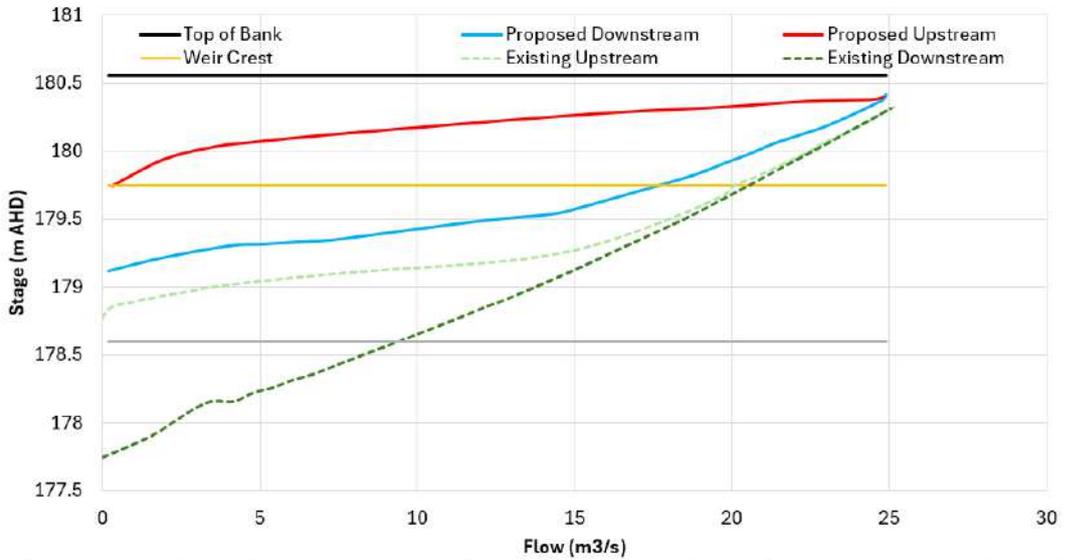


Figure 7.6: Anabranch Weir 2 Rating Curve- Existing (178.6m AHD) and Proposed (179.75 m AHD)

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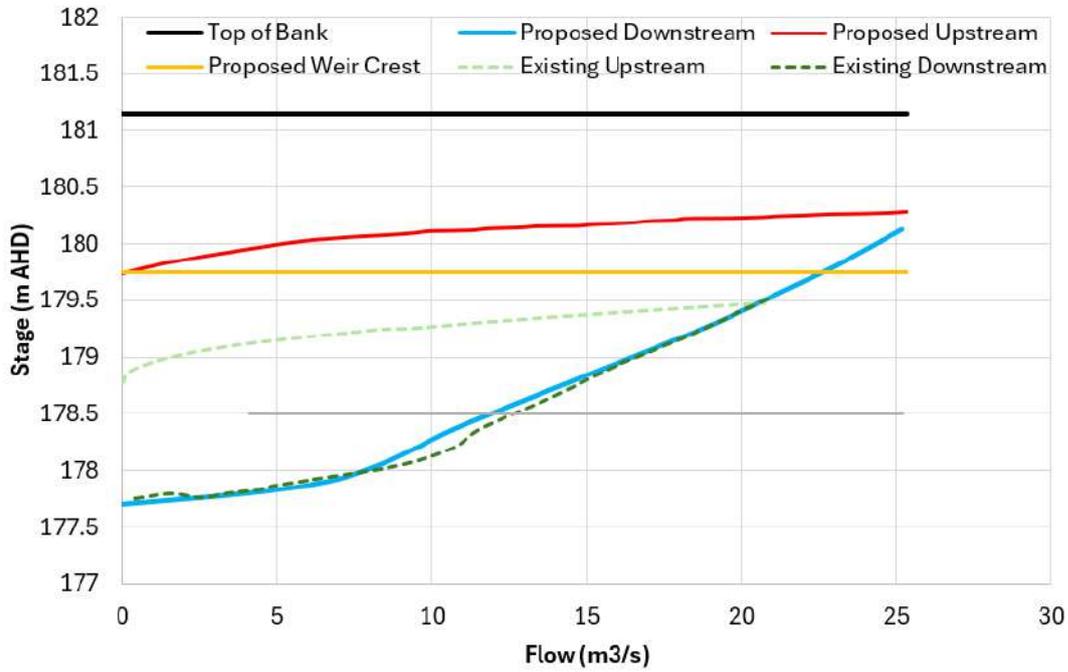


Figure 7.7: Anabranh Weir 3 Rating Curve- Existing (178.6m AHD) and Proposed (179.75 m AHD)

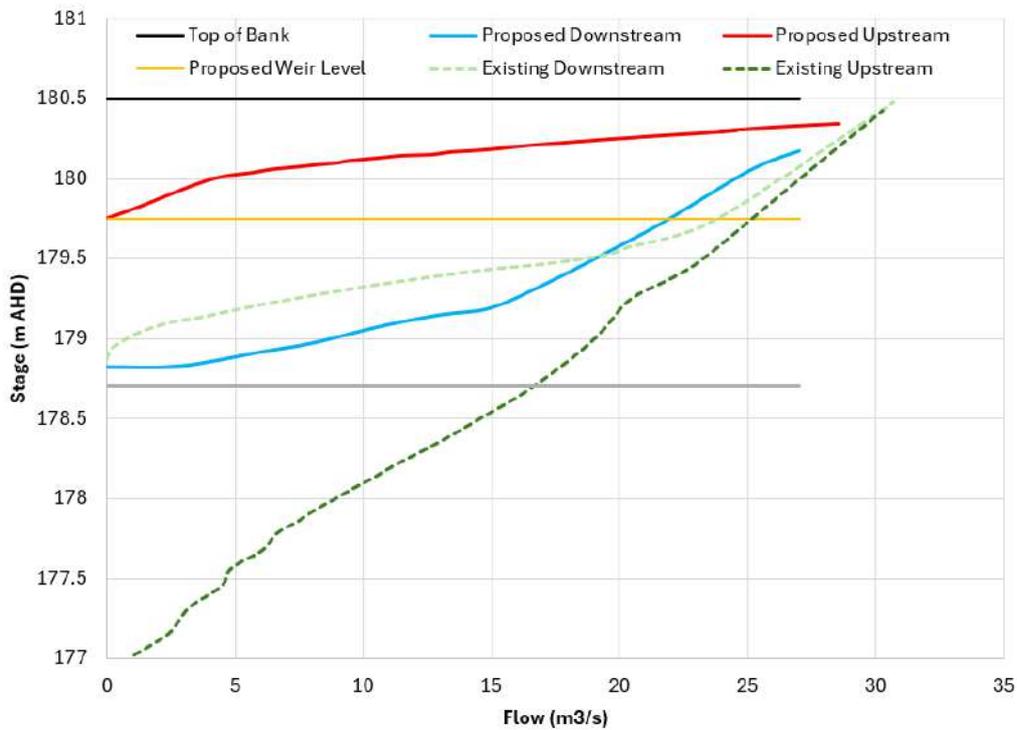


Figure 7.8: Anabranh Weir 4 Rating Curve- Existing (178.6m AHD) and Proposed (179.75 m AHD)

7.5 Erosion Protection Design

The hydraulic conditions at the toe of all weirs indicate tailwater conditions develop quickly for all weirs due to flat downstream channels. This is beneficial as it limits the extent of toe protection required significantly. High velocities are limited to the weir downstream batter face and do not propagate beyond the downstream toe.

Figure 7.9 shows a maximum velocity plot for town weir, demonstrating velocities up to 10 m/s occur on the downstream face of the weir. However, very high velocities (i.e. greater than 5 m/s) are observed occur only for low flow rates and very shallow depths before tailwater has developed. Due to the low flow rate and depth of these very high velocities, they are not critical for energy dissipation design. A concrete downstream face is appropriate to manage these high velocities and design of significant stilling basins beyond the toe is not required as tailwater levels provide adequate energy dissipation in these scenarios.

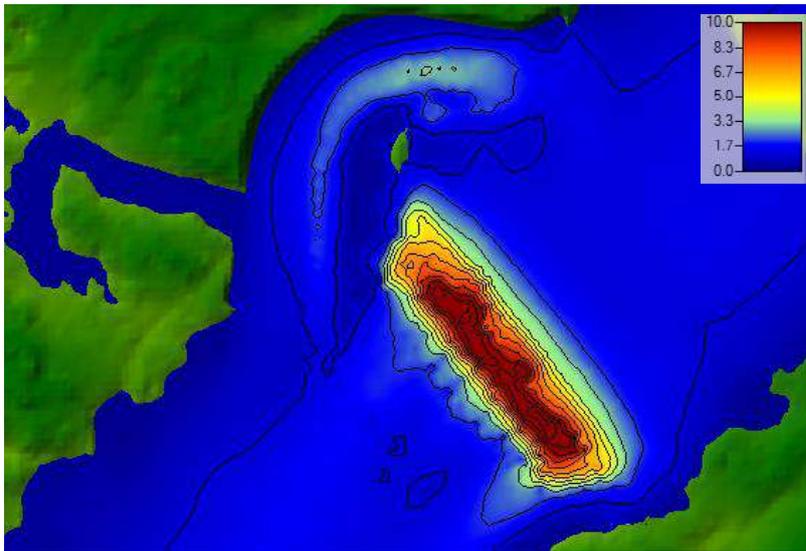


Figure 7.9: Town Weir Peak Velocity Map (left with 1m/s Maximum velocity contours and right with flow vectors prior to drown out)

A water profile plot of town weir is shown in Figure 7.10. The velocity and water profile plots for town weir are the worst case of the weirs and other anabranch weirs have less severe peak velocities and extents than shown in Figure 7.9 and Figure 7.10.

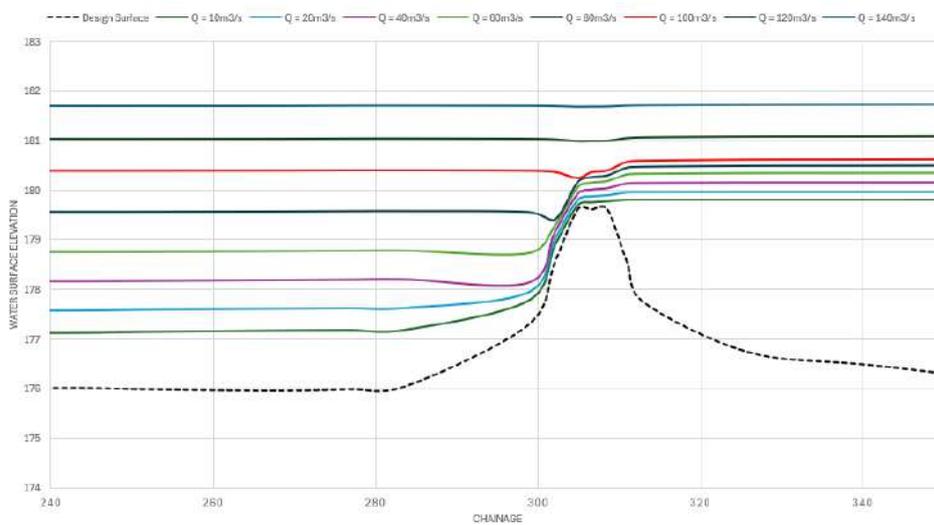


Figure 7.10: Town Weir 1D hydraulic profiles

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A summary of the critical hydraulic parameters and Froude numbers extracted from the HECRAS 2D model is shown in Table 7.5 for each weir. All weirs have sufficient tailwater to achieve hydraulic jumps on the downstream face of the embankment without the need for a stilling basin design. Downstream aprons consisting of rock or concrete are required for low flow scenarios and for protection from turbulence or localised erosion risks. The proposed downstream erosion protection treatments are summarised in Table 7.6.

TABLE 7.5: EROSION PROTECTION HYDRAULIC DESIGN PARAMETERS (HECRAS 2D)

Location	Unit	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4
Design Discharge	m ³ /s	60	7.7	4.4	10.3	10.4
Unit Discharge	(m ³ /s/m)	1.09	0.31	0.14	0.26	0.26
Reservoir Water level	(m AHD)	180.56	180.18	180.06	180.06	180.04
Embankment Basin level	(m AHD)	176.30	177.40	177.00	175.20	175.80
Velocity at basin level	(m/s)	5.63	2.17	3.42	3.58	3.66
Depth at basin	(m)	0.101	0.106	0.040	0.057	0.21
Froude No	unitless	5.7	2.1	5.5	4.8	2.6
Conjugate Depth	(m)	0.76	0.27	0.29	0.36	0.66
Hydraulic Jump Length	(m)	4.6	1.2	1.7	2.1	3.3
Tail Water level	(m AHD)	178.95	177.81	177.36	176.46	176.75
TW depth	(m)	2.65	0.41	0.36	1.85	1.89

Additional bank and abutment protection is required along the riverbanks and bank erosion protection should extend to the lower of top of bank or at least to 0.3m above the drown out level at each weir on the downstream banks for the length of the stilling basin.

TABLE 7.6: WEIR DOWNSTREAM APRON DESIGN TREATMENT

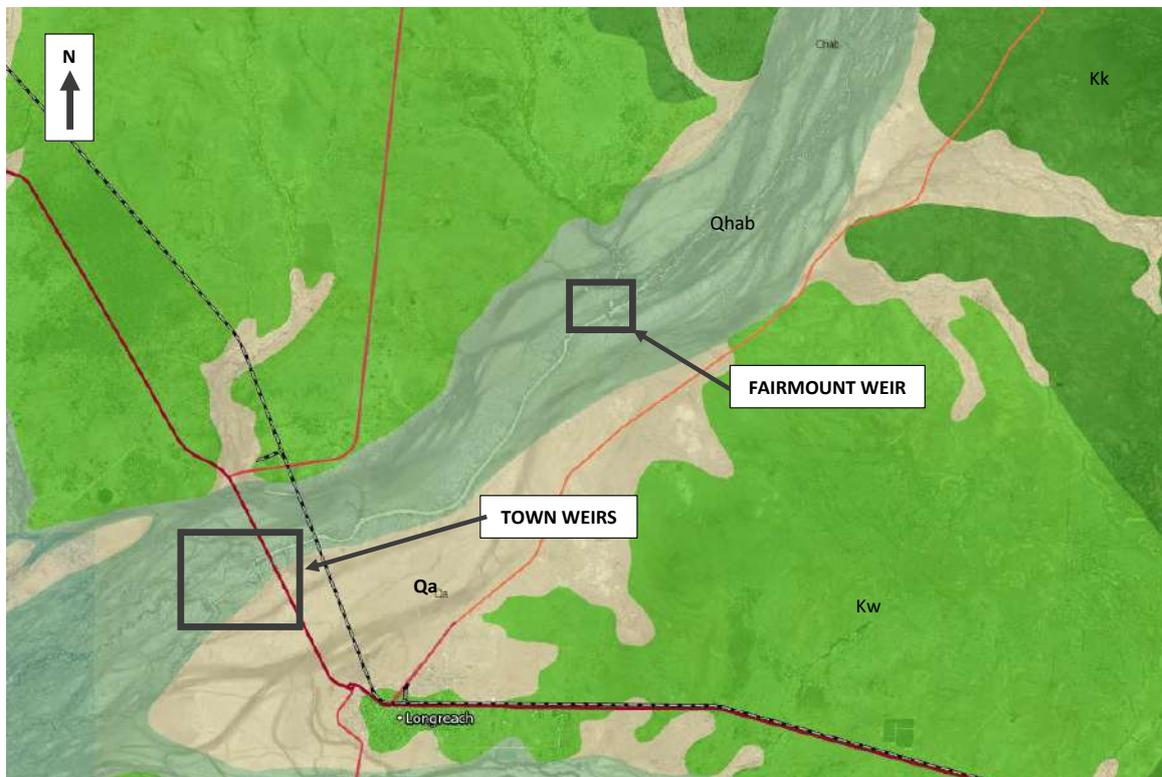
Location	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4
Type	Rock Mattress	Rip Rap Apron	Rip Rap Apron	Rip Rap Apron	Rip Rap Apron
Length	5m	3m	3m	3m	3m
Detail	300mm thick rock mattress with PVC coated wire	D50=300mm, 600mm thick	D50=450mm, 900mm thick	D50=450mm, 900mm thick	D50=450mm, 900mm thick

8. GEOTECHNICAL

8.1 Regional Geology

A desktop review of regional site geology was undertaken based on the Department of Natural Resources Mines dataset (Queensland Globe, 2025). The review indicates that the Longreach weirs and the Fairmount Weir are founded on Holocene aged alluvium consisting predominantly of sand, gravel, silt and clay; active and abandoned stream channels and over bank deposits in braided stream systems. The Holocene aged alluvium is underlain by an older alluvium from within the quaternary age. The alluvium units are overlain on the Winton Formation, of late cretaceous age, which consists of labile sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, minor coal (Queensland Globe, 2025).

Figure 8.1 presents the regional geology for the region surrounding the Longreach weir and the wider area.



Symbol	Unit Name	Description	Age
Qhab	Alluvium	Sand, gravel, silt and clay; active and abandoned stream channels and over bank deposits in braided stream systems	Holocene
Qa	Alluvium	Clay, silt, sand and gravel; flood-plain alluvium	Quaternary
Kw	Winton Formation	Labile sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, minor coal	Late Cretaceous
Kk	Mackunda Formation	Feldspathic sandstone, siltstone	Early Cretaceous

Figure 8.1: Regional Geology (retrieved from QueenslandGlobe, 2025)



The Atlas of Australian Soils mapping produced by the Australian Soil Resource Information System indicates that the area is described as alluvial plains associated with major drainage lines; the plains are often dissected by braided stream channels, and the entire area may be subject to seasonal flooding: dominant soils are deep grey clays with potential for slight (few cm) Gilgai microrelief. The chief forms are grey to grey-brown cracking clays, with lesser brown to red-brown cracking clays with occasional small clay pans with loamy duplex soils.

This classification is consistent with site observations at each of the five weirs, with banks being observed with moderate to high plasticity yellow grey clays.

8.2 Geotechnical Investigation

Historical geotechnical investigation data for the weir sites were not available for review as part of the 30% design phase of the project. Therefore, a Geotechnical Investigation Brief (BBNE00322_0003-SOW-001-0 GI Brief, dated 27 May 2025) was prepared to inform the detailed design of the project. At the time of writing this report, the fieldwork component of the geotechnical investigation had been completed with the laboratory testing underway however borehole logs and laboratory testing results yet to be received. A summary of the geotechnical investigations is presented below.

The geotechnical investigation involved the following:

- Of the thirteen (13) proposed boreholes, eleven (11) boreholes were advanced by auger drilling (in soil) and diamond coring (in rock) on the existing weirs and abutments to characterise the subsurface conditions at the weirs and abutments.
- Borehole (BH-TW02) at the centre of the town weir was abandoned due to difficulties with drilling through boulders.
- Borehole (BH- FW02) was abandoned due to difficulties in accessing the proposed drilling location. Borehole (BH-FW01) was relocated to upstream, adjacent to the access track due to similar difficulties with accessing the proposed location.
- In situ Standard Penetration Testing (SPTs) was undertaken at 1.0 m intervals to determine the in-situ strength profile of the subsurface.
- Eight (8) test pits were excavated to 3 m depth or refusal at the proposed fishway passage locations.
- In situ Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) testing was undertaken, to a maximum of 2 m depth or refusal (>20 blows per 100 mm increment), adjacent to each test pit.
- Allowance for disturbed and undisturbed soil sampling and rock core sampling (if encountered) for laboratory testing.

All investigation works specified to be undertaken to the following standards:

- AS1726 – Geotechnical Site Investigation.
- AS1289 – Methods of Testing Soil for Engineering Purposes.
- AS1141 – Methods for Sampling and Testing Aggregates.

The geotechnical investigation locations are included within the 30% design drawings.

8.3 Site Seismicity

Based on the available information, it is anticipated that Longreach is classified as Site Class De in accordance with AS 1170.4, which corresponds to deep or soft soil sites commensurate with younger Holocene to Late Pleistocene alluvium. The National Seismic Hazard Assessment (2023) database has been utilised to understand the design seismic ground motion, corresponding to a 475-year return period (10% probability of exceedance in 50 years). The horizontal peak ground acceleration was estimated to be 0.018g. Once the geotechnical investigation data is available, screening and triggering assessments will be undertaken to assess whether the foundation materials are susceptible to liquefaction for the anticipated design seismic ground motions. Based on the low estimate seismic ground motions however it is anticipated liquefaction susceptibility would not be a significant risk contributor.

The mean uniform hazard spectra have been presented in Figure 8.2.

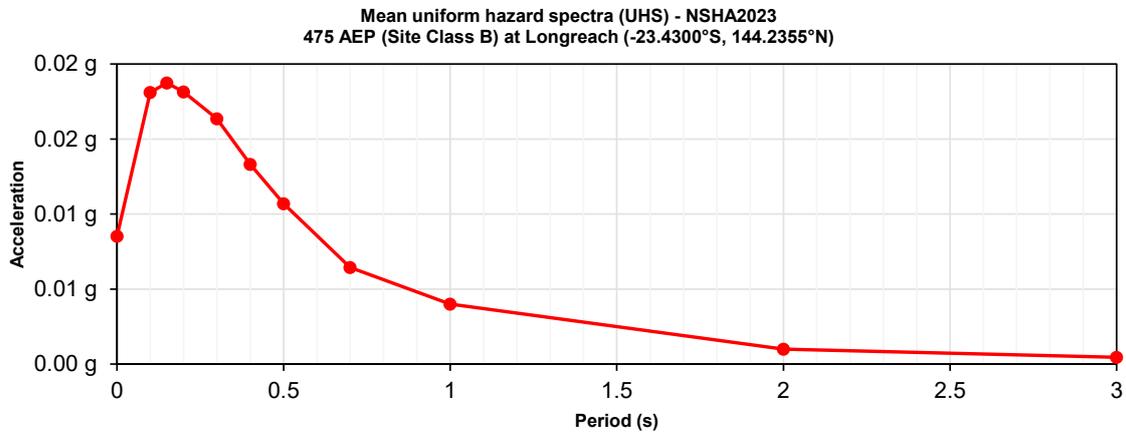


Figure 8.2: Mean uniform hazard spectra (based on NSHA23, 2023)

8.4 Geotechnical Model

The borehole and test pit logs have not been received at the time of the 30% Design development. A geotechnical model will be developed at each weir location once the factual data from the geotechnical investigation is made available.

It is anticipated that the subsurface profile will consist of alluvial clays and sandy clays overlying the Winton Formation, comprising interbedded sedimentary sequences (sandstones and siltstones). As a conservative approach, it is assumed that bedrock will not be intercepted during geotechnical investigation; this assumption will be reviewed and refined upon receipt of the geotechnical factual report.

8.5 Embankment Design

The proposed typical weir section, as presented in Figure 8.3, includes replacement of the existing embankment at each location. The components of the weir design include:

- Sheet pile wall installed centrally within the embankment, but offset from any existing footings, extending through the alluvial foundations as the primary seepage control device at each site. Alignment of the sheet pile wall may be subject to adjustment subject to the site observations following removal of the existing structure. The sheet pile wall will be integrated with the concrete facing with a concrete crest sill.
- Upstream and downstream key trenches incorporated to prevent scour/erosion of the embankment materials. A no fines concrete toe drain with PVC slotted pipe has been incorporated into the downstream cut-off as an additional measure to prevent development of excess pore pressures at the embankment toe.
- The embankment will be constructed using both earth fill and free draining granular fill materials, with a 4m wide crest and 1V:4H upstream and downstream batter slopes. The embankment will be encapsulated with a reinforced concrete slab for erosion protection.
- A downstream rock apron will be incorporated to manage the anticipated velocities during low tailwater events.

Once the geotechnical investigation data becomes available, the geotechnical model will be developed for each site. A critical section for each site will be developed and stability analysis performed for the following load cases and acceptance criteria:

- Temporary/construction stability – minimum factor of safety = 1.3.
- Long term stability – minimum factor of safety = 1.5.
- Flood loading stability for selected design flood event – minimum factor of safety = 1.3.

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as a cushion layer for the proposed EPDM geomembrane liner with the liner extended 4m upstream and ballasted with sandbags. A seepage collection and dewatering sump will be incorporated to provide a dry working area.

Coffer dam locations have been nominated in discussion with Council as follows:

- Town Weir: old weir location approximately 100m upstream.
- Anabranche 3 weir: old weir location 30m upstream.
- Anabranche 4 weir: The natural bend and channel narrowing upstream.
- Anabranche 1 and 2: nominally 20m upstream with the anabranche channels. Depending on water level management of the reservoir and project staging, simple earth bunds or no coffer dams may be possible for these structures.

Cofferdam heights and constructed levels are to be confirmed dependent upon the operating water level upstream, however minimum 500mm freeboard is to be provided.

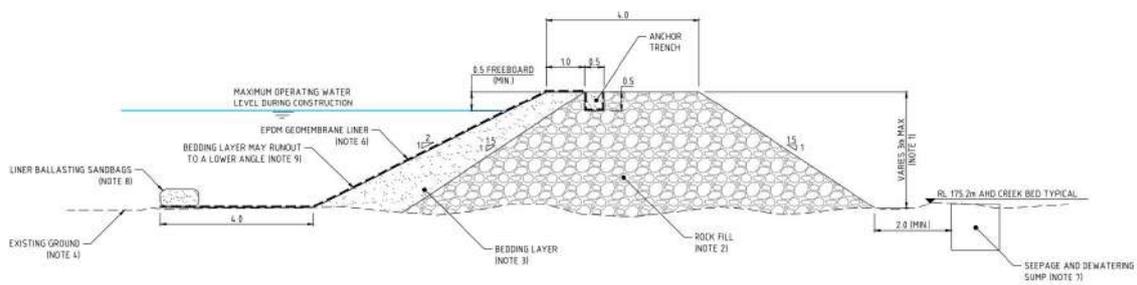


Figure 8.4: Suggested Typical Cofferdam Section



9. CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

Council intends to self-execute the bulk of the civil works using Council earthworks equipment and construction personnel. This will include earthworks, concrete and placement of erosion protection. Specialist items that will be subcontracted are likely to be sheet piling supply and installation, material supply from local commercial sources (i.e. rock, earth fill and concrete) and NATA accredited soil testing for works quality assurance. Additionally, specialist third party engineering advice may be required during construction to support Councils works department with quality assurance of the works.

9.1 Specifications

Specifications for the works would rely on the following project specific specifications developed by the designer:

- Earthworks specification, including Rockfill and geofabrics
- Performance based sheet piling specification (supplier designed sheet piles to meet specified performance requirements).
- Concrete specification.

These specifications would be more specific and appropriate for the unique project requirements and weir construction than other typical standard specifications (i.e. MRTS), however some aspects of the commonly used MRTS may be adopted.

9.2 Bill of Quantities

A bill of quantities has been developed from a material take off from the 30% design drawings and 12d terrain model for the structures and is attached in Appendix F:. The following key assumptions have been made regarding the bill of quantities:

- All coffer dams included as stand alone items (no re-use of materials) (cost saving opportunity)
- Dewatering allowed for 8 weeks per weir
- Demolition of exiting weirs to the level of the downstream bed level assumed. No additional foundation removal assumed.
- No allowance for re-use of existing rock or materials from the weirs to be removed (cost saving opportunity)
- 8m long sheet piles assumed for full width of all weirs, extending 3m into the banks.

A summary of the bulk materials estimate required for the permanent works of the weir upgrades is shown in Table 9.1

TABLE 9.1: ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF IMPORTED MATERIALS IN PERMANENT WORKS

Material	Town Weir	Anabranh 1	Anabranh 2	Anabranh 3	Anabranh 4	TOTAL
Zoned Earthfill (m ³)	1,383	148	396	877	699	3,504
Concrete (m ³)	355	38	124	259	237	1,012
Sheet Piles (m ²)	382	249	243	292	294	1,460
Rip Rap (Varying sizes) (m ³)	1,178	48	49	1020	867	3,162

9.3 Estimate of Cost

A cost estimate has been developed using approximate budget rates agreed with council during concept design and is attached in Appendix G:. Key rates were discussed with council and adopted for the direct cost estimate as follows:

- Sheet piles \$800/sqm of pile (length x depth) scaled from Isisford weir piling costs
- Zoned Earth fill supply from borrow pit <5km and condition, install, compact, test \$25 /m3
- Reinforced concrete supply and install all in rate \$2000 /m3
- Rip rap supply and install including all earthworks and geofabric:

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- \$200/m3 for rock D50 up to 300mm,
- \$220/m3 for rock D50 300mm-500mm and
- \$250/m3 for D50>600mm.

A contingency of 30% has been applied consistent with concept design. Significant improvement in project definition has been made since the previous phase, however until geotechnical conditions are better understood there are significant risks to the bill of quantities and costs.

Indirect costs require further definition depending on the subcontracted elements of the project. Contractor indirect costs have remained at 25% of the direct cost and could reduce considerably if Council self-execute the majority of work.

Costs are estimated in 2025 Australian dollars and a summary of costs is provided in Table 9.2

TABLE 9.2: ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS TO CONSTRUCT (\$ AU, 2025)

Item	Cost
Preliminaries	\$620,000
Direct Costs - Town Weir	\$1,797,000
Direct Costs - Anabranh 1	\$479,000
Direct Costs - Anabranh 2	\$565,000
Direct Costs - Anabranh 3	\$1,220,000
Direct Costs - Anabranh 4	\$1,125,000
Direct Costs Total	\$5,805,000
Indirect Costs	\$2,842,000
Contingency (30%)	\$1,741,000
Total	\$10,388,000

9.4 Project Risks

A project risk register has been developed and is provided in Appendix H: which identifies key risks at this stage. Additional project risk evaluation and safety in design is required at 80% design phase.

9.5 Project Approvals

9.5.1 Water Licensing

Council holds two water licenses are held for the Town Storage waterhole under the Water Act (2000), which require amendment for the upgrade. The licenses pertain to:

- License to interfere with Thomson River by impounding of 3300ML (Reference 609661 – dated May 24, 2014).
- License to take water up to a maximum of 2200ML/annum or 12.5 ML/day (reference 609661 - dated 13 December 2018).

Separate application of amendments of these licenses is underway relating to the weir raise and additional storage.

It is estimated the license to interfere should be increased to approximately 4200ML.

The license to take amendment require further consideration from council on the likely maximum extraction requirements to supply the township per the Longreach drought management plan.



9.5.2 RIDA approval

A Regional infrastructure development approval (RIDA) was granted in March 2025 for the project. This may need minor amendment depending on the final design selected if the works footprint or other aspects of the project deviate from the approved conditions. The permanent works area of the upgrades is summarised in Table 9.4. The total footprint of all permanent works is estimated at 0.81ha.

Additionally, construction management plans for soils, vegetation and other aspects to ensure construction impacts comply with the RIDA.

TABLE 9.3: PERMANENT WORKS FOOTPRINT AREA

Material	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4	TOTAL
Weir area (m ²)	1645	673	553	1096	992	4959
Fishway area (m ²)	1098	1096	-	-	920	3114
Total (m²)	2743	1769	553	1096	1912	8073

10. FURTHER WORK

To progress the 30% design into 80% detailed design, the following inputs and further work is required in the design:

Design and Approvals

- Complete site field geotechnical investigation and reporting.
- Undertake geotechnical design of the five weir raises.
- Council review and input data gaps in this report.
- Confirm DPI comments on fish passage design and other state government agency input such as water licenses and construction permits.
- Undertake detailed design of fishways, weir hydraulics, embankments and erosion protection.
- Confirm RIDA impact extents and seek amendment if necessary

Construction

- Council to confirm construction material availability and preferences and identify spoil locations for waste.
- Prepare necessary construction permits and approvals when design detail is known.
- Commence 80% design undertake construction planning for weir construction, including staging plan.



11. QUALIFICATIONS

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APPENDIX A: WEIR SYSTEM HISTORY MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM

Project:	BNE00322_0008 Town Weir Design	Date:	11 August 2025
To:	Longreach Regional Council	From:	Tim Randell
ATT:		CC:	
Subject:	Town Weir System Construction History Timeline and Existing Embankment Detail		

Introduction

Very limited engineering documentation exists for the existing five embankment structures on the Town Weir system and Town waterhole in Longreach. Through discussions with Longreach Regional Council (Andre Pretorius, Guy Goodman) and review of available drawings, photographs and documentation, a timeline and estimated embankment construction detail of the Town Weir and Anabranh weirs. Additionally relevant information from the available drawings and construction records of Fairmount, Bimbah and Goodberry weirs upstream has been reviewed in developing the summary below.

Construction History

Of particular interest and focus is the composition of the existing town weir embankments that do not have design records. The construction timeline is as follows.

1950s – A Weir system was constructed on Thomson River for the purpose of town water supply. No records or history is available of the exact date of construction or details of the work. The original weir system is no longer in use, and remnants of what is believed to be the original town weir remain upstream of the current day Town Weir embankment. This old embankment structure is lower than the current weirs and has been used as the coffer dam during maintenance or modification of the Town Weir in the last 10 years.

1969 (November) – Longreach Regional Council hold a Shire plan (dated November 1969) documenting the five weirs in the town weir system and full supply level (weir crest level) of 587.03 feet (State datum) or 578.73 (main Roads Datum). The MRD datum conversion is unknown, however the State datum full supply level (FSL) is equivalent to 178.76m AHD. This is reported approximately 0.16 m higher than the current day FSL of the town storage.

1973 – In December 1973, photographic records show the Town weir system and anabranh weirs being re-constructed (for unknown reasons) in the current location by Longreach Regional Council. The photos (refer attachment A) show a compacted earthfill embankment covered in plastic, carefully placed sandstone rock, bitumen and some concrete. Foundation treatments of the weirs (if any) are unknown, and no design or drawings of this construction are known to exist.

1981 – A Queensland Water Resources Commission storage curve drawing A3-59444 obtained from DNRME indicates a full supply volume of 3768 ML with an area of 87 ha at FSL of 582.05 feet (Main roads datum). The plan also shows historic bathymetry of the storage being up to 30 feet (10 m) deep upstream of the weirs, noting weir embankment heights are 3.5 m maximum.

1982/83 – In 1983 upgrades to the Bimbah and Goodberry weirs were documented upstream of the town weir system. Modifications and augmentations designed by Cameron McNamara Pty Ltd (drawings no 52406 to 52413). The original weir construction date and composition is unknown; however the new embankments (i.e. Bimbah no. 2) consist of earthfill with 2 m deep 'compacted sandy clay' filled key trench. Some existing embankments area were raised in this phase of work and drawings show details of them built up with 'sandy clay', bitumen grouted gabions, and rock.

1997 – A new Fairmount weir was constructed by a civil contractor. No records exist of this construction; however, it is believed to have been designed by PPK engineers in 1997. The works consisted of an earthfill embankment covered in dumped rock and a Fairmount weir pump station wet well with inlet pipes in the centre of the main channel. The weir failed in the 1999 floods. Remnant concrete encased cement lined mild steel pipe and old slab/walls of the wet well that was removed after the failure and are discarded near Fairmont weir and visible today.

2000 – After the Fairmount weir failure and significant damage occurred in 1999 flooding, extensive repairs and reconstruction with a staged concrete crest sill, gravity release outlet and pump well were completed by Council. The embankment repairs were made of compacted

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earthfill (presumably locally won sandy clay) with 118,000 tonnes of 'gidgee' rock lining from Wagner's Quarry. Rock ramp fish channels were installed on the embankment, which are believed to be the first (and possibly only) dedicated fish ramp structures in the Cooper Basin (Marsden and McGill, 2001). Design drawings were by Fisher Stewart (Drawings 98587-01 to 28) and a good photographic record is held by Council (Guy Goodman) of the works and is attached in attachment B.

2015 – The town weir embankment was observed to be leaking (reported as flowing water piping through the base of the embankment toe). Remedial works were undertaken by Council and consisted of upstream concrete facing and a concrete cutoff “rat wall” to 1.5m depth on the upstream toe, which addressed the issue (no design / construction drawings or written records). The concrete interface of these works to the existing 1973 embankment works is visible on the Town Weir weir crest.

2020 – Failure of Anabranch 3 and 4 occurred during a river overtopping event. Council repairs and reconstruction was undertaken with lean mix concrete. Limited photographic records of the repairs are held by Council, with no other known documentation. It is estimated by the works manager some 300 to 400 m³ of lean mix (6:1 sand cement ratio) were pumped into the failure voids of each embankment and 150 mm thick fibre-crete shell was poured over the remaining structures. Photos are attached in attachment C.

Town Weir Typical Section

A summary of the best estimate of the make-up of the town weir and anabranch embankments from photos, visual inspection and oral history is shown in Figure 1. This is summarised as:

Original Construction (1973):

- Compacted sandy clay embankment with unknown foundation treatment or cutoff measures.
- Bitumen grouted sandstone embankment protection layer (rock size from 200-450 mm, approx. d50 of 300mm). This was placed on a black plastic layer before being covered in bitumen.
- Varying 3 m to 6 m wide concrete apron on downstream bed and bank with D50 of approximately 400 mm.

Repairs 2015:

- Upstream concrete facing tying into the crest and an upstream cutoff wall, including a
- Cutoff wall reported to be 1.5-1.8 m deep and concrete filled.

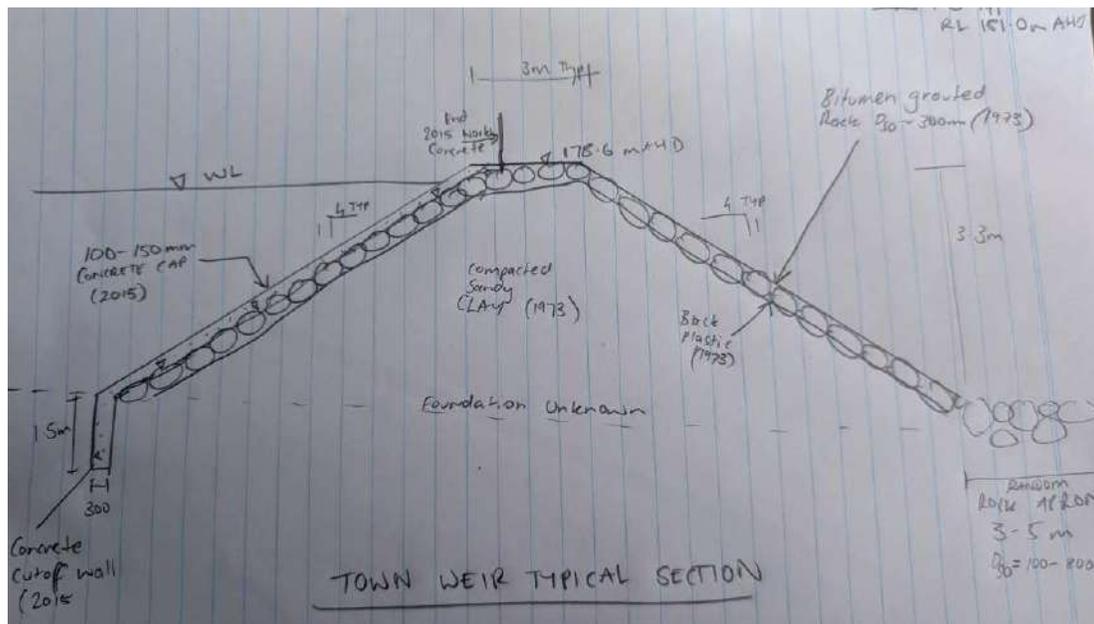


Figure 1: Assumed Typical Section - Longreach Town Weir

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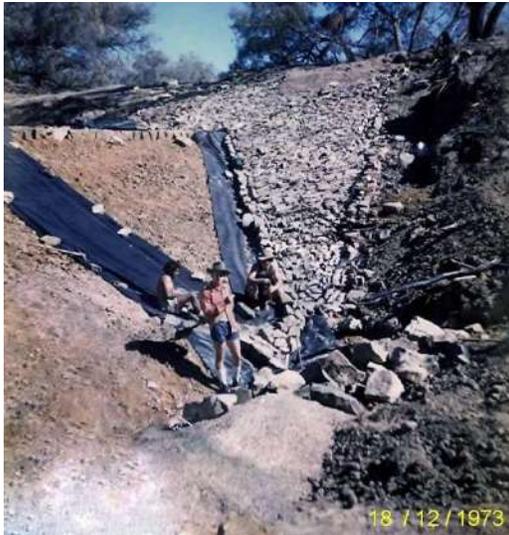


Anabranch Weirs

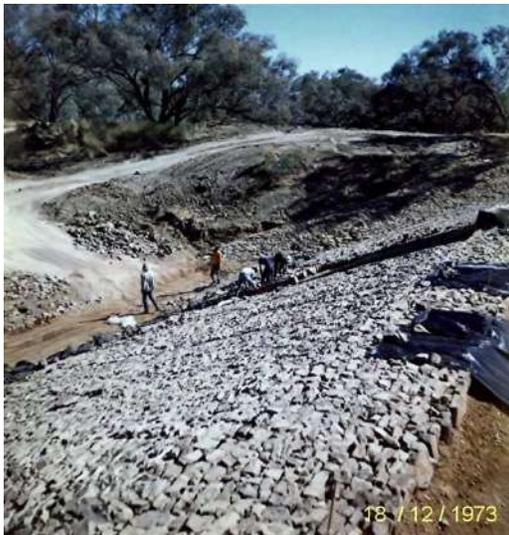
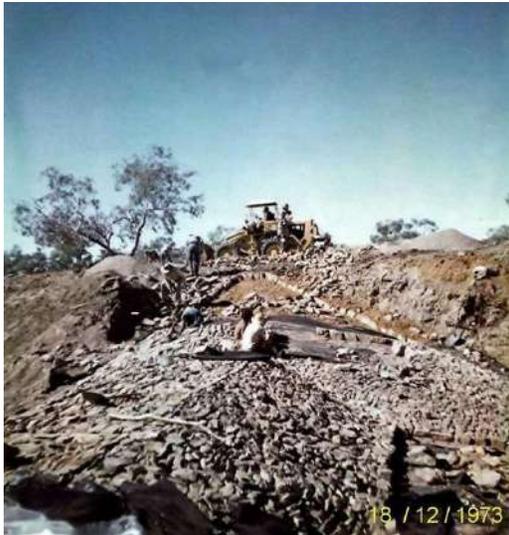
The anabranch weirs are believed have the same composition as town weir, without the upstream concrete facing and 1.5 m cutoff wall. Additionally, anabranches 3 and 4 have large lean mix concrete plugs in them from the 2020 repairs and a 150 mm thick unreinforced concrete surface / shell over the entire structure of weir 3 and 4.

APPENDIX A: TOWN WEIR 1973 CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS

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APPENDIX B: FAIRMOUNT WEIR
2000 CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS

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APPENDIX C: 2020 FAILURE -
ANABRANCH 3 AND 4

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APPENDIX D: 1981 STAGE STORAGE CURVE

APPENDIX B: SITE INSPECTION SUMMARY

B.1 Site Inspection

A site inspection of the weirs proposed to be upgraded site was undertaken by Engeny during the geotechnical investigation in August 2025. A summary of the site inspection observations is presented below.

B.1.1 Town Weir

Figure B.1 presents the current condition of the Town Weir. The following was observed during the site inspection:

- Overtopping events have occurred given the condition of the shrubs and trees downstream of the weir.
- Rockfill is present on the downstream abutment faces of the weir and the downstream toe to prevent local scour.
- Transverse and longitudinal cracking is present along the length of the weir crest surface with some cracking extending downstream on the concrete surface.
- Rill erosion on the upstream abutment due to flow concentration from the catchment.
- Undermining of the concrete surface at select locations which is assumed to have occurred during overtopping events.



Figure B.1: Town Weir - Existing Condition

B.1.2 Anabranch Weir 1 and 2

Figure B.2 present the current condition of the Anabranch weir 1 and 2. The following observations were made of the weirs during the site inspection:

- Weir 1 appears to have several large sinkholes and has undergone significant tunnel erosion from overtopping flows.
- Rill and gully erosion at the abutments, similar to the Town weir, with root balls exposed.
- Waste rock and concrete material from an outside source have been placed on the weir downstream to protect the embankment from further scouring.
- Desiccation cracking, >20mm, on the downstream of the channel and the batter slopes of the river anabranch channel.



Figure B.2: Existing condition of Anabranch weir 1 (left) and 2 (right)

B.1.3 Anabranch Weir 3 and 4

Typical photos of the existing condition of Anabranch weir 3 and 4 are presented in Figure B.3. The following observations were noted during the site inspection:

- Rockfill is present at the downstream abutment on both sides to prevent scouring and erosion during overtopping events.
- Transverse and longitudinal shrinkage cracking, less than 2mm width, of the concrete surfacing observed.
- Tunnel, rill and gully erosion due to concentrated rainfall runoff at the abutments were noted at both sites.

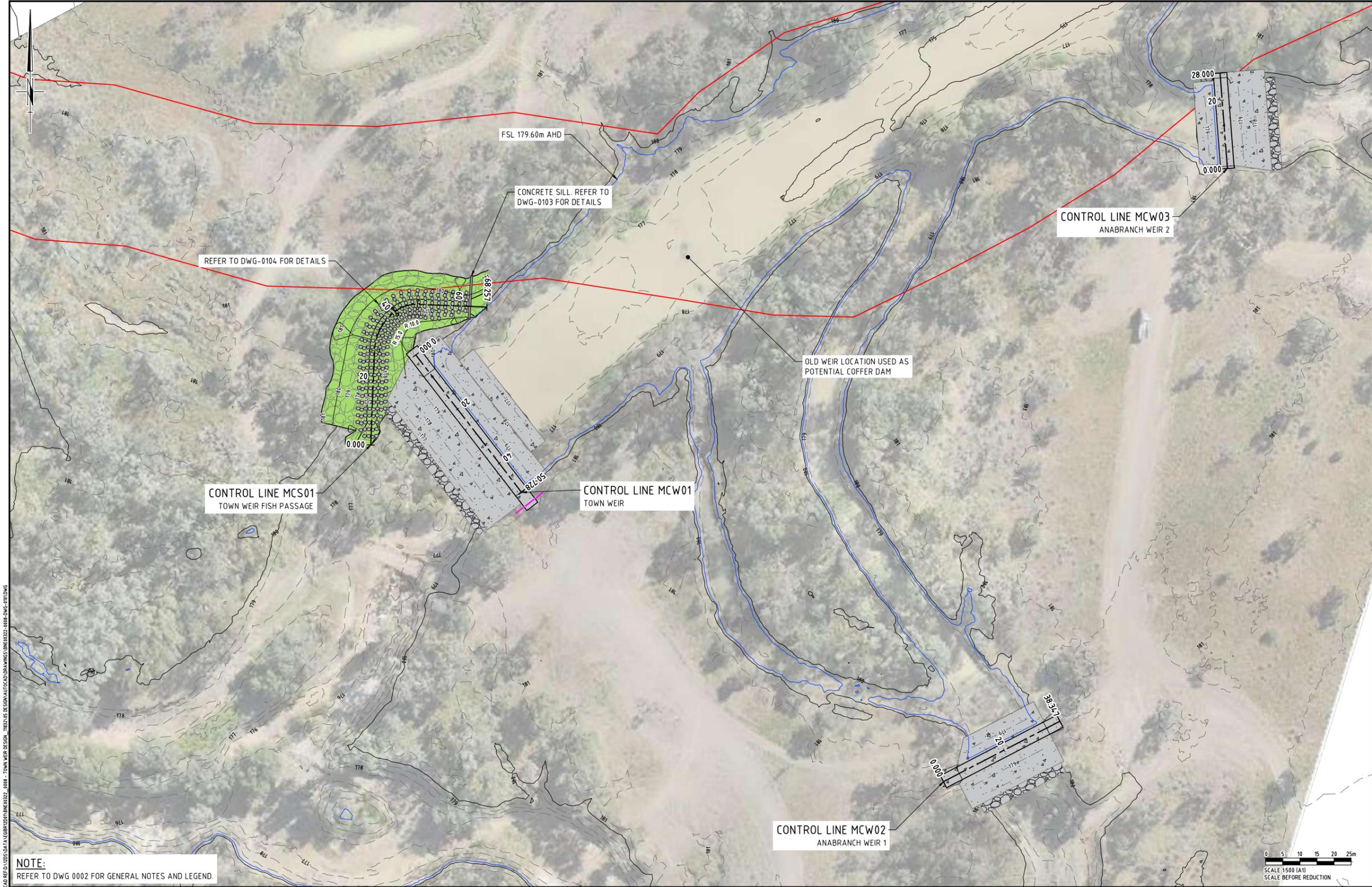
Anecdotal information from LRC indicate that the two weirs, at Anabranch 3 and 4, were recently remediated following two separate wet weather events which caused partial breaches of the weirs. The remediation design for the weirs included temporary installation of sheet piles upstream of the weir to prevent further containment loss followed by infilling the breached zone with a stabilised sand mix followed by capping with a surfacing concrete.



Figure B.3: Anabranch weir 3 (left) and 4 (right)

APPENDIX C: 30% DESIGN DRAWINGS

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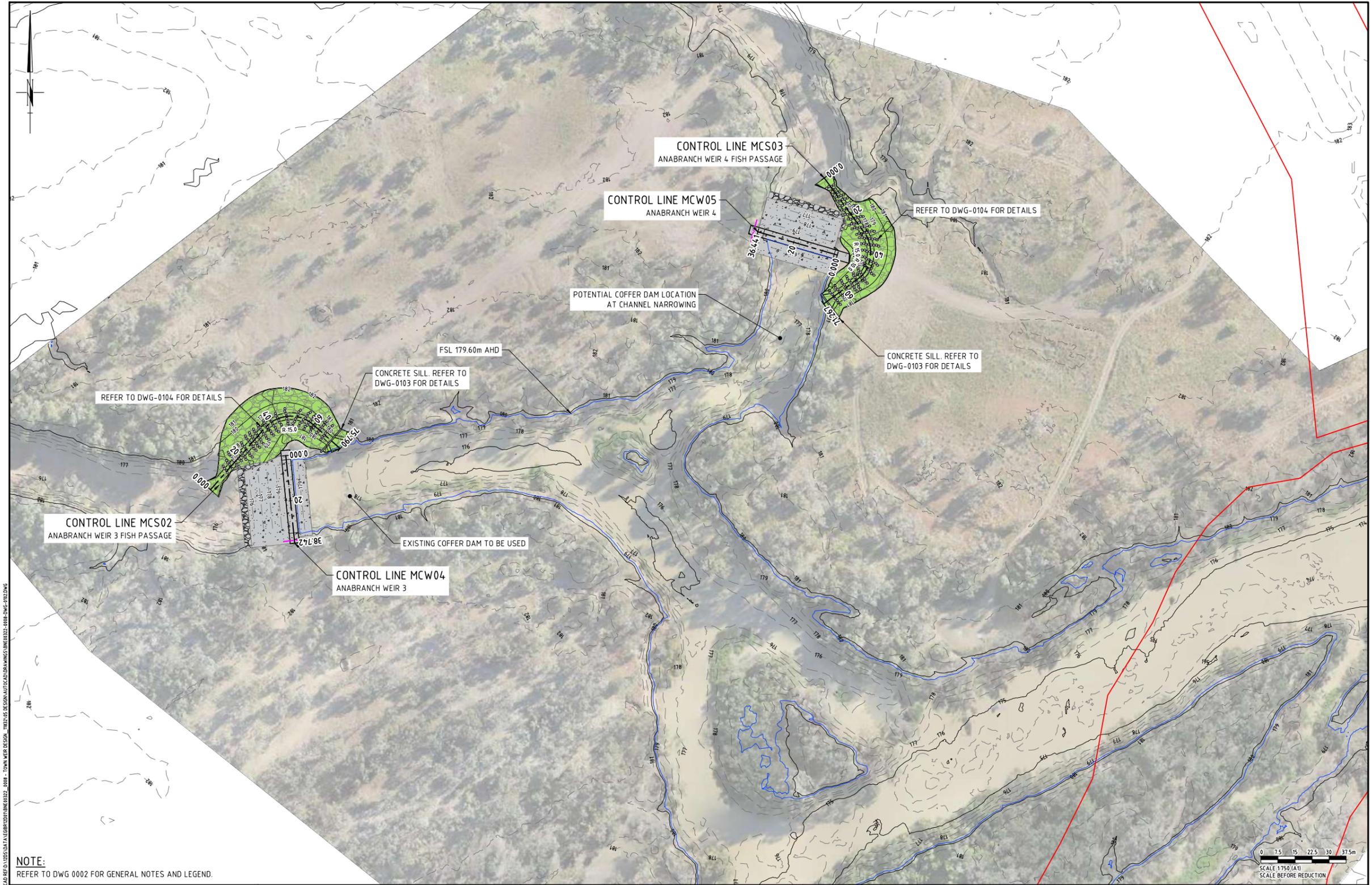
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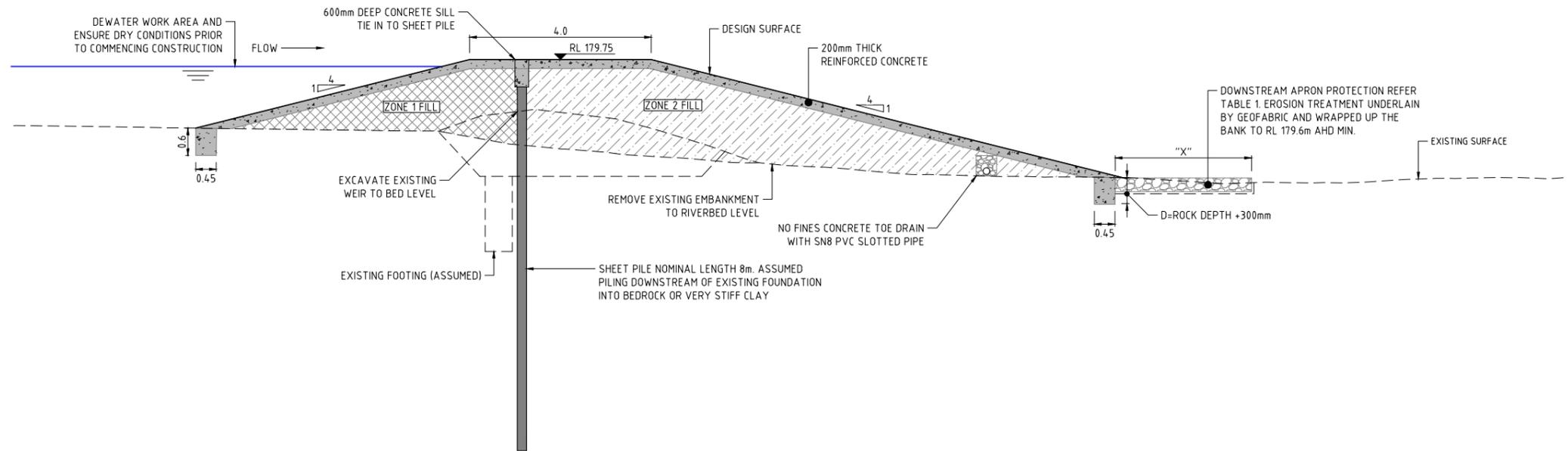
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TOWN WEIR TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
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TABLE 1 - DOWNSTREAM APRON DETAIL

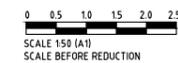
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LENGTH "X"	5m	3m	3m	3m	3m
THICKNESS	300mm	600mm	900mm	900mm	900mm
ROCK SIZE (D50)	D ₅₀ =100mm/100mm	D ₅₀ =300mm	D ₅₀ =450mm	D ₅₀ =450mm	D ₅₀ =450mm

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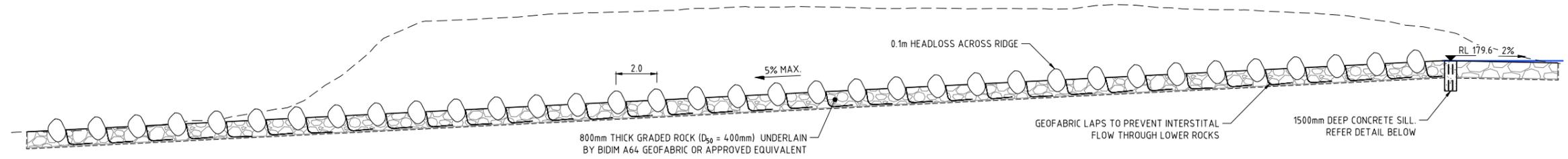
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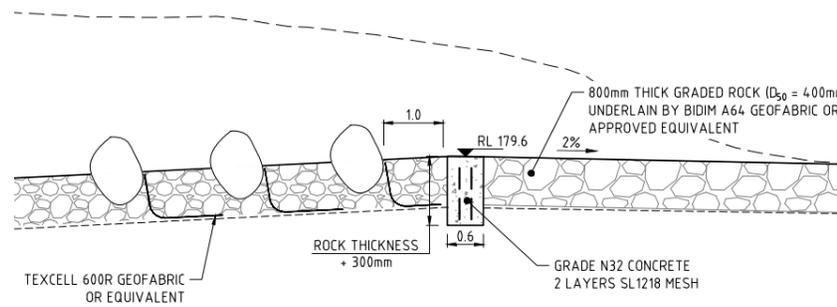
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BYPASS FISHWAY ROCK RAMP TYPICAL ELEVATION DETAIL
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TYPICAL ROCK RIDGE AND CONCRETE SILL DETAIL
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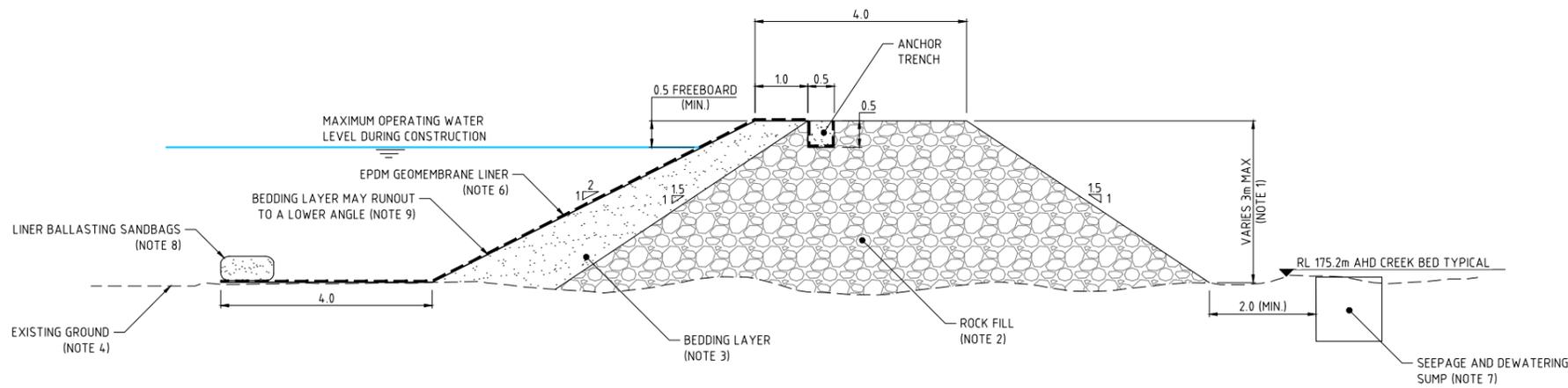
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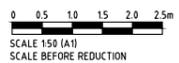
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NOTES:

1. 3m MAX COFFERDAM HEIGHT. FINAL DESIGN HEIGHT WILL BE DEPENDANT UPON OPERATING WATER LEVEL IN THOMSON RIVER UPSTREAM OF COFFERDAM. MINIMUM OF 500mm FREEBOARD SHALL BE PROVIDED ABOVE OPERATING WATER LEVEL TO THE COFFERDAM CREST. FINAL COFFERDAM DESIGN SHALL BE APPROVED BY SUPERINTENDENT AND SHALL INCLUDE THE CREST WIDTH, ROCKFILL SIDE SLOPES, MATERIAL TYPES, AND LAYER THICKNESSES AS SHOWN IN THIS DRAWING.
2. ROCK FILL TO BE CONSTRUCTED FROM MATERIAL SALVAGED FROM THE DEMOLITION OF WEIR RIP RAP AND PREFERRED SIZE IS D_{50} 150mm, WITH <300mm MAXIMUM PARTICLE SIZE. ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ROCK OR EARTH FILL MAY BE REQUIRED AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL PRIOR TO USE. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE AN ALLOWANCE FOR POTENTIAL LOSS OF MATERIAL IN SILTY CREEK BED.
3. BEDDING LAYER TO BE CONSTRUCTED FROM LOCALLY WON SAND AND/OR FROM A SOURCE APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.
4. EXISTING GROUND LEVELS AND CONDITIONS ARE INFERRED BASED UPON BATHYMETRY DATA. ACTUAL CONDITIONS MAY VARY.
5. CONTRACTOR SHALL REVIEW COFFERDAM ALIGNMENT AFTER FIELD INSPECTION OF SURROUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS. FINAL COFFERDAM LAYOUT AND DESIGN TO BE APPROVED BY SUPERINTENDENT.
6. 1mm THICK EPDM GEOMEMBRANE LINER TO COVER BEDDING LAYER. WHERE LINER CANNOT BE WELDED A 2m OVERLAP (MINIMUM) IS REQUIRED. OVERLAPS SHALL BE FREE OF FOLDS AND GAPS.
7. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, SETUP AND OPERATION OF A SEEPAGE RETICULATION AND DEWATERING SYSTEM INCLUDING SUMP AND PUMP SIZING. DEWATERING SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE DRY AND SUITABLE WORKING AREA.
8. LINER SHALL BE BALLASTED IN CREEK WITH MINIMUM OF SINGLE ROW OF CONTINUOUS SANDBAGS/ CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ALLOWANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SANDBAGS AND ADD AS NEEDED TO SECURE LINER.
9. BEDDING LAYER MAY RUNOUT AT A LOWER (FLATTER) ANGLE THAN UNDERLYING ROCKFILL. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE AN ALLOWANCE FOR POTENTIAL RUNOUT AND LOSS OF MATERIAL IN SILTY CREEK BED.



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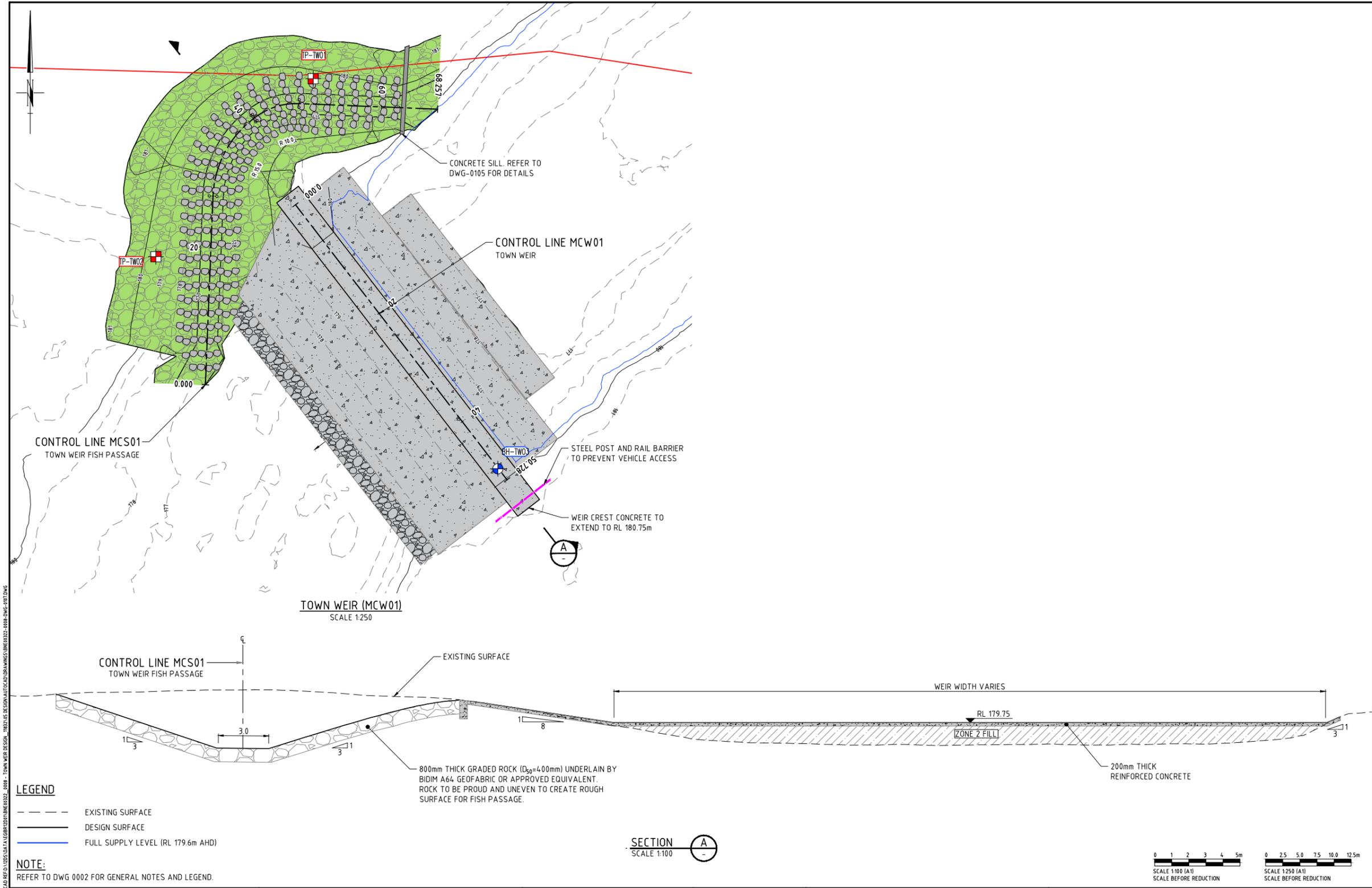
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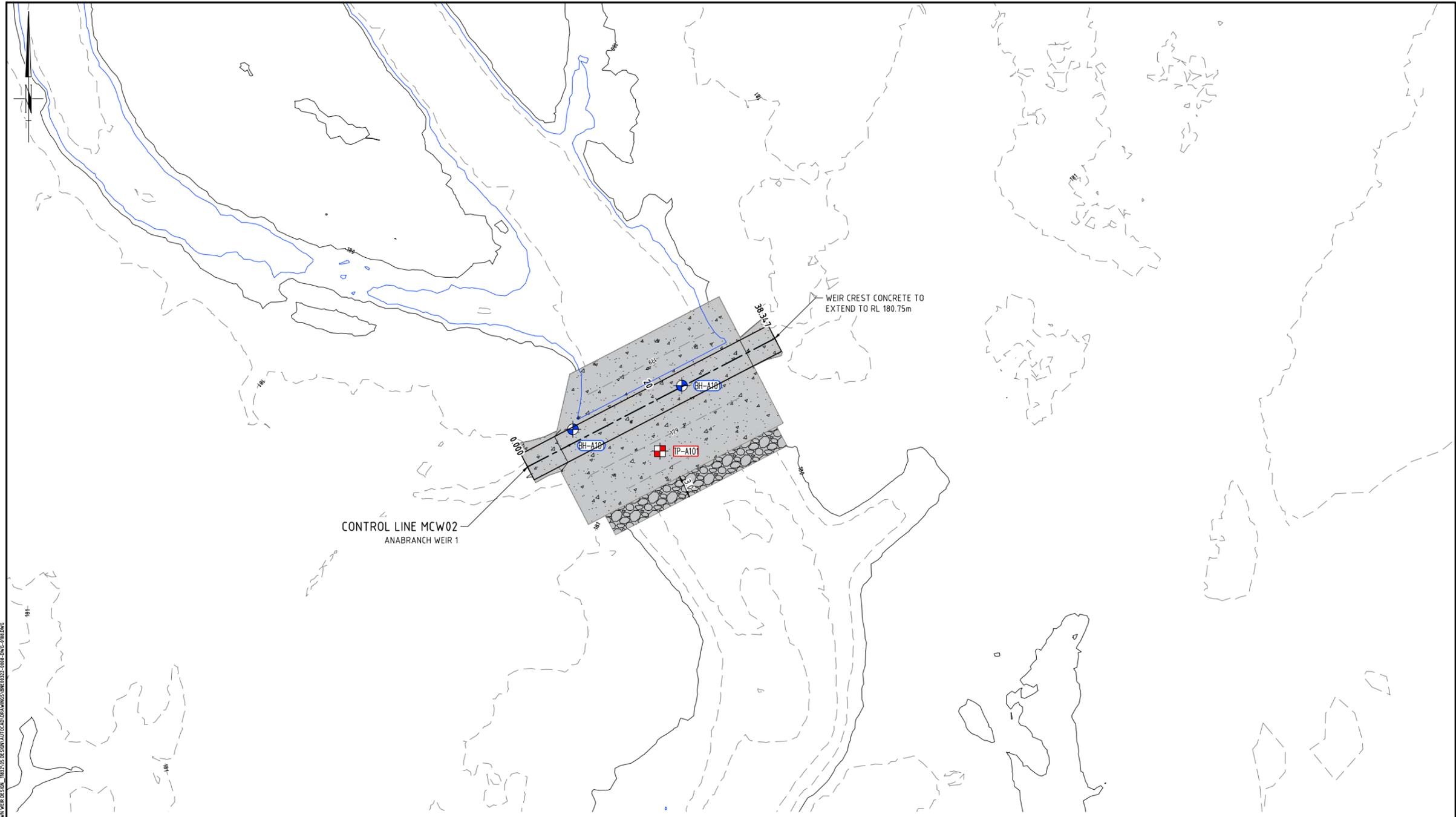
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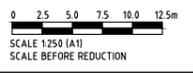
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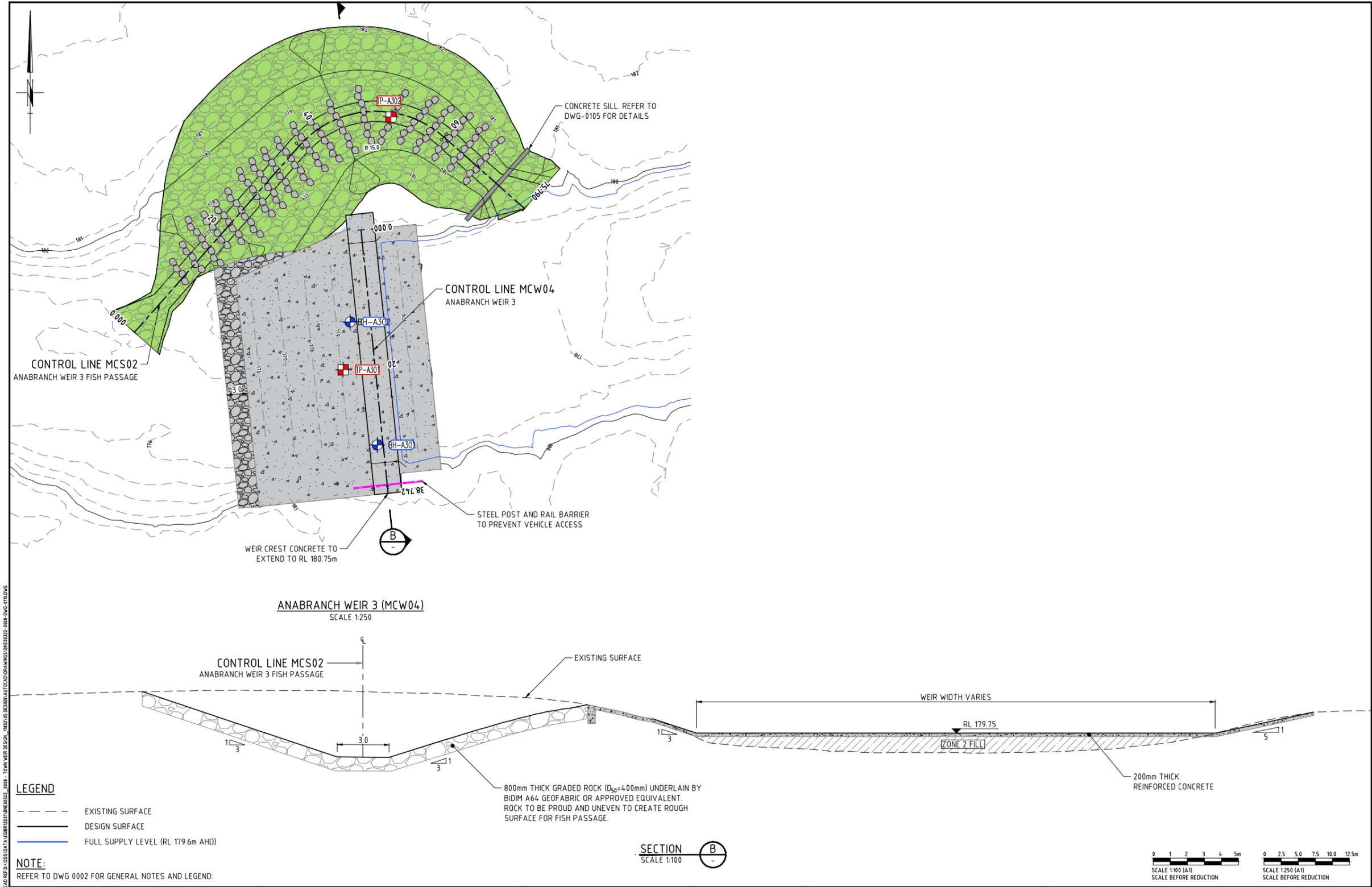
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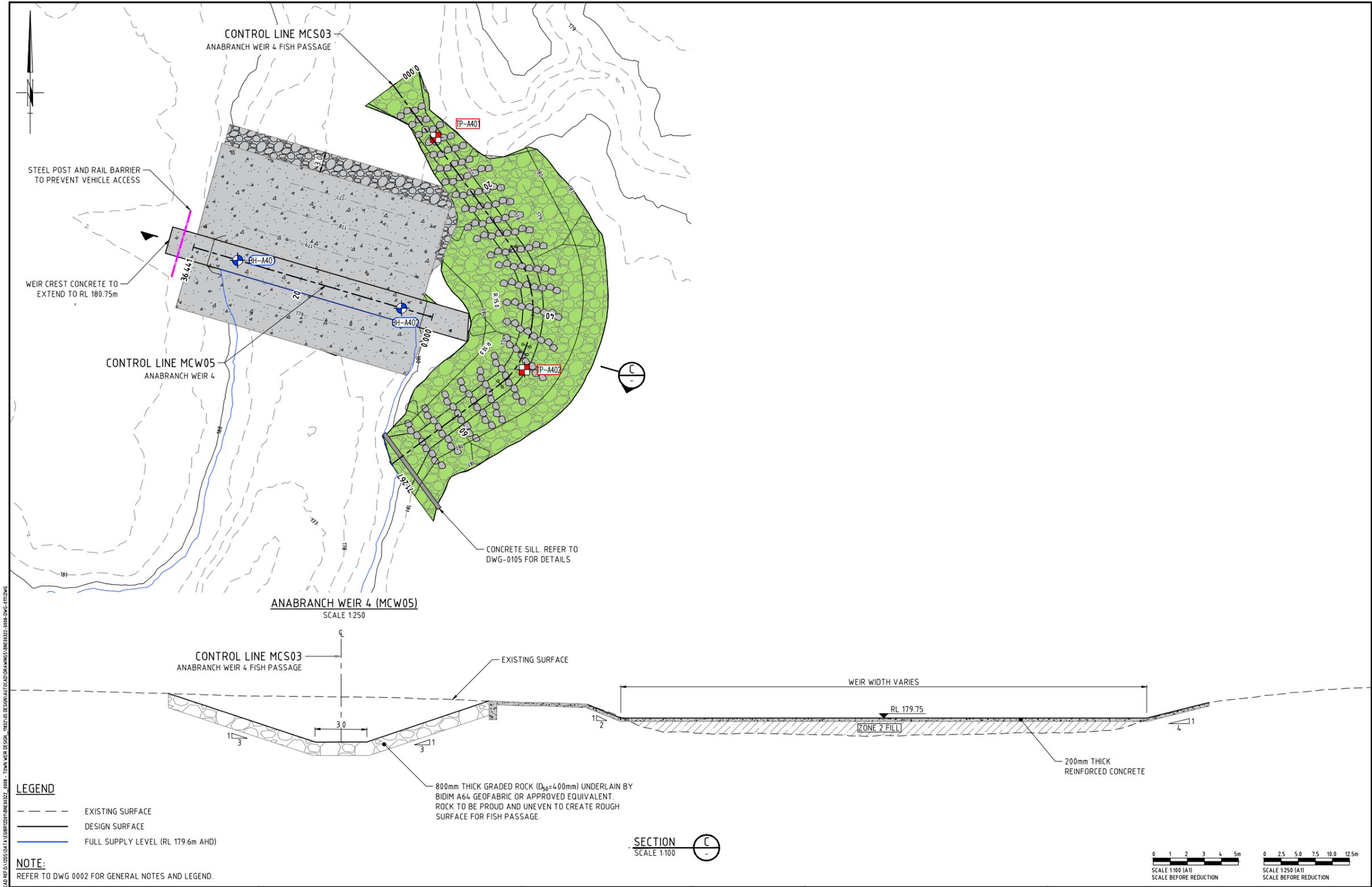
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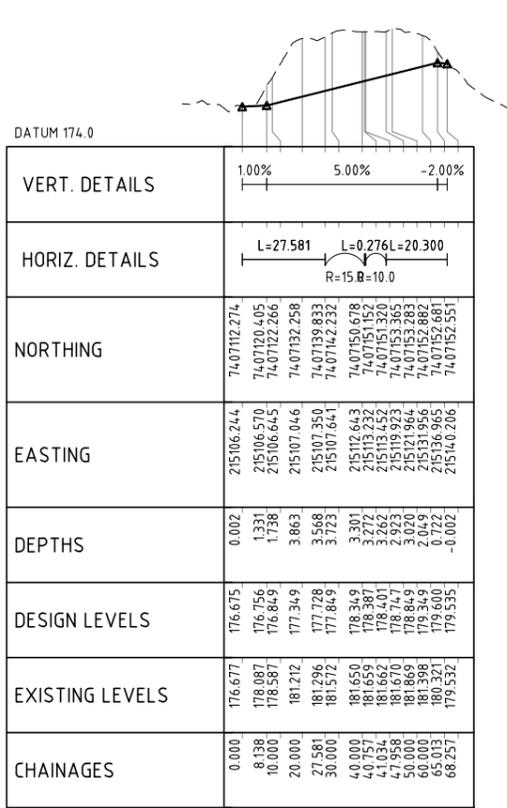
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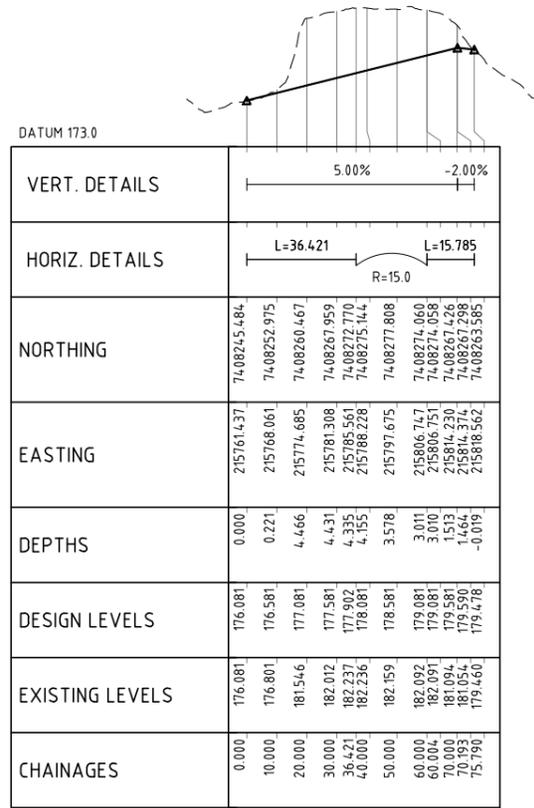
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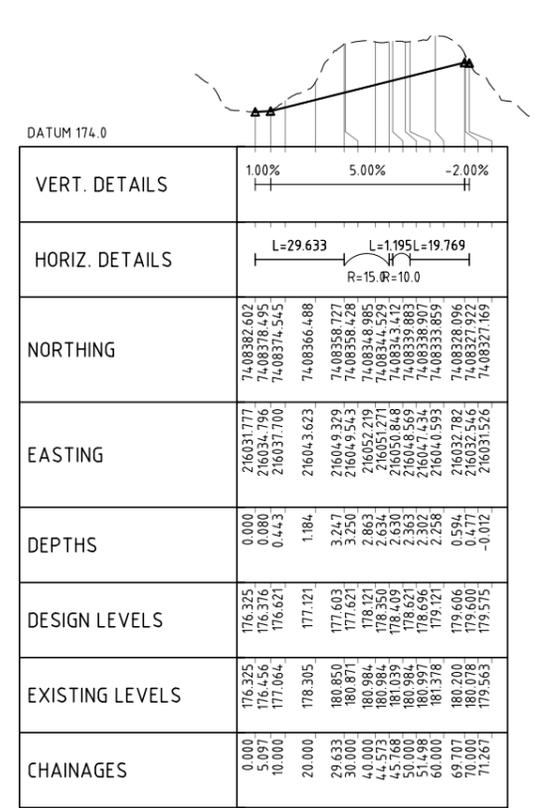
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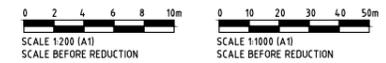
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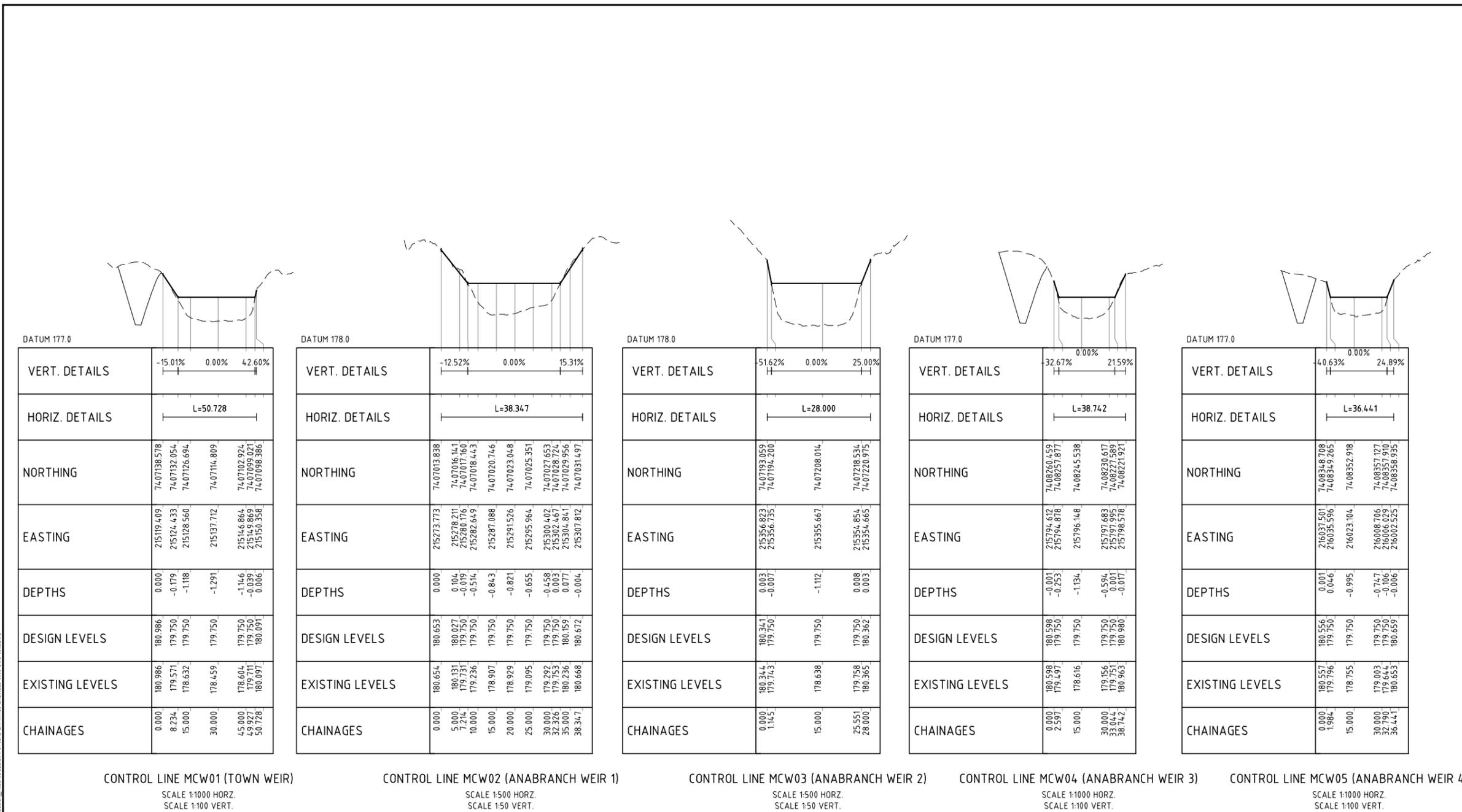
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APPENDIX D: DPI FISHWAY COMMENTS RESPONSE

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Comments on *Thompson River Weirs Concept Design Fish Passage Channel Report, dated 12 May 2025 reference BNE00322-0004-REP-001-0.*

Name	Josh Wong	Division:	Fisheries Queensland, Impact Assessment and Management
Contact:	Joshua.Wong@dpig.qld.gov.au; 5381 1363		
Section	Describe the issue	Suggested Solution	
3.4.1 Weir Hydraulic Condition	It is unclear if the following statement regarding the modelling refers to true drownout or overtopping of the weirs. "Drown out has been defined as the situation when the water level rises high enough to submerge the top of the crest weir, reducing or eliminating its ability to control flow by submerging the hydraulic drop."	<p>Provide clarification on drownout statement in section 3.4.1 Weir Hydraulic Conditions. Scenarios where the weirs' ability to control flow is reduced, but not eliminated, may not indicate full drown out.</p> <p>Confirm the flow rate assumed to be drownout is true drownout (full submersion of the hydraulic jump) and not overtopping (partial submergence of the hydraulic jump). It may be beneficial to provide details of the flow conditions when each weir overtops, through to full drownout.</p> <p>Engeny Comments: Drown out is defined in the design report as having less than 0.3m of afflux across the weirs.</p> <p>The 30% design report shows detailed 2D hydraulic modelling where drown out occurs below bank full level for all upgraded weirs. Changes in drown out flow rates are defined in Table 7.4 of the 30% design report.</p> <p>Due to drown out occurring quite close to bank full levels, there are some constraints on raising the weirs higher to provide the desired 300mm level difference between weir crest level and fishway upstream entrance, particularly at Town Weir.</p>	
3.6 Percentage of Time Fish Passage is Enabled	As presented the total time of available fish passage appears to be low. As presented it is not clear that adequate fish passage will be provided for the majority of time suitable flows are available.	<p>The level of fish passage provided by each weir appears to be low. For example, Figure 8 & Table 5 show that at the Town Weir fish passage is only provided for 13% of the total time. It would be beneficial to present fish passage improvements in a simple, clear manner that highlights the improvements to fish passage from the addition of fish ways. These percentages are likely to be improved if invert levels are adjusted to ensure low flows are prioritised through the fish ways (see comments re section 4.3).</p> <p>Engeny Comments:</p>	

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		<p>Levels have been adjusted to provide low flows through the bypass channels as requested and described in section 6.4 of the 30% design report.</p> <p>Due to the braided river with multiple channels, the precise fish passage opportunity is hard to define, however the inferred fish passage opportunity time has been estimated for existing and upgraded fishways case in section 6.5.</p> <p>It is estimated an improvement in fish passage opportunity time in the order of 5 times the duration of existing.</p>
<p>4.2 Fish passage Design, 4.3 Channel Design</p>	<p>Distance of both the upstream and downstream fishway entrance to the weir is unknown. The report contains contradictory information regarding providing suitable attraction flows and interaction with spillway flows. It is stated in both section 4.2 & 4.3 that the entry points will be placed beyond the hydraulic jump or close to the spillway to provide suitable attraction flows with limited details provided for either entry location.</p>	<p>Provide clarification on the intended location of the fishway entry in relation to the spillway and how suitable attraction flows will be provided that will not be compromised by spilling flows over the weir.</p> <p>Engeny Comments:</p> <p>Attraction flows are defined in section 6.4 and there will be up to 0.9 m³/s flowing in the fishways before weirs overtop. At fishway flow depth of 0.3m, unit flows in the fishway will be approximately double unit flows over weirs which will also provide attraction.</p> <p>Hydraulic modelling has demonstrated hydraulics jumps are contained near the downstream batter of the weirs due to tailwater effects and the fishway downstream entrance is sited away from the turbulent hydraulic jumps.</p>
<p>4.3 Channel Design</p>	<p>No discussion of other designs such as an instream rock ramp/spillways was provided. It is unclear if an options analysis was undertaken and/or if the proposed bypass channel fishway design is the least impact option to the waterway and fisheries resources.</p>	<p>Add discussion of other fishway designs considered to justify the proposed design is the least impact option. Provide brief summaries of why other designs were discounted, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns with fish mortalities from fish impacting rock ridges in an instream switchback rock ramp fishway design. <p>Engeny Comments:</p> <p>Other options considered-are explained in section 6.1 of the report with some commentary on the known upstream fishways at Fairmount weir.</p> <p>The selected bypass channels are a similar philosophy to the Fairmount weir rock ramp structures and are considered more economical to construct than instream fishways. Providing instream rock ramps (like Fairmount weir) is undesirable due to the significant increase in channel filling and rock protection that will impact cost and construction for Council.</p> <p>Some options for further refinement and improvement of the fishways in detailed design have been suggested including:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refining and longitudinal flattening grades slightly if necessary • potentially raising anabranch 3 and 4 weirs slightly to increase fishway depth if detailed hydraulics permit
4.3 Channel Design	The proposed design has the upstream fishway invert set at the same height as the weir crest. If the invert is set at this level, it is unlikely attraction flows will be sufficient for fish to find the entrance due to interference from the overtopping weir crest.	<p>To ensure fish ways are effective at providing fish passage, flow requirements to operate the fish way must be met as a priority. To meet this requirement, the invert of the fishway needs to be set lower than the weir crest. Where the barrier and the fishway are set at the same invert, it is unlikely that fish will find the fishway entrance points and may instead be drawn to the impassable weir itself.</p> <p>The upstream fishway inverts should be set a minimum 100mm below the top of each weir. It is recommended to amend designs either by increasing the weir height 100mm or lowering the fishway invert 100mm below the design height.</p> <p>Engeny Comments: The weir crest levels have been raised by 150mm to provide flow in the fishway channels before weirs overtop. The weir entry and exist has been reoriented and widened to 9m to ensure adequate flow to achieve sufficient flow depth through the channel at lower water stage upstream.</p>
4.3 Channel Design	Orientation of the proposed entrances with natural waterway flows are at right angles (90 degrees), set at the same height as weir crest. It is unclear how fish will find the upstream entrance as there is no flow priority to the fishway.	<p>Ideally the downstream and upstream fishway entrance/exit would be set to better align with the direction of flows for fish to find the fishway entrance, unless a strong attraction flow to a perpendicular entrance/exit is achieved. It is recommended to amend the entrance/exit alignments or demonstrate attraction flows and flow priority will be sufficient to attract or direct fish to the entrance/exit.</p> <p>Engeny Comments: The channels have been realigned closer to 45 degrees from the main channel direction of flow, as well as having a low depth of 0.15m of flow prior to weir overtopping. Attraction flows have been estimated and are reported on in section 6.4 of the report.</p>
4.3 Channel Design	Large rock sizes will be utilised in the rock ramp construction with no concrete or solid base. It is stated D50 400mm rock with an 800mm thickness will be utilised to construct the fishway. As designed it is unclear if water depths will be maintained within the fishway channel. There is risk that flows will be lost from the fishway due to voids created by the large rock size and interstitial spaces.	Provide clarification that materials used to construct the fishway will hold water by utilising a variety of sized rock that interlocks to prevent voids and that the substrate of the fishway is suitable to hold water within in the fishway channel. For example, the fishway base is constructed of concrete or clay or another substrate type conducive to holding water within the constructed fishway channel.

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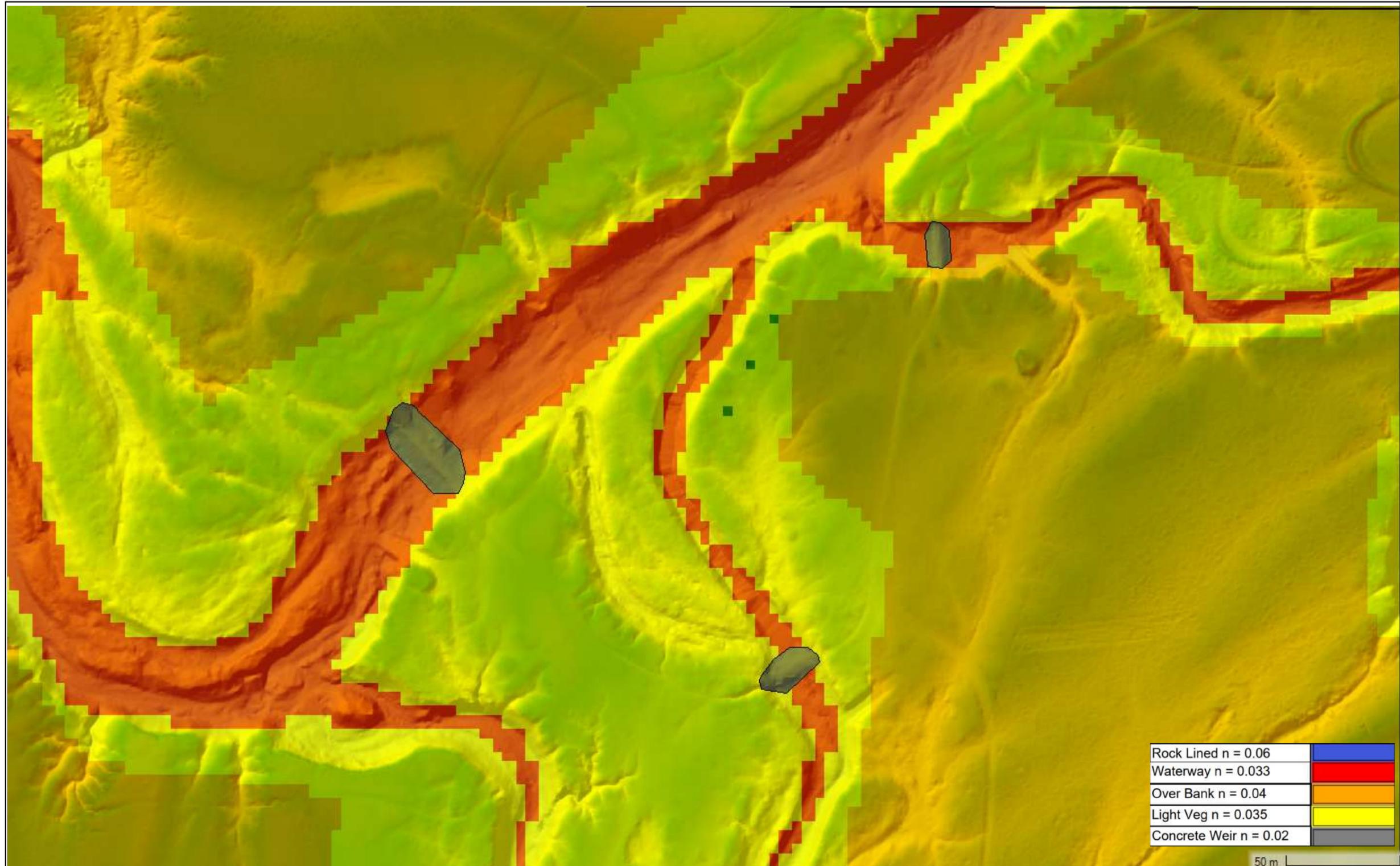
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		<p>In clarifying this matter, demonstrate that the fishways will provide sufficient depth for fish passage.</p> <p>Engeny Comments:</p> <p>The site geotechnical conditions observed from site inspection are typified by expansive black clays which are highly impermeable when wet. This is still being confirmed by field geotechnical investigation and testing.</p> <p>The fish channel design will be updated to incorporate geofabric lining under rock ridges in detailed design. This is a commonly used detail for fishways, as geofabric is relatively impermeable and is often used a liner for rock riffle structures.</p> <p>Between the rock ridges (1m diameter rocks) well graded rock (nominally D50 =400) will be used and detailed with additional smaller rock to reduce interstitial space to be specified and detailed in final design.</p>
<p>4.3 Channel Design</p>	<p>No rock ridges are included within the fishway designs. Roughening provided by the rock channel will provide some flow velocity variability, however, is unlikely to provide sufficient depths, resting areas or velocities between the pools. While the addition of pools will assist in providing refuge areas for fish, without rock ridges it is unclear how suitable localised water depths and velocities will be provided throughout the full length of each fishway channel. Inclusion of rock ridges will also provide benefits to fish passage from the breaking up of flows and providing low velocity resting zones throughout the fishway.</p>	<p>Amend design to include rock ridges approximately every 2-3m between each pool. This distance represents the average maximum burst speed distance that smaller bodied fish can maintain between low velocity zones.</p> <p>Engeny Comments:</p> <p>The fish channels achieve a maximum grade of 1 in 20 (Typically flatter at 1:25 to 30) with rock ridges at 2m centres. This has been hydraulically designed to achieve min 100mm depth of flow over the ridges at the target flow rate when the upstream pool is at 179.75m AHD (150mm above FSL).</p>

APPENDIX E: HYDRAULIC MODELLING RESULTS

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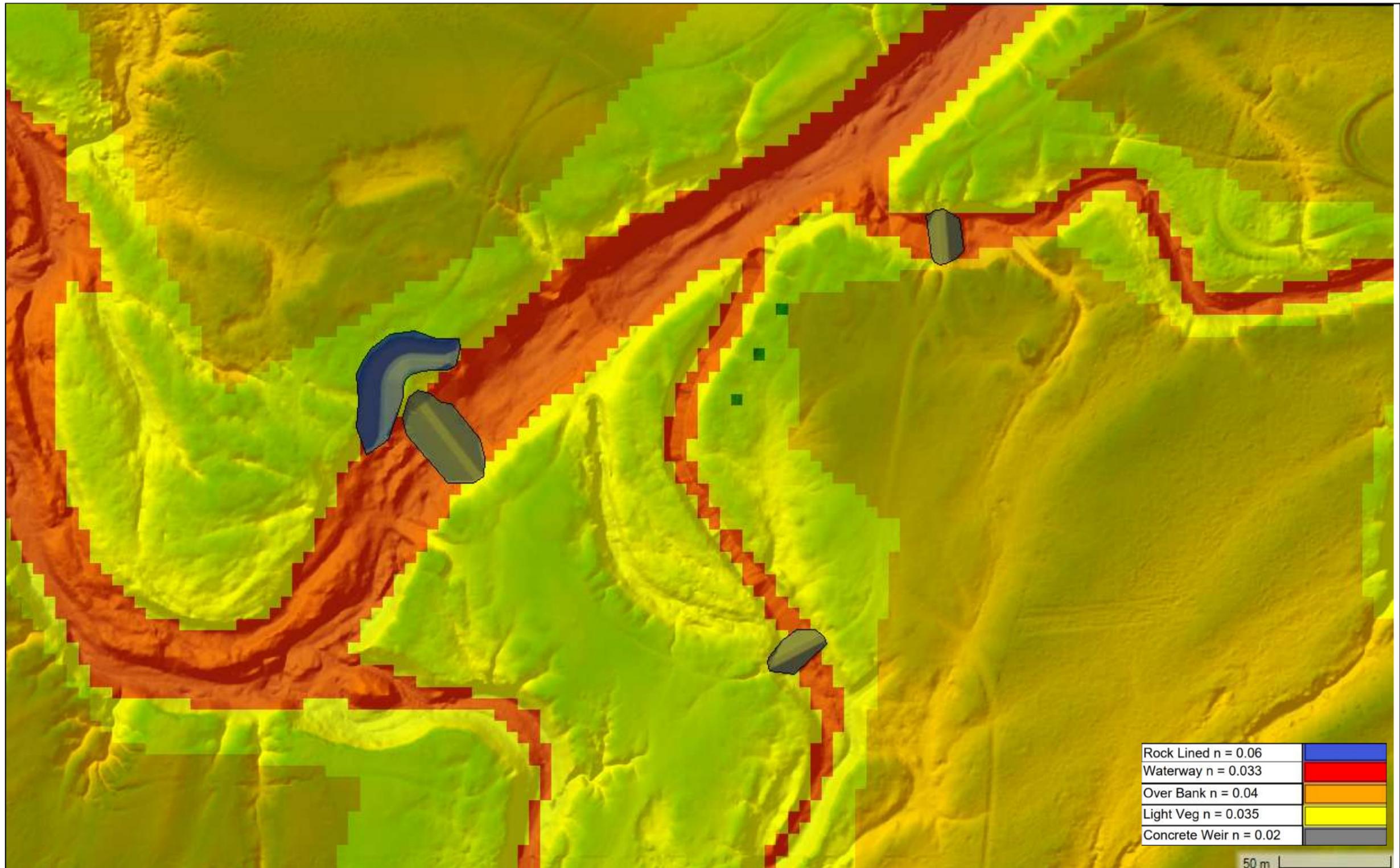
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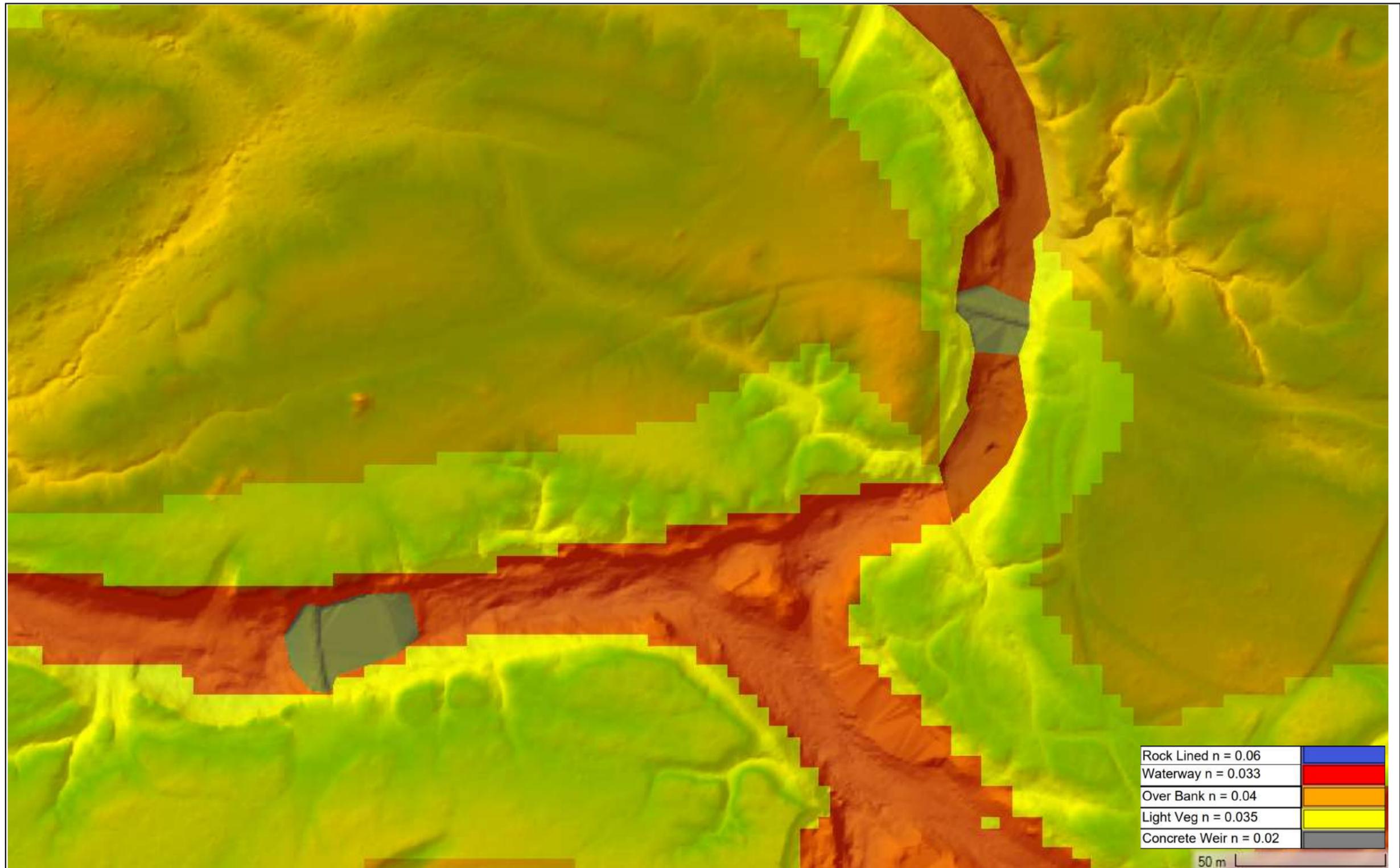
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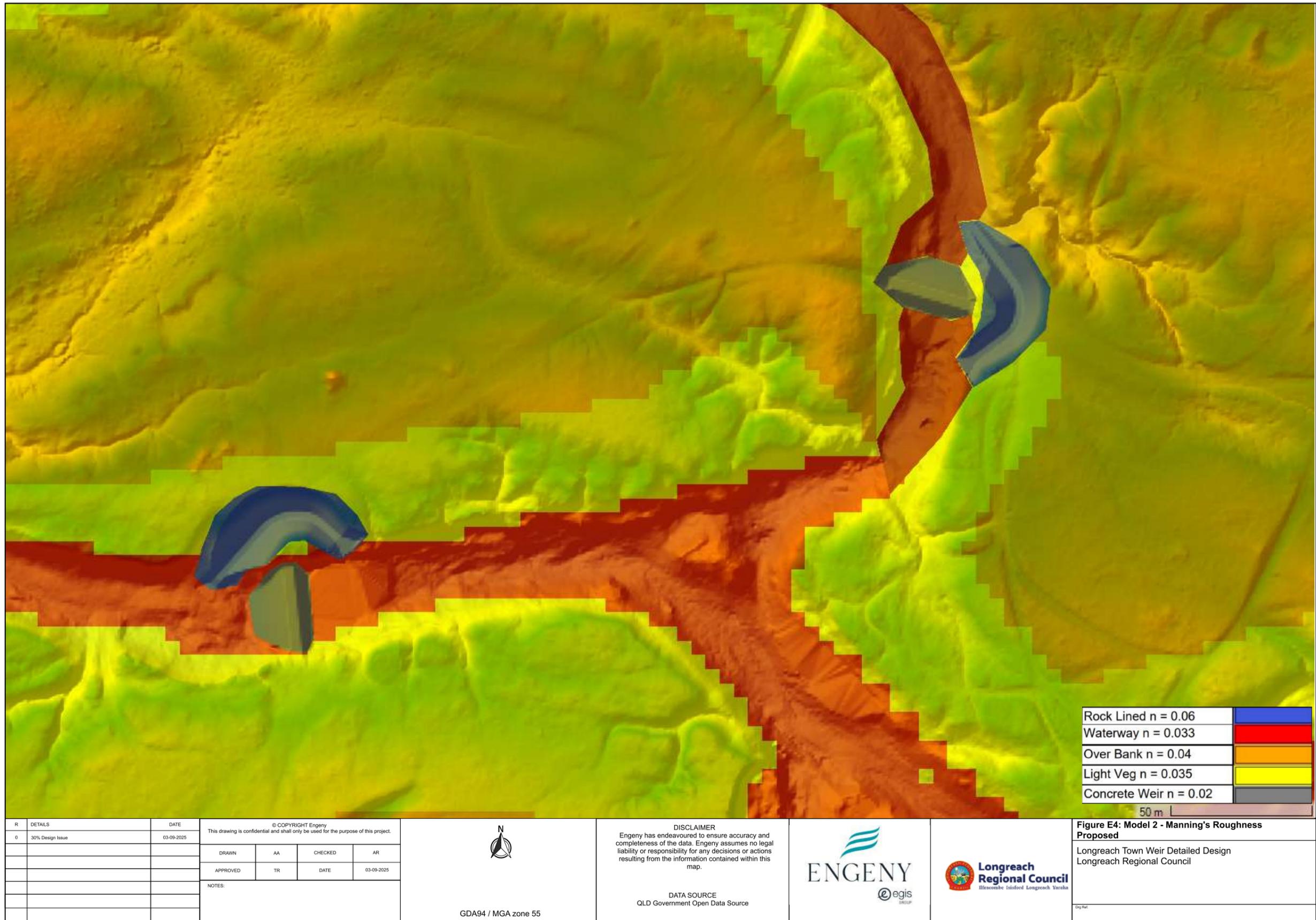
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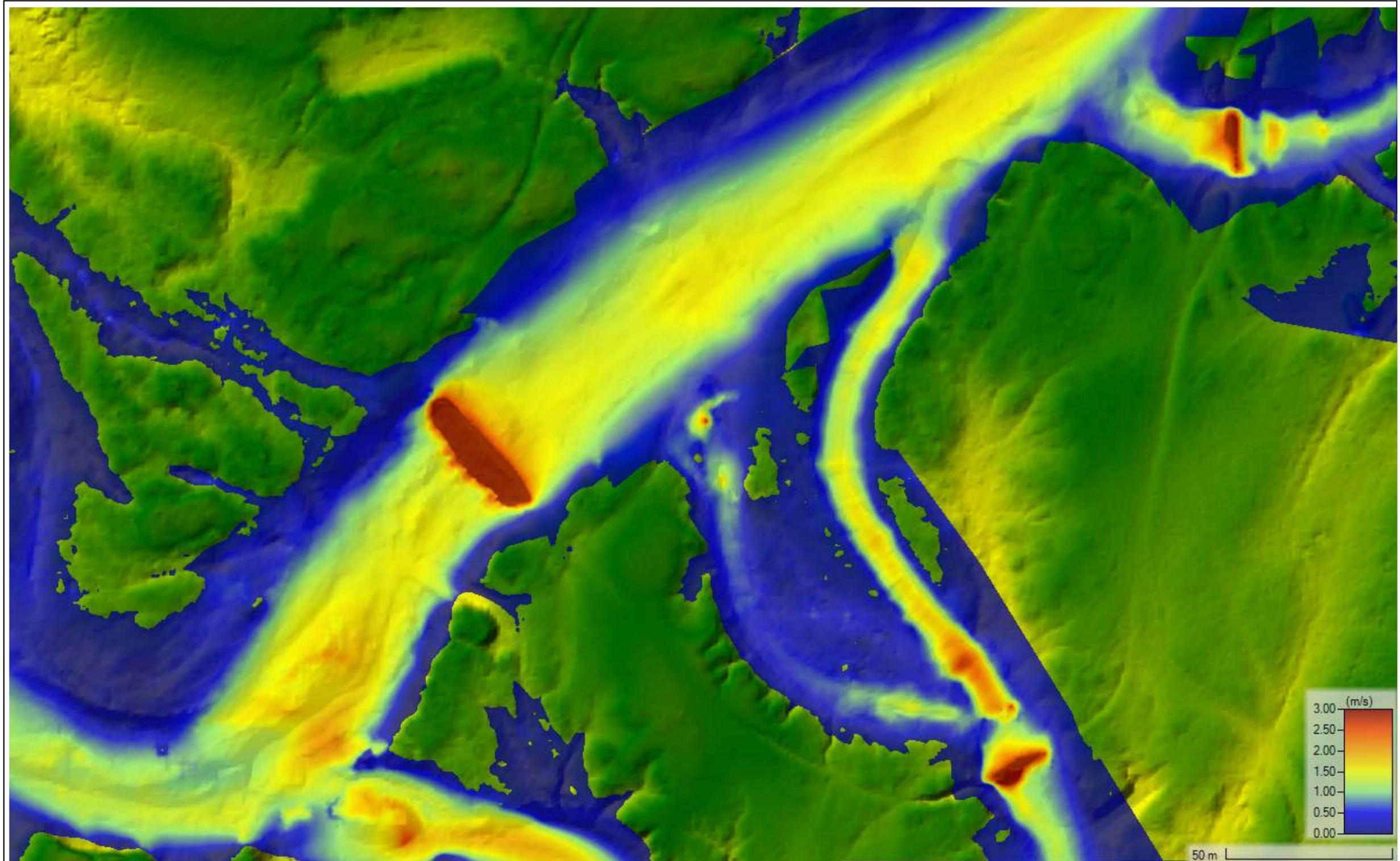
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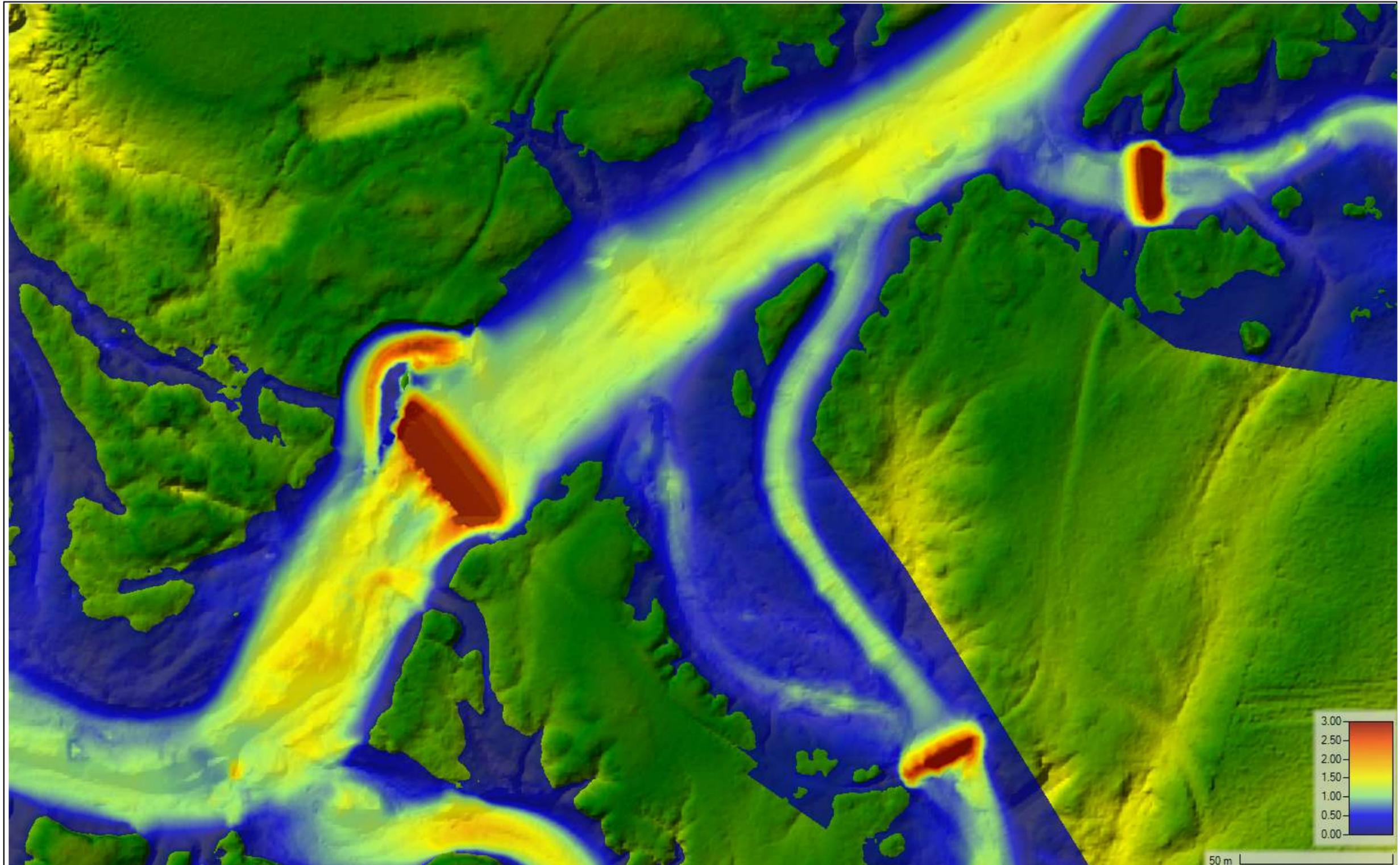


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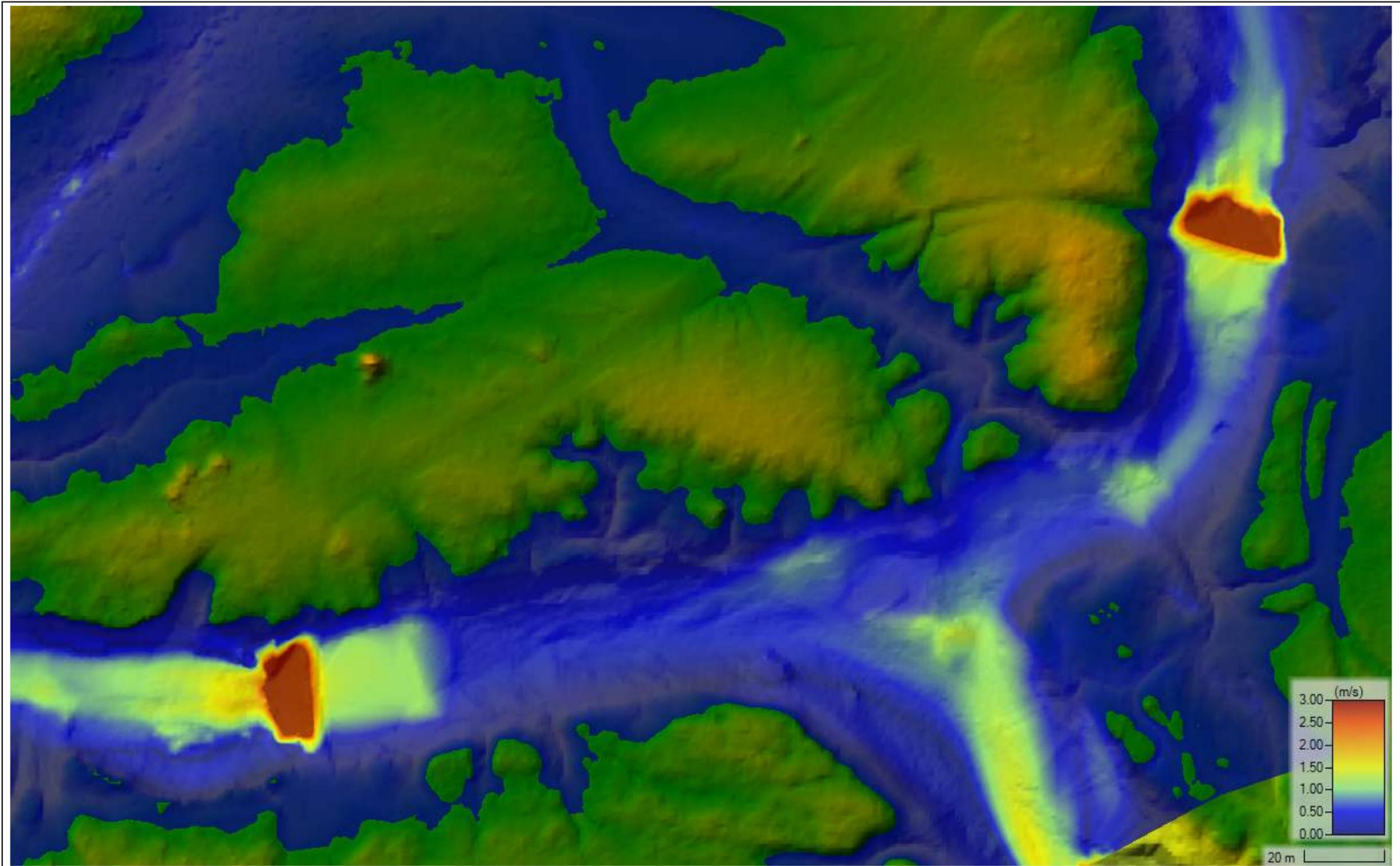
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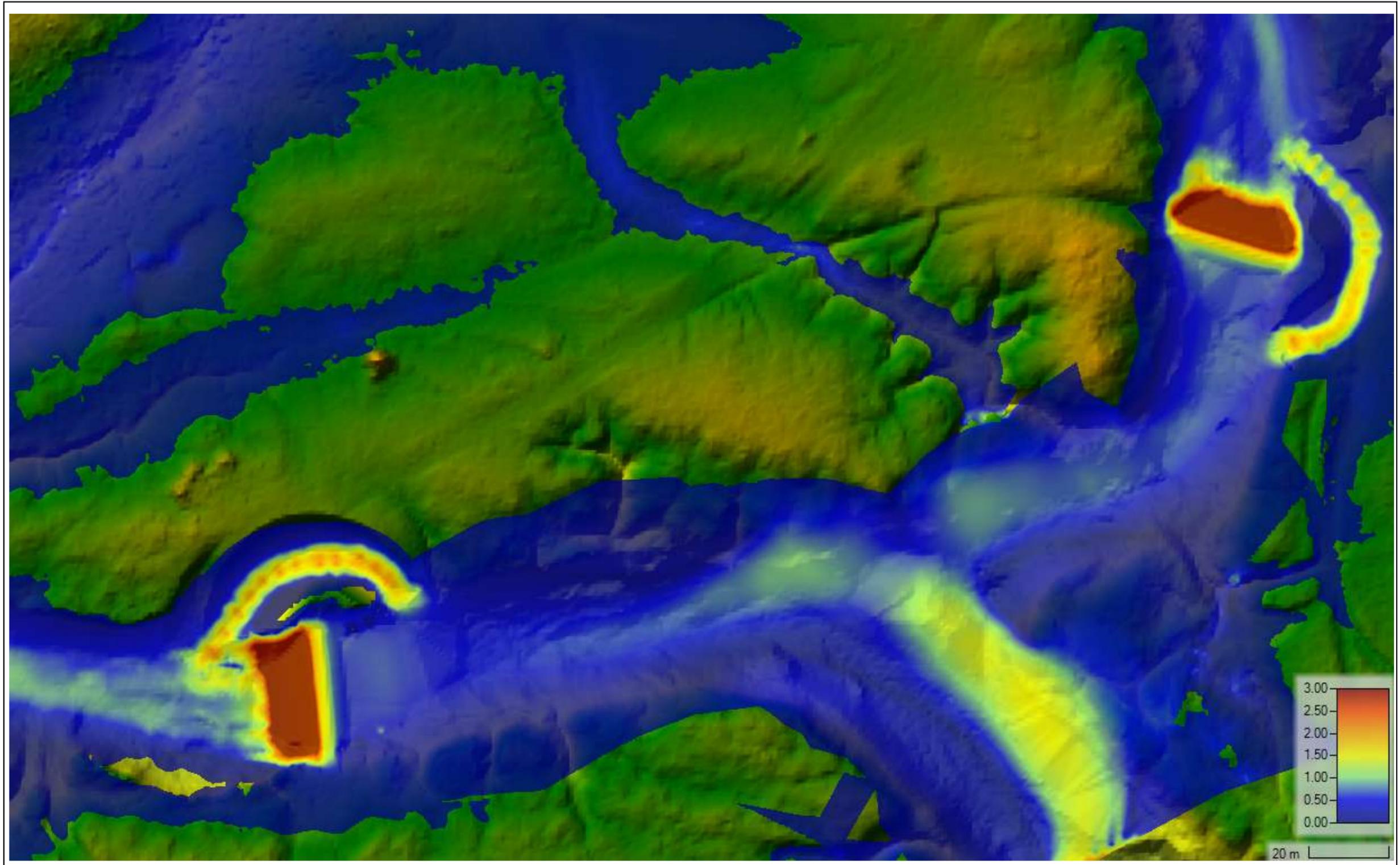
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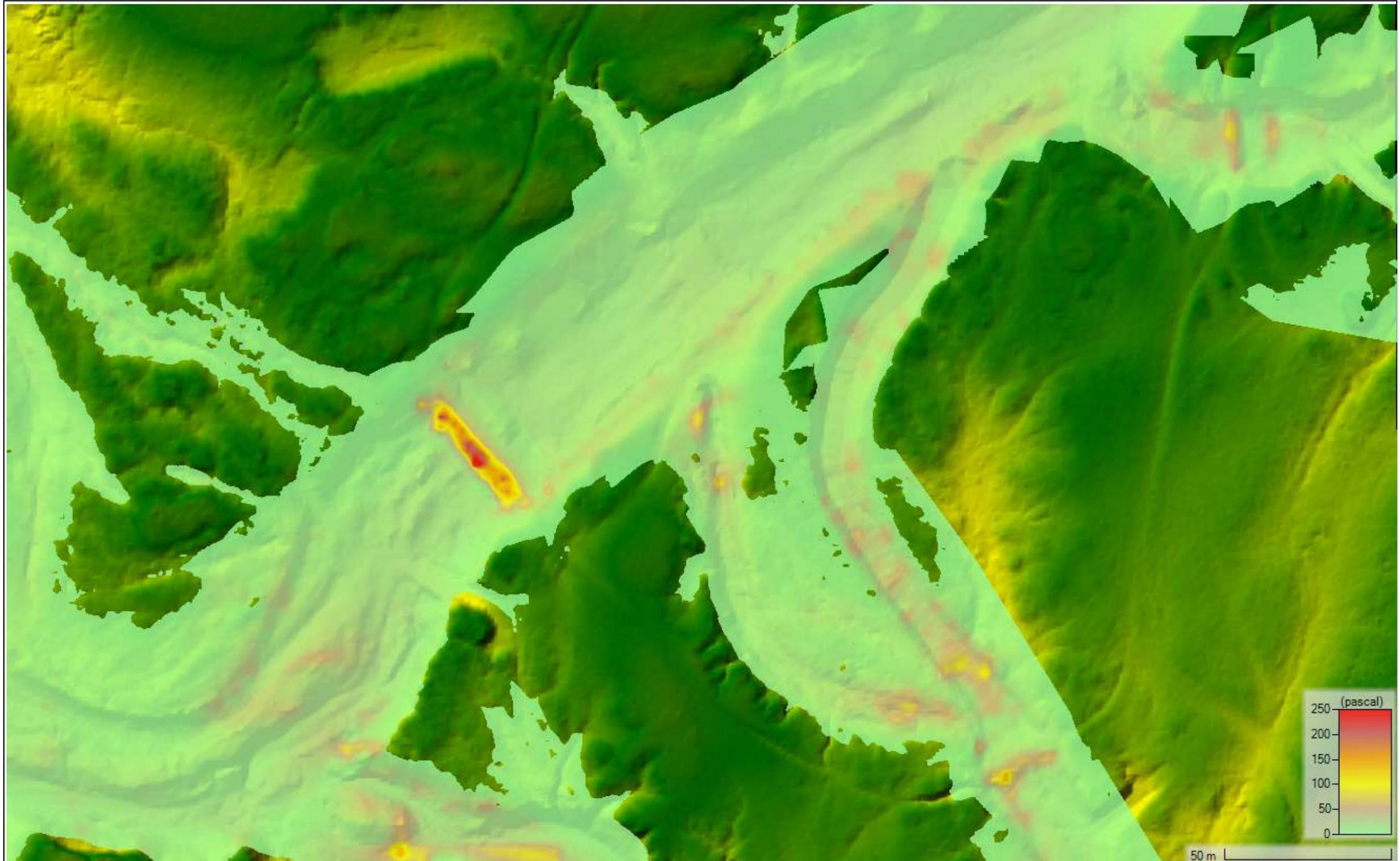
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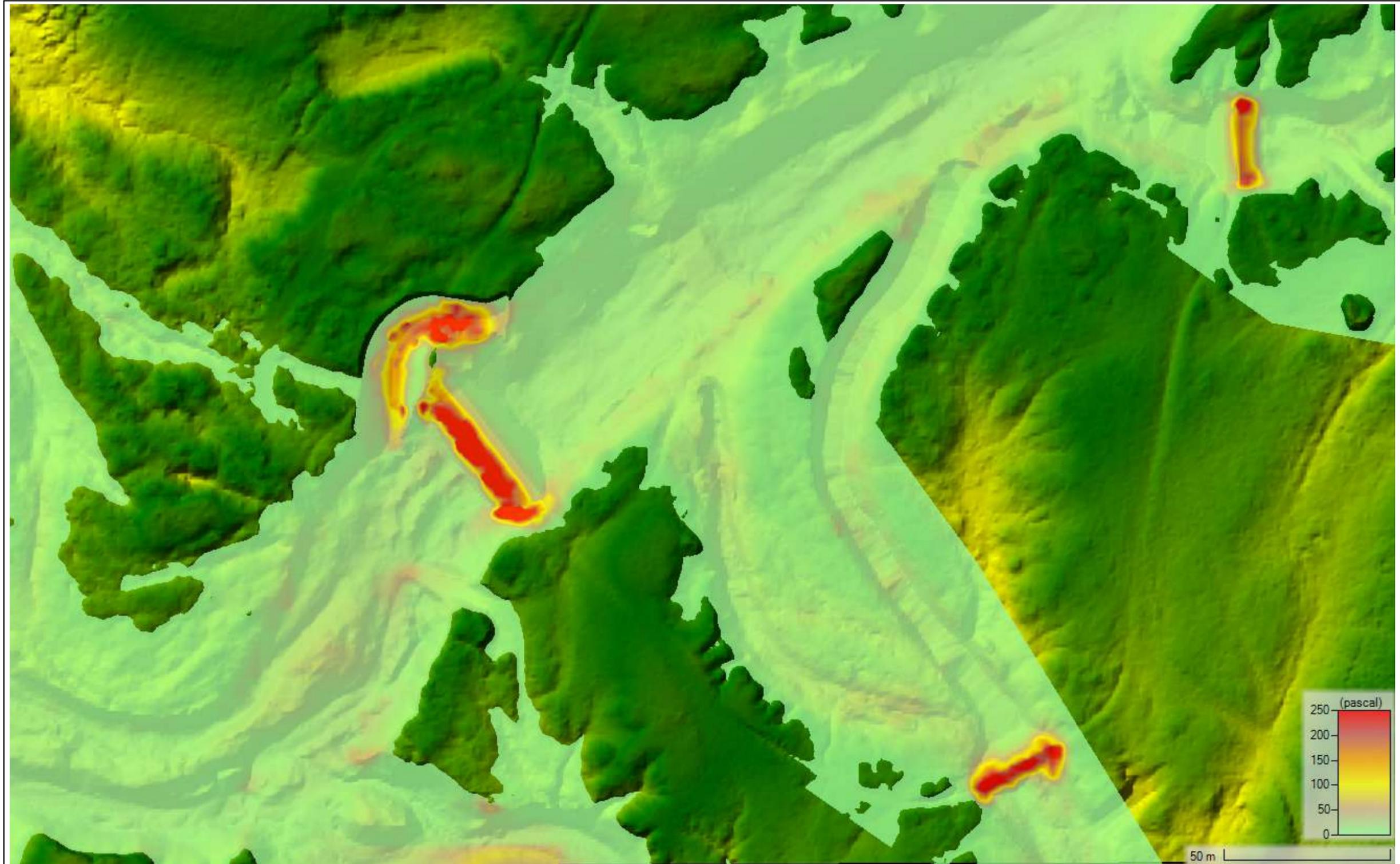
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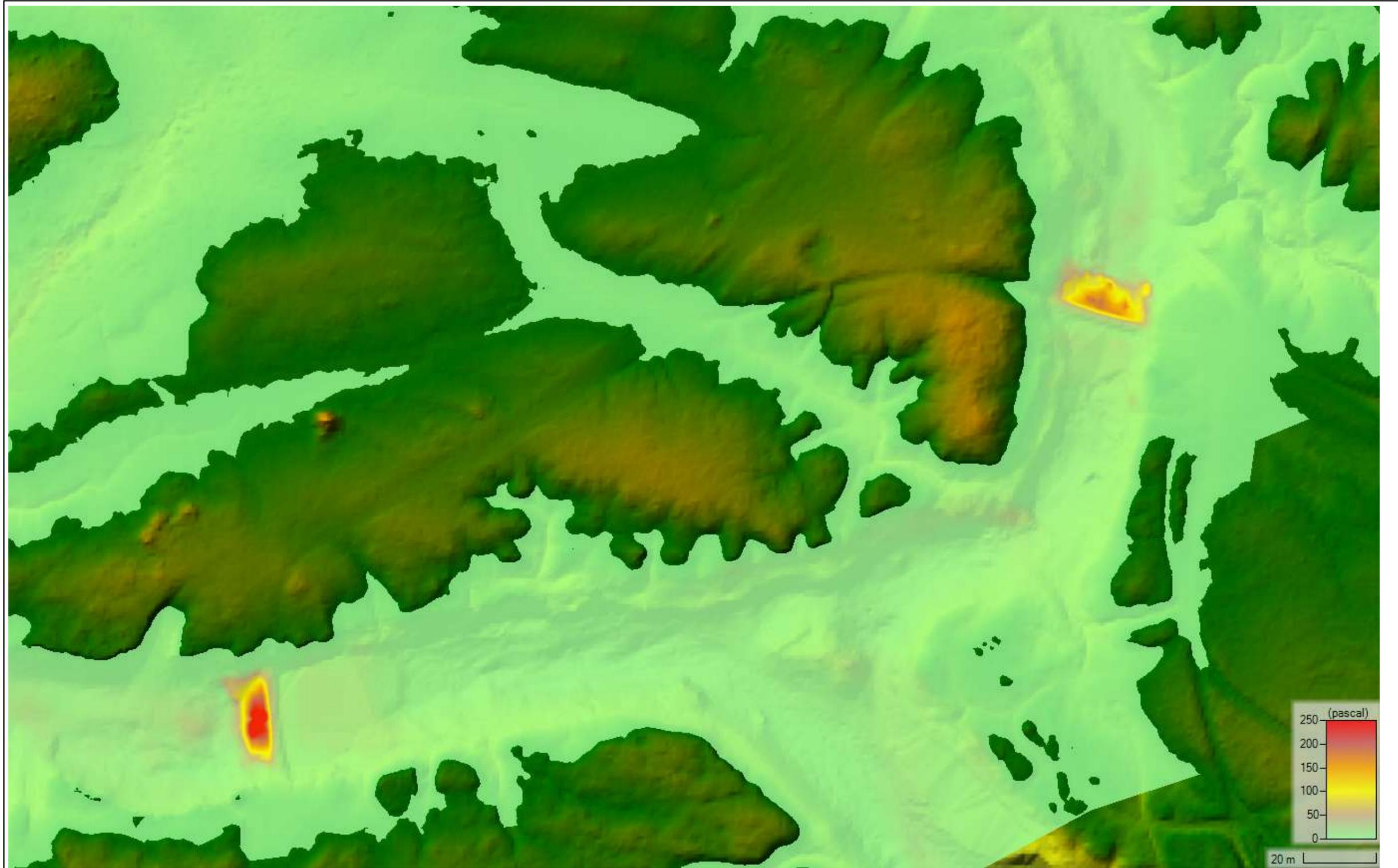
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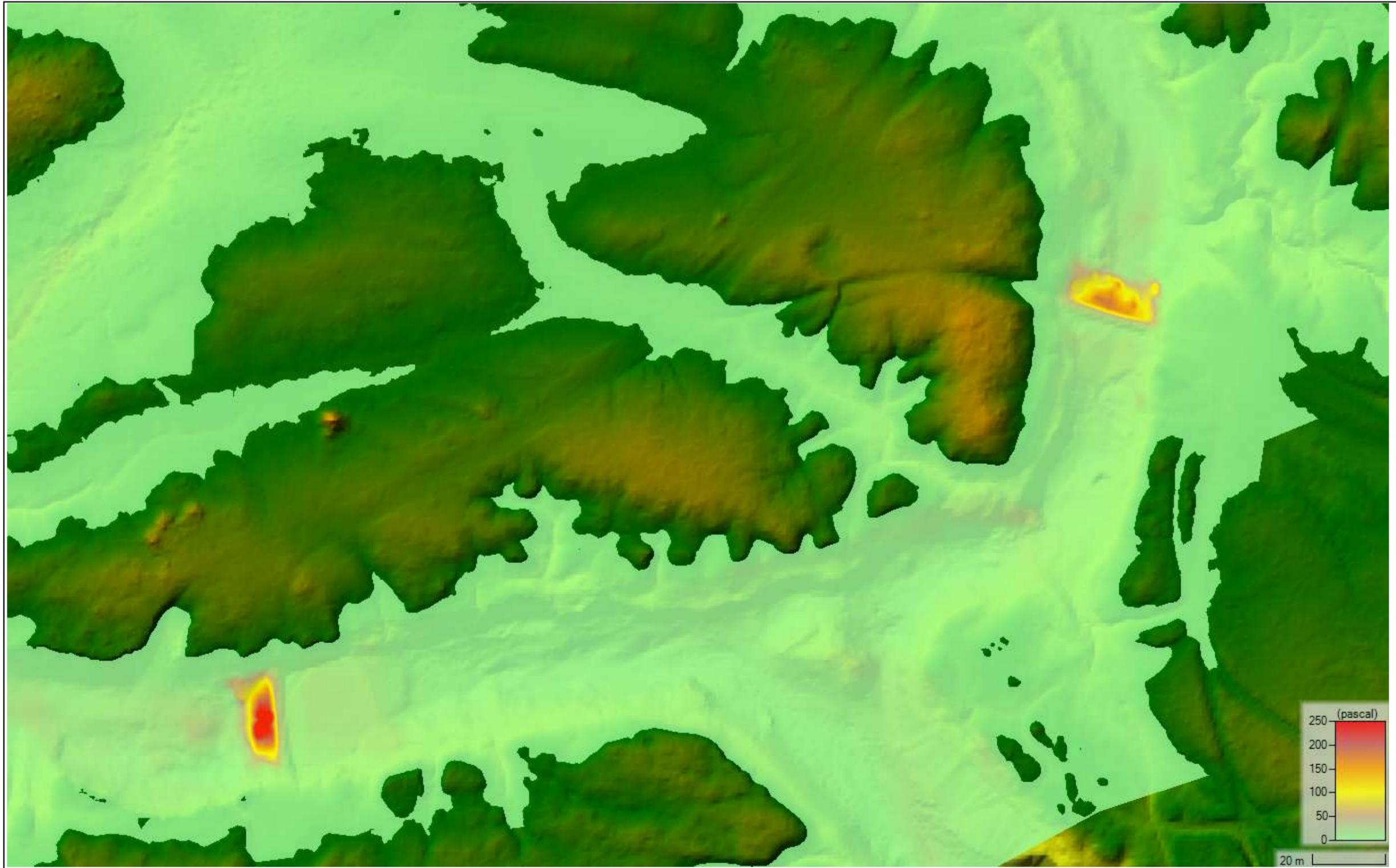
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APPENDIX F: BILL OF QUANTITIES

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Longreach Regional Council
Town Weir System - Weir Raise Project
Bill of Quantities

Date: 03-09-25
Revision: A - 30% Design Phase
Work By: TR
Reviewed: DF

Item	Description	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total Cost	Comment
A	Direct Costs					
0.1	Preliminaries				\$ -	
0.11	Mobilisation including all plant, equipment, materials and labour to undertake the Works including compliance with statutory and site requirements	Item	1		\$ -	
0.12	Demobilisation including all plant, equipment and surplus materials; reinstatement of laydown areas & access roads; removal of rubbish and waste	Item	1		\$ -	
0.13	Contractor's site facilities	Item	1		\$ -	
0.14	Survey - including set out, excavated surfaces, and as built surfaces. (inc. potholing)	Item	1		\$ -	
0.15	Develop Environmental Management Plan (Construction)	Item	1		\$ -	
0.16	Traffic Control Plan and Implementation	Item	1		\$ -	
0.17	Documentation - preparation of as-built drawings.	Item	1		\$ -	
0.18	Project Management, HSE & Supervision for the entire duration of the works.	Item	1		\$ -	
0.19	Development and implementation of Quality Control/Quality Assurance Plan including all inspection, testing and reporting for duration of works as per the technical specification	Item	1		\$ -	
1.0	Town Weir				\$ -	
1.1	Coffer Dam				\$ -	
1.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8		\$ -	Assumed 8 weeks per weir, nominal cost allowance
1.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	990		\$ -	Nominal amount
1.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	248		\$ -	
1.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	880		\$ -	
1.2	Demolition				\$ -	
1.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1		\$ -	Nominal amount
1.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	863		\$ -	
1.3	Weir				\$ -	
1.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	500		\$ -	
1.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	1,645		\$ -	
1.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	382		\$ -	Cost based on 8 m long piles
1.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	701		\$ -	
1.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	682		\$ -	
1.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	39		\$ -	
1.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	284		\$ -	
1.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	15		\$ -	
1.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=200mm, 400mm thick)	m ³	100		\$ -	additional allowance not in drawings
1.40	Rock filled wire Reno Mattress 300mm thick	m ²	642		\$ -	
1.41	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10		\$ -	
1.4	Fishway				\$ -	
1.42	Clear and Grub	m ²	1,098		\$ -	
1.43	Topsoil Removal	m ³	220		\$ -	
1.44	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	1,656		\$ -	
1.45	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ³	754		\$ -	
1.46	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	224		\$ -	
1.47	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	15		\$ -	
2.0	Anabranch Weir 1				\$ -	
2.1	Coffer Dam				\$ -	
2.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8		\$ -	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
2.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	689		\$ -	Nominal amount
2.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	172		\$ -	
2.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	559		\$ -	
2.2	Demolition				\$ -	
2.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1		\$ -	Nominal amount
2.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	174		\$ -	
2.3	Weir				\$ -	
2.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100		\$ -	
2.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	673		\$ -	
2.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	249		\$ -	Cost based on 8 m long piles
2.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill	m ³	84		\$ -	
2.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill	m ³	65		\$ -	
2.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	6		\$ -	
2.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	23		\$ -	
2.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	8		\$ -	
2.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	48		\$ -	
2.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10		\$ -	
3.0	Anabranch Weir 2				\$ -	
3.1	Coffer Dam				\$ -	
3.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8		\$ -	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
3.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	439		\$ -	Nominal amount
3.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	110		\$ -	
3.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	375		\$ -	
3.2	Demolition				\$ -	
3.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1		\$ -	Nominal amount
3.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	395		\$ -	
3.3	Weir				\$ -	
3.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100		\$ -	
3.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	553		\$ -	
3.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	243		\$ -	Cost based on 8 m long piles
3.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill	m ³	205		\$ -	
3.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill	m ³	191		\$ -	
3.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	24		\$ -	
3.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	94		\$ -	
3.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	7		\$ -	
3.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	49		\$ -	
3.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10		\$ -	
4.0	Anabranch Weir 3				\$ -	
4.1	Coffer Dam				\$ -	
4.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8		\$ -	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
4.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	549		\$ -	Nominal amount
4.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	137		\$ -	
4.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	456		\$ -	
4.2	Demolition				\$ -	
4.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1		\$ -	Nominal amount
4.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	878		\$ -	
4.3	Weir				\$ -	
4.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100		\$ -	
4.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	1,096		\$ -	
4.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	292		\$ -	Cost based on 8 m long piles
4.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	478		\$ -	
4.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	399		\$ -	
4.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	200		\$ -	
4.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	31		\$ -	
4.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	10		\$ -	
4.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	58		\$ -	
4.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10		\$ -	
4.4	Fishway				\$ -	
4.41	Clear and Grub	m ²	1,096		\$ -	
4.42	Topsoil Removal	m ³	219		\$ -	
4.43	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	1,820		\$ -	
4.44	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ²	814		\$ -	

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4.45	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	147	\$	-	
4.46	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	17	\$	-	
5.0	Anabranch Weir 4			\$	-	
5.1	Coffer Dam			\$	-	
5.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$	-	<i>Assumed 8 weeks per weir</i>
5.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	554	\$	-	<i>Nominal amount</i>
5.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	139	\$	-	
5.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	460	\$	-	
5.2	Demolition			\$	-	
5.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$	-	<i>Nominal amount</i>
5.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	688	\$	-	
5.3	Weir			\$	-	
5.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100	\$	-	
5.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	992	\$	-	
5.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	294	\$	-	<i>Cost based on 8 m long piles</i>
5.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	371	\$	-	
5.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	328	\$	-	
5.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	30	\$	-	
5.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	179	\$	-	
5.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	9	\$	-	
5.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	58	\$	-	
5.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$	-	
5.4	Fishway			\$	-	
5.41	Clear and Grub	m ²	973	\$	-	
5.42	Topsail Removal	m ³	184	\$	-	
5.43	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	996	\$	-	
5.44	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ³	655	\$	-	
5.45	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	154	\$	-	
5.46	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	15	\$	-	
	Total Direct Costs			\$	-	
B	Indirect Costs			\$	-	
B.1	Other Contractor Distributable contingency	%		\$	-	
B.2	Owners Cost (project management)	%		\$	-	
B.3	Engineering (Detailed Design and construction certification)	%		\$	-	
B.4	Geotechnical Investigation (Douglas Partners)	item		\$	-	
B.5	Survey (Complete)	item		\$	-	
B.6						
C	Contingency					
C.1	Total Indirect Costs	%	30%	\$	-	
	Total Costs (Directs + Indirect)			\$	-	

APPENDIX G: ESTIMATE OF COST

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**Town Weir System - Weir Raise Project
Bill of Quantities
Summary**



Cost Summary	Round	
Direct Costs		
Preliminaries	\$ 620,000	\$ 620,000
Town Weir	\$ 1,796,790	\$ 1,797,000
Anabranch 1	\$ 478,710	\$ 479,000
Anabranch 2	\$ 564,510	\$ 565,000
Anabranch 3	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 1,220,000
Anabranch 4	\$ 1,124,770	\$ 1,125,000
TOTAL	\$ 5,804,780	\$ 5,805,000
Indirect Costs	\$ 2,842,151	\$ 2,842,000
Contingency	\$ 1,741,434	\$ 1,741,000
TOTAL	\$ 10,388,365	\$ 10,388,000

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Longreach Regional Council
Town Weir System - Weir Raise Project
Preliminary Budget Estimate of Cost

Date: 03-09-25
Revision: A - 30% Design Phase
Work By: TR
Reviewed: DF

Item	Description	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total Cost	Comment
A	Direct Costs					
0.1	Preliminaries				\$ 620,000	
0.11	Mobilisation including all plant, equipment, materials and labour to undertake the Works including compliance with statutory and site requirements	Item	1	\$ 150,000.0	\$ 150,000	
0.12	Demobilisation including all plant, equipment and surplus materials; reinstatement of laydown areas & access roads; removal of rubbish and waste	Item	1	\$ 50,000.0	\$ 50,000	
0.13	Contractor's site facilities	Item	1	\$ 250,000.0	\$ 250,000	
0.14	Survey - including set out, excavated surfaces, and as built surfaces. (inc. potholing)	Item	1	\$ 100,000.0	\$ 100,000	
0.15	Develop Environmental Management Plan (Construction)	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000	
0.16	Traffic Control Plan and Implementation	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000	
0.17	Documentation - preparation of as-built drawings.	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000	
0.18	Project Management, HSE & Supervision for the entire duration of the works.	Item	1	\$ 50,000.0	\$ 50,000	
0.19	Development and implementation of Quality Control/Quality Assurance Plan including all inspection, testing and reporting for duration of works as per the technical specification	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000	
1.0	Town Weir				\$ 1,796,790	
1.1	Coffer Dam				\$ 253,880	
1.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 16,000	Assumed 8 weeks per weir, nominal cost allowance
1.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	990	\$ 200.0	\$ 198,000	Nominal amount
1.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	248	\$ 90.0	\$ 22,280	
1.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	880	\$ 20.0	\$ 17,600	
1.2	Demolition				\$ 27,260	
1.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$ 10,000.0	\$ 10,000	Nominal amount
1.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	863	\$ 20.0	\$ 17,260	
1.3	Weir				\$ 1,220,530	
1.23	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	500	\$ 20.0	\$ 10,000	
1.31	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	1,645	\$ 6.0	\$ 9,870	
1.32	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	382	\$ 800.0	\$ 305,280	Cost based on 8 m long piles
1.33	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	701	\$ 25.0	\$ 17,530	
1.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	682	\$ 25.0	\$ 17,050	
1.35	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	39	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 77,540	
1.36	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	284	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 567,600	
1.37	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	15	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 29,160	
1.38	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=200mm, 400mm thick)	m ³	100	\$ 220.0	\$ 22,000	additional allowance not in drawings
1.39	Rock filled wire Reno Mattress 300mm thick	m ²	642	\$ 250.0	\$ 160,500	
1.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$ 400.0	\$ 4,000	
1.4	Fishway				\$ 295,120	
1.40	Clear and Grub	m ²	1,098	\$ 5.0	\$ 5,490	
1.41	Topssoil Removal	m ³	220	\$ 20.0	\$ 4,380	
1.41	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	1,656	\$ 20.0	\$ 33,120	
1.42	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ³	754	\$ 220.0	\$ 165,880	
1.42	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	224	\$ 250.0	\$ 56,000	
1.43	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	15	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 30,240	
2.0	Anabranch Weir 1				\$ 478,710	
2.1	Coffer Dam				\$ 172,560.0	
2.01	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 8,000	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
2.02	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	689	\$ 200.0	\$ 137,880	Nominal amount
2.03	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	172	\$ 90.0	\$ 15,510	
2.04	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	559	\$ 20.0	\$ 11,170	
2.2	Demolition				\$ 8,480.0	
2.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000	Nominal amount
2.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	174	\$ 20.0	\$ 3,480	
2.3	Weir				\$ 297,670.0	
2.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100	\$ 20.0	\$ 2,000	
2.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	673	\$ 6.0	\$ 4,040	
2.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	249	\$ 800.0	\$ 199,040	Cost based on 8 m long piles
2.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill	m ³	84	\$ 25.0	\$ 2,090	
2.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill	m ³	65	\$ 25.0	\$ 1,610	
2.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	6	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 12,420	
2.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	23	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 46,690	
2.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	8	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 16,200	
2.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	48	\$ 200.0	\$ 9,580	
2.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$ 400.0	\$ 4,000	
3.0	Anabranch Weir 2				\$ 564,510.0	
3.1	Coffer Dam				\$ 113,220.0	
3.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 8,000.0	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
3.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	439	\$ 200.0	\$ 87,840.0	Nominal amount
3.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	110	\$ 90.0	\$ 9,880.0	
3.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	375	\$ 20.0	\$ 7,500.0	
3.2	Demolition				\$ 12,910.0	
3.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000.0	Nominal amount
3.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	395	\$ 20.0	\$ 7,910.0	
3.3	Weir				\$ 438,380.0	
3.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100	\$ 20.0	\$ 2,000	
3.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	553	\$ 6.0	\$ 3,320	
3.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	243	\$ 800.0	\$ 194,560	Cost based on 8 m long piles
3.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill	m ³	205	\$ 25.0	\$ 5,120	
3.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill	m ³	191	\$ 25.0	\$ 4,780	
3.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	24	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 188,400	
3.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	94	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 13,180	
3.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	7	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 13,180	
3.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	49	\$ 200.0	\$ 9,840	
3.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$ 400.0	\$ 4,000	
4.0	Anabranch Weir 3				\$ 1,220,000	
4.1	Coffer Dam				\$ 143,260.0	
4.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 12,000	Assumed 8 weeks per weir
4.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	549	\$ 200.0	\$ 109,800	Nominal amount
4.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	137	\$ 90.0	\$ 12,350	
4.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	456	\$ 20.0	\$ 9,110	
4.2	Demolition				\$ 27,570.0	
4.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$ 10,000.0	\$ 10,000	Nominal amount
4.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	878	\$ 20.0	\$ 17,570	
4.3	Weir				\$ 761,780.0	
4.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100	\$ 20.0	\$ 2,000	
4.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	1,096	\$ 6.0	\$ 6,580	
4.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	292	\$ 800.0	\$ 233,600	Cost based on 8 m long piles
4.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	478	\$ 25.0	\$ 11,950	
4.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	399	\$ 25.0	\$ 9,970	
4.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	200	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 399,600	
4.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	31	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 61,920	
4.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	10	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 20,520	
4.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	58	\$ 200.0	\$ 11,640	
4.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$ 400.0	\$ 4,000	
4.4	Fishway				\$ 287,390.0	
4.41	Clear and Grub	m ²	1,096	\$ 5.0	\$ 5,480	
4.42	Topssoil Removal	m ³	219	\$ 20.0	\$ 4,380	
4.43	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	1,820	\$ 20.0	\$ 36,400	
4.44	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ²	814	\$ 220.0	\$ 179,180	

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	4.45	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	147	\$ 250.0	\$ 36,750	
	4.46	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	17	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 25,200	
5.0		Anabranch Weir 4				\$ 1,124,770	
5.1		Coffer Dam				\$ 144,540.0	
	5.11	Temporary Works - allowance for dewatering during construction	Weeks	8	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 12,000	<i>Assumed 8 weeks per weir</i>
	5.12	Temporary Works - coffer dam rockfill	m ³	554	\$ 200.0	\$ 110,880	<i>Nominal amount</i>
	5.13	Temporary Works - coffer dam granular fill	m ³	139	\$ 90.0	\$ 12,470	
	5.14	Temporary Works - coffer dam EPDM rubber membrane	m ²	460	\$ 20.0	\$ 9,190	
5.2		Demolition				\$ 23,760.0	
	5.21	Uncover Existing Embankment - Demolish and remove of existing weir surface treatment where specified, haul to legal dump.	Item	1	\$ 10,000.0	\$ 10,000	<i>Nominal amount</i>
	5.22	Excavation - Cut existing weir to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	688	\$ 20.0	\$ 13,760	
5.3		Weir				\$ 715,120.0	
	5.31	Allowance for removal of silt and unsuitable	m ³	100	\$ 20.0	\$ 2,000	
	5.32	Ground Surface Treatment - Prepare surface beneath embankment fill extent	m ²	992	\$ 6.0	\$ 5,950	
	5.33	Sheet Pile - Supply and install 8m long sheet pile to 4 to 5 m below riverbed level	m ²	294	\$ 800.0	\$ 235,520	<i>Cost based on 8 m long piles</i>
	5.34	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 1 Fill - impervious fill	m ³	371	\$ 25.0	\$ 9,280	
	5.35	Embankment Fill Material Placement - Win, condition, load, haul, place, compact and trim Zone 2 Fill - free draining fill	m ³	328	\$ 25.0	\$ 8,200	
	5.36	Concrete edge thickening and cutoff walls - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff walls (upstream, downstream and crest)	m ³	30	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 60,520	
	5.37	Concrete Surface protection - Supply and place reinforced concrete (200mm thick)	m ³	179	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 358,000	
	5.38	Toe Drain (no fines concrete and slotted pipe)	m ³	9	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 18,900	
	5.39	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=300mm, 600mm thick)	m ³	58	\$ 220.0	\$ 12,750	
	5.40	Fencing - Post and rail flood resistant barriers	lineal m	10	\$ 400.0	\$ 4,000	
5.4		Fishway				\$ 241,350.0	
	5.41	Clear and Grub	m ²	973	\$ 5.0	\$ 4,860	
	5.42	Topsail Removal	m ³	184	\$ 20.0	\$ 3,680	
	5.43	Fishway - Cut existing to spoil, <3 km one way haul	m ³	996	\$ 20.0	\$ 19,930	
	5.44	Placed Rock Protection - Win, load, haul and place, underlain by geofabric (D50=400mm, 800mm thick)	m ³	655	\$ 220.0	\$ 144,140	
	5.45	Placed Rock Ridges - Win, load, haul and place, 1.0m diameter rock underlain by geofabric	m ³	154	\$ 250.0	\$ 38,500	
	5.46	Fishway upstream Concrete Sill - Supply, form, reinforce, pour and finish reinforced concrete cutoff wall	m ³	15	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 30,240	
		Total Direct Costs				\$ 5,804,780	
B		Indirect Costs				\$ 2,842,151	
	B.1	Other Contractor Distributable contingency	%		25%	\$ 1,451,195	
	B.2	Owners Cost (project management)	%		10%	\$ 580,478	
	B.3	Engineering (Detailed Design and construction certification)	%		10%	\$ 580,478	
	B.4	Geotechnical Investigation (Douglas Partners)	item	1	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	<i>Advised Verbally H Browne</i>
	B.5	Survey (Complete)	item	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	<i>Scout Survey</i>
	B.6						
C	C.1	Contingency	%		30%	\$ 1,741,434	
		Total Indirect Costs				\$ 4,583,585	
		Total Costs (Directs + Indirect)				\$ 10,388,365	

APPENDIX H: PROJECT RISK REGISTER

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Project Risk Register

Longreach Regional Council - Town Weir Raise - Thomson River



Project: BBNE00322_0008
Date: 03-09-25
Revision: A
Revision Description: 30% Design Issue
Work By: Tim Randell
Reviewed: David Folan

Client: LRC
Client Contact: Andre Pretorius

Item	Issue/Risk	Risk Event	Causes	Potential Outcomes	Controls	Responsibility	
						Engeny	Council
1	Existing Weir composition and foundation treatment	Design changes required when foundation is exposed	No design or construction information of existing weirs. Limited geotech information.	Design foundation treatment changes	Contingency in BOQ, adopt a foundation treatment that has some flexibility in location or for varying ground conditions (i.e. sheet piles)		✓
2	Groundwater	Flooding of works area, trench collapse, unforeseen wet ground conditions	Lack of geotechnical information	Delays or cost impacts to construction. Change in design or construction methodology	Geotechnical investigation. Lower reservoir levels as far as possible prior to works. Allowance for well creation and pumping during construction		✓
3	Geotechnical Conditions	Ground conditions inconsistent with geotechnical data.	Lack of geotechnical information	Reduced design life / reliability of construction. Increased project costs and schedule associated with unforeseen design controls	Allowances in BOQ for unsuitable		✓
4	Geotechnical conditions - sheet pile refusal	Sheet piling - inability to drive, meet target depth, maintain alignment etc	Unexpected ground conditions	Project cost , schedule or quality impacts	Specific geotechnical investigation and design for each weir. Consider contingency plans, driveability, pre-drilling or other potential methods.	✓	✓
5	Flooding during construction	Damage to construction	Weather, poor reservoir management, unforeseen weather event	Works damage, cost, delays.	Council to develop management plan for reservoir levels		✓
6	Risk to town water supply from reduced reservoir level and water restrictions during construction	Inadequate supply	Poor planning, climatic conditions	Water restrictions	Council develop contingency plan which may consider Construction scheduling, additional supply from upstream.		✓
7	Temporary works	Risk associated with temporary works costs, and performance	Temporary works design such as coffer dams or dewatering inadequate	Cost and schedule	Constructor to consider temporary works risks and costs and communicate to council. Allowance for contingency pump		✓
8	Site Borrow Material Sources	Locally won material sources do not meet technical specification requirements.	No suitable material on site or at nearby quarries, lack of geotechnical testing.	Increased project costs to import material. Unable to achieve engineering certification of construction.	Geotechnical investigation of potential borrow areas to be undertaken. Contractor responsible for continuing to source suitable material prior to use. Identify alternate sources.	✓	✓
9	Site Borrow Material Sources	Increased haulage distances for cut and fill material. Commercial and schedule risk	Increased haulage distances to what was assumed in the project BoQ.	Project cost impacts	Constructor to identify potential borrow sources and nominate required haulage distances.		✓
10	Supply of sheet piling and specialist materials (contractors to remote location	Cost, lead time, quality	Poor planning, inadequate market sounding	Project cost , schedule or quality impacts	Early engagement with suppliers when design requirements understood		✓
11	Infrastructure impacts from additional 1m of inundation of the reservoir	Third party infrastructure impacted upstream from flooding due to higher reservoir level	Poor communication / planning	Third party impacts, reputational	Flood modelling to understand implications. Public consultation of flood impacts	✓	✓
12	Third party approvals - DLGWV - Water licensing, RPP	Approval issue	Approval issue	Project delays or additional requirements	Due diligence. Regulator communication and engagement		✓
13	Third party approvals - DES - Environmental permitting	Approval issue	Approval issue	Project delays or additional requirements	Due diligence. Regulator communication and engagement		✓
14	Third party approvals - DSDIP - RIDA	Approval issue	Approval issue	Project delays or additional requirements	Due diligence. Regulator communication and engagement		✓
15	Quality assurance by LRC	Inadequate record keeping, engineering oversight or QA	Lack of resources or experience	Design or construction requirements not met - poor performance, and/or rework to rectify	Allowance for construction phase support from the designer. Engage specialist third party skills where gaps identified		✓
16	Public Access	Restriction or removal of public access routes	Temporary closure of public access road in construction	Negative reputational impact	Constructor responsible for TMP and maintaining public access. Council responsible for temporary works requirements.	✓	✓
17	Hydraulic performance of weirs	Erosion potential around the structures from modified hydraulics and water levels.	Incorrect assumptions, sparse data, error in weir hydraulics, hydrology	Works damage, cost, delays.	Experienced designer and peer reviewer engaged. Govt department review.	✓	✓
18	Erosion potential around the structures from modified hydraulics and water levels	Erosion or damage	Construction or design error	Erosion or damage	Detailed design and modelling, construction quality control	✓	✓
19	Survey Error	Issues during construction with use of aerial / LIDAR survey for civil design	Horizontal or vertical inaccuracy in aerial survey	Errors in quantities and tie ins	Detailed site survey has been completed in critical areas. Tie in and set out to confirmed by Contractor prior to commencement of works.	✓	✓
20	Construction Access	Access to weirs limited along bed and banks of river.	Steep banks, established vegetation	Delays, impacts to river banks	Access plan to be developed by the Contractor and approved by Council prior to works		✓
21	Management and disposal of spoil or unsuitable materials from weir sites	Spoil left in floodplain. Long haul to suitable areas out of floodplain	Unforeseen spoil or unsuitable generated. No spoil dump nominated	Cost or environmental	Identify and plan spoil location and contingency plans. Consider value optimisation opportunities to reuse existing fill materials (including any required treatments)		✓
22	Exceedance of noise/dust/vibration levels	Public or environmental impacts	Lack of monitoring, planning or construction management	Reputation or environment issue -delays, cost	Contractor to develop construction environmental management plan addressing risk items		✓
23	Bypass fish channel not effective	Channels don't meet design criteria for biological performance	Poor design or construction, inadequate site information	Insufficient fish passage or negative outcomes	Engagement with DPI and Council.	✓	✓
24	Vegetation impacts	Additional clearing or vegetation impacted	Construction activities not well defined	Regulator impacts or reputational	Vegetation management plan to be implemented		✓
25	Existing Services - General	Conflict with existing services causes outage or worse	Inadequate service identification or planning	Service interruptions, delays	No know third party services near any weir sites from Council or BYDA records.		✓

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23 September 2025

Sasha Smith
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Attention: Sasha Smith, Area Manager, Water Management & Use

Dear Sasha

RE: Response To Request for Additional Information - Application Reference 638851

Engeny has been engaged by Longreach Regional Council (the Council) to prepare a response to the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department) regarding the application to amend Water Licence 609661, submitted on 21 May 2025.

In support of the department's assessment process, and in accordance with section 111 of the Water Act 2000, this response provides the additional information requested to address the relevant assessment criteria. The information outlined herein responds directly to the matters identified in the attachment titled 'Assessment Criteria' and addresses the outcomes specified under section 34 of the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: 20250620 - Letter RFI Longreach Regional Council Application to amend WL609661, Event 638851
- Attachment 2: Response to Request for Additional Information - Application Reference 638851

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Carswell at Rebecca.carswell@engeny.com.au

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca".

Rebecca Carswell
Principal Environmental Specialist



ATTACHMENT 1: 20250620 - LETTER RFI LONGREACH
REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATION TO AMEND WL609661,
EVENT 638851

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File Ref: 083/0045173

20 June 2025

Attention: Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer
LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Department of
**Local Government,
Water and Volunteers**

Dear Mr Walsh,

Request for Additional Information - Application Reference 638851

Thank you for your application to amend your water licence 609661 received by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department) on 21st May 2025.

To assess your application, the department requests additional information in accordance with section 111 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act).

The additional information we require is outlined in '*Attachment – Assessment criteria*'. The information that Longreach Regional Council (Council) is requested to provide will address the outcomes specified under section 34 of the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 (the Water Plan).

The department understands that the majority of information that Council is required to provide is contained within documents that supported Council's Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA) and Ministerial Infrastructure Designations (MID) applications. Council can refer to these documents when responding, however if your response references other reports or publications, an electronic copy of these documents (in pdf format) must also be provided with your response. When addressing the additional information, please provide a summary table indicating which criteria are addressed in what document or section of your response.

Council are encouraged to send through information as it becomes available, rather than submitting all information at one time. This will assist us in commencing our assessment process as early as possible. The department notes that the weir designs for construction will be finalised later this year. Before we can proceed with public notification of your application, we will require the specific locations, heights and volumes of the proposed weirs and encourage Council to submit this information as soon as possible.

Please email all of the requested information to waterservicesnorth@rdmw.qld.gov.au by **5pm, 31 October 2025**.

Under section 111(2) of the Act, should you fail to provide the information requested by the time stated above without reasonable excuse, the application will lapse. If you require additional time to provide the requested information, please send your request to the above email address prior to the stated time.

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Should have any questions relating to this request, please contact Sasha Smith, A/Manager on 1800 822 100 or via the email address above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sasha Smith', written in black ink.

Sasha Smith
A/Manager, Water Management & Use

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ATTACHMENT: Assessment criteria

Criteria		Relevant Legislation	Key issues which you are required address	What the department will assess
1.	Design of proposed structure/s.	Water Plan Section (s) 34(2)(a) Water Act 1013AA	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed construction plans that clearly show the finalised proposed design and storage capacity of the Weirs (x 5). The documents must be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ). Bathymetry data, longitudinal or cross sections at each proposed weir. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydraulic design elements of weir. Compliance with design standards and site plan. Alignment with development approvals and engineering specifications. The design is consistent with the RIDA and/or MID approvals.
2.	Existing water supplies to which the application relates	Water Plan s.34(1)(b) and s.34(3) and s.34(4)(a)(i)	<p>Please include information regarding any existing water entitlements or authorities Council currently hold at the proposed development location hold, specifically including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of existing water entitlements or authorities and their current and historical usage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including for existing weirs, groundwater and works taking overland flow water including details about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> location/s of take and/or interference works locations volumes currently authorised the licence number/s Confirming which of these existing entitlements are for taking water for the purpose of town water supply associated with the weirs. <p>Supporting evidence can include any planning studies that have been undertaken to support the need for the increased storage volumes and the associated additional water requirements for town water supply purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the impounding of water is related to the take of town water supply. The existing water supplies and their usage Appropriate planning studies have been undertaken and reported on to support the need for additional storage volume and additional take of water.
3.	The availability of water at the site	Water Plan s.34(4)(a)(ii)	Please provide any information or assessment Council has undertaken as part of their applications for the RIDA and/or MID that consider the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess any information in studies undertaken by Council

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Criteria	Relevant Legislation	Key issues which you are required address	What the department will assess
		<p>availability of water in the subcatchment area of the weirs and the increase in storage volume.</p> <p>It is the department's understanding that Council has been provided and accepted an offer from another team within our department to assist Council with hydrological modelling under the Water plan. There are no requirements for Council to undertake hydrological modelling.</p>	<p>regarding the availability of water at the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the results of hydrological modelling and information relevant to the proposed storage volume.
4.	Water Plan s.34(4)(b) and Water Act s.7	<p>Please provide information addressing the following.</p> <p>The effect of any change in in-stream water levels from the proposed weirs, with information to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the area of extent of impact within the Thomson River, anabranches, adjoining watercourses and floodplain inundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the impact of any inundation ○ proposed measure to mitigate any impacts • any impact to pumping infrastructure or access by existing water users and how Council has consulted and rectified or mitigated identified impacts <p>Describe the natural movement of sediment through the Thomson River relevant to the area of influence by the proposed weirs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any resultant changes to the natural movement of sediment • what impacts the changes will have • how the impacts will be mitigated <p>Describe the impact/s the proposed weirs may have on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed and banks • Riparian vegetation • Habitats for native plants and animals • The movement of fish and other aquatic species including mitigation strategies • The cultural and ecological values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the results of hydrological modelling, studies and other information supplied to determine any potential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ impacts to existing water users and the community ○ associated impacts within the impounded area including downstream of the weirs • If sufficient consideration has been given to mitigation measures that may be undertaken. • If an appropriate level of identification and consultation with affected stakeholders has been undertaken.

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Criteria	Relevant Legislation	Key issues which you are required address	What the department will assess
		<p>In describing these impacts, please address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the extent of impact within the Thomson River, anabranches adjoining watercourses and floodplain inundation. • the area of the Thomson River adjacent to, upstream within the weirs' impounded area, and downstream based on the weirs' influence • identify the impacts and include discussion on any proposed short and long-term measures including any management actions to mitigate the predicted impacts. <p>There are no requirements for Council to undertake hydrological modelling as mentioned above.</p>	



ATTACHMENT 2: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION - APPLICATION REFERENCE 638851





RESPONSE TO ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Engeny has been engaged by Longreach Regional Council (Council) to provide regulatory and approvals support in relation to the proposed raising of five (5) weirs located on the Thomson River. It is understood that the proposal will result in the impounding of an additional 900 megalitres (ML) of water, thus triggering an application to amend the existing licence to interfere by impounding (Licence number 609661), currently held by Council.

The application to amend the existing water licence under the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act) was submitted by Council to the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the Department) on 21st May 2025. The Department issued a request for additional information in accordance with section 111 of the Water Act to address outcomes specified under section 34 of the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 (the Water Plan).

This memorandum provides additional information in support of the application, as requested by the Department. The following reports and publications have been used in support of the response:

- Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA) - RPI24/030 Longreach Regional Council - Thomson River Weir Project
- RIDA - Thomson River Weir Project, Thomson River, Longreach – Supporting Information
- 30% Design – Town Weir Design Report - Thomson River Weir Raising Project

Criteria 1 – Design of proposed structure/s

TABLE 1: CRITERIA 1 – DESIGN OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE/S

Criteria	1. Design of proposed structure/s.
Relevant Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Plan Sections(s) 34(2)(a) • Water Act 1013AA
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed construction plans that clearly show the finalised proposed design and storage capacity of the Weirs (x5). • The documents must be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ). • Bathymetry data, longitudinal or cross sections at each proposed weir.
Assessment Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic design elements of weir. • Compliance with design standards and site plan. • Alignment with development approvals and engineering specifications. • The design is consistent with the RIDA and/or MID approvals.

Criteria 1– Response

The 30% design assessment and supporting design drawings, prepared by Engeny, provide detailed construction plans demonstrating the most current design and proposed storage capacity. Prepared by a suitably qualified RPEQ, the design drawings detail the following aspects of the proposed town weir raising project:

- General arrangements plans;
- Typical cross sections and details for proposed weirs, coffer dam and fish passage; and
- Longitudinal sections.

The 30% design report shows the hydraulic modelling of weir structures and demonstrates local hydrodynamics and potential impacts of changed hydraulics associated with the 1m raise in full supply level. This includes modelled rating curves, bank full and drown out flow rates and velocity profiles of the weir structures, which are presented in section 7 of the assessment. Additionally, preliminary geotechnical assessment to inform the embankment design, sheet pile wall, construction materials is presented in section 8.

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Based on the 30% design, it is recommended that the licence to interfere (ref. 609661) should be increased to approximately 4200 ML to account for the increased full supply level resultant from the 1m weir raising. The total footprint of all permanent works associated with the project is estimated at 0.81 ha, detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Permanent works footprint extent

Material	Town Weir	Anabranch 1	Anabranch 2	Anabranch 3	Anabranch 4	Total
Weir Area (m ²)	1645	673	553	1096	992	4959
Fishway (m ²)	1098	1096	-	1096	920	3114
Total (m ²)	2743	673	553	2192	1912	8073

In accordance with conditions of the Regional Interest Development Approval (RIDA) RPI23/030 (granted 19th March 2025), the weir project and associated components of the regulated activity are required to limit areas of disturbance to following areas:

- Clearing for native vegetation for construction purposes – 1.64 ha (16,400m²)
- Temporary laydown/storage in areas devoid of structural vegetation – 1.83 ha (18,300m²)

Based on the estimated extent of permanent works, the design is considered to comply with the maximum area of disturbance, noting that revised design footprint is representative of the areas shown in Figure 1-1 Project Layout in the RIDA prepared by NGH Pty Ltd (dated 26th June 2024), in accordance with Condition 1. A RIDA amendment will be undertaken, including the provision of detailed management plans, to support the final detailed design.

Criteria 2 – Existing water supplies to which the application relates

Table 3: Criteria 2 – Existing water supplies to which the application relates

Criteria	2. Existing water supplies to which the application relates.
Relevant Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Plan s. 34(1)(b) and s. 34(3) and s. 34(4)(a)(i)
Key Issues	<p>Please include information regarding any existing water entitlements or authorities Council currently hold at the proposed development location hold, specifically including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of existing water entitlement or authorities and their current and historical usage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Including for existing weirs, groundwater and works taking overland flow water. – Including details about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location/s of take and/or interference ▪ Works locations ▪ Volumes currently authorised ▪ The licence number/s • Confirming which of these existing entitlements are for taking water for the purpose of town water supply associated with the weirs. <p>Supporting evidence can include any planning studies that have been undertaken to support the need for the increased storage volumes and the associated additional water requirements for town water supply purposes.</p>
Assessment Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the impounding of water is related to the take of town water supply. • The existing water supplies and their usage. • Appropriate planning studies have been undertaken and reported on to support the need for additional storage volume and additional take of water.

Criteria 2 – Response

The Ministerial Infrastructure Designation Report (MID) for the Thomson River Weir Raising Project (RIDA: Appendix B) prepared by NGH Consulting (dated 8th January 2024, ref. 220597) in support of the Thomson River Weir Raising Project (application ref. MID-0423-0690) provides the relevant information regarding existing water entitlements held by Council at the proposed development site. The relevant information relating to the criteria 2 response is summarised below.

As demonstrated in Table ES-1 and Figure ES-1 of the MID, the existing town weir system comprising of the primary Town Weir on the main channel of the Thomson River and four (4) Anabranh Weirs, is located approximately 3.5 km north-west of Longreach. Per Table ES-1, the development footprint to facilitate raising of the weir structures by 1 m is located on Crown land registered to the State of Queensland and reserves registered to Council, formally described as Lot 101 on SP340142 (formerly Lot 2 on SP123565) and Lot 4 on SP23218. Refer to Appendix C of the 30% design assessment for the precise location of the weir structures.

Review of existing water licences held by Council within and adjacent to the proposed development land parcels has been undertaken, utilising the water entitlement register last updated 7th July 2025). The active licences held by Council relating to the Thomson River are shown in Table 4. The licences relating to the take of water for town water supply are identified as 609661 (impound) and 604058 (take). Licence 43976J is located upstream of the town weirs and is not considered relevant to this application. Details pertaining the licences per the key issues raised in criteria 2.

Table 4: Thomson River Water Licences held by Council (adapted from Active Water Licence dataset, accessed 28 August 2025)

Licence Number	609661	604058	43976J
Holder	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council	Longreach Regional Council
Authorisation Type	Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall	Licence to take water	Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall
Status	Under Amendment	Issued	Issued
Issued Date	28/05/2014	13/12/2018	3/09/2010
Expiration Date	30/06/2111	30/06/2111	30/06/2111
Capacity (ML)	3300	-	3000
Max. Height (m)	-	-	5.2
Location (Lot/Plan)	4/SP232181	4/SP232181	2/SP134387
Authorised Purpose	Impound Water	Town Water Supply	Impound Water
Entitlement Per Annum (ML)	-	2,200	-
Max. Extraction Rate (ML/day)	-	12.5	-

Section 2 of the MID provides justification for the need for additional storage volume and additional take of water, supported by the Longreach regional water supply security assessment (RWSSA) undertaken by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mine and Energy (refer Appendix A of the MID) and other relevant technical studies.

The project justification is primarily based upon securing municipal water supply in the face of increasing climate variability, increasing demand and reduced security and sustainability.

Water demand and security

The RWSSA provides an assessment of demand and security drivers relating to the future growth of the Longreach township. The assessment identifies that growth in water supply demand coupled with projected warmer and drier climatic conditions are likely to increase the frequency and duration of periods during which Town Storage falls below minimum operating volumes. The salient points derived from the assessment relating to the need for additional storage volume are provided below.

- Longreach’s reticulation network supplies water for urban purposes to approximately 2,700 people (as of June 2018). Longreach’s current population has increased 2% per annum over the last two years to 3,726 (as of January 2024).

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- Council holds an entitlement for 2,200 ML/year, with operational water volume averaging approximately 1,800 ML/year between 2010/2011 and 2017/2018 (ranging from 1,470 ML/year to 2,040 ML/year).
- Continued population growth and a number of significant developments (summarised on page 5 of the MID) are anticipated to drive additional demand exceeding the RWSSA projections of 1,850 – 2,160 ML/year (based on current average daily demand of from current volume of 1,690 litres per capita per day).
- Acknowledging uncertainty of long-term climate change implications on future water demand and security, there is a high degree of confidence that the region will experience reduced rainfall, increase evaporation and more frequent and prolonged drought.
- Modelling of the frequency at which Town Storage is expected to fall below the minimum operating volume indicates that there is a high likelihood of operating demands exceeding storage volumes. Constrained by the current allocation volume (2,200 ML/year), increased frequency and duration of shortfalls are likely to be exacerbated by potential impacts of climate change and drought.

Sustainability

An assessment of the MID’s sustainability has been undertaken with reference to the quadruple bottom line approach outlined with the *Longreach Regional Council Corporate Plan 2017-2027* (Corporate Plan). The assessment identified the following social, cultural, economic and environmental factors in support of additional storage to enhance water security.

Increased supply and security is predicted to promote:

- Benefits enabling towns and regions to become more resilient, sustainable, productive and liveable.
- Continuity of community service and infrastructure provision to support future development, social networks and longevity of rural communities.
- Likely reduction in the frequency, duration and severity of water restrictions and associated mitigatory impacts on the potential degradation of social networks and mental health services.
- Increased resilience of economy and employment associated with agriculture, grazing and tourism. Anticipated flow on of benefits to attracting migration, regional investment and local employment.
- Ecological sustainability and environmental impacts are discussed in detail in the response to Criteria 4.

Alternative options

In developing the business case for the project, a feasibility study was undertaken by Cardno in 2017 to consider a range of options for securing a sustainable water supply for Longreach. As identified in Section 2.3 of the MID, the options include raising existing weir levels, new water storage areas, desalination, groundwater bore and water recycling scheme. Based on the Cardno assessment, the raising of weir levels was considered the most feasible solution, based on the justification summarised below.

- No additional infrastructure required, town storage to utilise existing intake infrastructure associated with Longreach water treatment plant (WTP).
- Minimises introduction of new environmental impacts, representing a material change to existing identified impacts within the current footprint only.
- Represents to the most reliable source of additional water given the reliability of Thomson River flows and supply, quality and licensing limitations associated with other options.
- Fewer impacts to private landholders and community given that no additional infrastructure or inundation of land not already subject to inundation is proposed.
- Relatively lower operation and maintenance costs in comparison to other options.

The option requirements, limitations and potential impacts are adapted from the MID (Table 2-1) are summarised below for reference (Table 5).

Table 5: Options Analysis – Raising height of existing weirs (adapted from NGH MID)

Option	Raise the height of the existing weirs
Infrastructure requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of weirs • Potential upgrades to access tracks.

Option	Raise the height of the existing weirs
Affected stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landholders adjacent the Thomson River – inundation of already affected and additional lots Cultural and recreational users of Thomson River banks, subject to additional inundation Community and road users during construction phase.
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height of raised weirs limited to height of surrounding topography to prevent spill-out Storage volume increase to be within limits set out in the <i>Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011</i>.
Key potential impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts on environmental flows, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and habitat Changes to the extent and depth of flooding Impacts on cultural heritage items and places subject to additional inundation.

Criteria 3 – Availability of Water at the Site

Table 6: Criteria 3 – Availability of Water at the Site

Criteria	3. The availability of water at the site.
Relevant Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Plan s. 34(4)(a)(ii)
Key Issues	<p>Please provide any information or assessment Council has undertaken as part of their applications for the RIDA and/or MID that consider the availability of water in the sub-catchment area of the weirs and the increase in storage volume.</p> <p>It is the department’s understanding that Council has been provided and accepted an offer from another team within our department to assist Council with hydrological modelling under the Water plan. There are no requirements for Council to undertake hydrological modelling.</p>
Assessment Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess any information in studies undertaken by Council regarding the availability of water at the site. Assess the results of hydrological modelling and information relevant to the proposed storage volume.

Criteria 3 – Response

Description of the project and its components, including the revised full supply level (FSL) and changes to storage capacity are detailed within design assessment undertaken by Engeny. The relevant outcomes relating the availability of water at the site and the key issues identified within criteria 3 are summarised below.

Availability

The proposed weir raise is based on the previous concept design development by Engeny in 2023, which has a target full supply level of 179.6m AHD. The updated design features higher weir crests to accommodate proposed fish passage channels

Storage Characteristics

The storage curve provided in Figure 4.2 of the assessment estimates total storage of the town water hole to be approximately 3636 ML (RL 178.6m AHD), increasing to 4590 ML (179.6m AHD) post weir raising. The storage characteristics and key levels specified in Section 4 of the assessment are based on recent detailed aerial survey and multibeam bathymetric survey undertaken in July 2025, which underpin the current basis of design.

Potential impacts associated with the MID are detailed within section 4 of the assessment and summarised as follows:

- Sedimentation of the storage area is not considered a major risk or concern and no issues have been reported by Council regarding impacts to pumping or storage infrastructure. Notwithstanding the low risk of sedimentation, an arbitrary allowance of 10% volume may

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be considered as an allowance to account for sediment build up, providing a full supply volume of 4131 ML. if the sediment allowance is applied.

- Review of historical aerial imagery indicates that no significant or obvious channel migration or formation of new anabranches has occurred. The stable riverbank alignment since the original weir works indicates that there is no apparent historical precedent for major geomorphological changes to river alignment and the risk of channel relocation is considered low.
- The proposed raising of the full supply level to 179.6m AHD has the potential to inundate an additional 26 ha (increase from 84 ha to 100 ha inundated area). The increase is predominantly contained within the 12km stretch of the main river channel and does not significantly extend into the floodplain, tributaries or anabranches. Minimal impacts to private property and infrastructure, including bridges and river access is expected, with the extent detailed in section 4.4 of the assessment.

Hydrology

A summary of hydrological aspects considered as part of the 30% design is detailed in section 5 of the assessment, reliant upon historical hydrologic assessments of the Thomson River conducted between 2015 and 2023. Design flood hydrology has not been updated as part of the assessment, maintaining the outcomes of the flood impact assessment undertaken by Water Technology in 2023. The assessment is attached in support of the application and summarised as follows:

- In both the existing and Project case, the weirs are substantially overtopped and drown out before the river channel capacity is exceeded.
- Very localised and minor water level increases are noted surrounding the weirs in the Project case. The increases are minor and inconsequential given the predicted depths over the structures.
- The Project does not result in adverse water level or velocity increases upstream to the Landsborough Highway corridor.
- Localised velocity increases are noted downstream of the weirs. These are likely to be inconsequential.

Criteria 4 – Impact of Proposed Increase in Interference

Table 7: Criteria 4 – Impact of Proposed Increase in Interference

Criteria	<p>4. The impact the proposed increase in interference may have on the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In-stream water levels b. The natural movement of sediment c. The bed and banks of the watercourse d. Riparian vegetation e. Habitats for native plants and animals f. The movement of fish and other aquatic species g. The cultural and ecological values of watercourses, waterholes, lakes or springs.
Relevant Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Plan s. 34(4)(b) and Water Act s. 7
Key Issues	<p>The effect of any change in in-stream levels from the proposed weirs, with information to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area of extent of impact within the Thomson River, anabranches, adjoining watercourses and floodplain inundation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The impact of any inundation – Proposed measure to mitigate any impacts. • Any impact to pumping infrastructure or access by existing water users and how Council has consulted and rectified or mitigated identified impacts. <p>Describe the natural movement of sediment through the Thomson River relevant to the area of influence by the proposed weirs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any resultant changes to the natural movement of sediment • What impacts the changes will have • How the impacts will be mitigated. <p>Describe the impact/s the proposed weirs may have on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed and banks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian vegetation • Habitat for native plants and animals • The movement of fish and other aquatic species including mitigation strategies • The cultural and ecological values. <p>In describing these impacts, please address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent of impact within the Thomson River, anabranches adjoining watercourses and floodplain inundation. • The area of the Thomson River adjacent to, upstream with the weirs' impounded area, and downstream based on the weirs' influence. • Identify the impacts and include discussion on any proposed short and long-term measures including any management actions to mitigate the predicted impacts. <p>There are no requirements for Council to undertake hydrological modelling as mentioned above.</p>
Assessment Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the results of hydrological modelling, studies and other information supplied to determine any potential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Impacts to existing water users and the community – Associated impacts within the impounded area including downstream of the weirs. • If sufficient consideration has been given to mitigation measures that may be undertaken. • If an appropriate level of identification and consultation with affected stakeholders has been undertaken.

Criteria 4 – Response

Section 6 of the MID by NGH provides an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the project and appropriate management measures to minimise and mitigate impacts to satisfy the requirement identified under section 36(2) of the Planning Act. As stipulated, the assessment scope pertains to impacts associated with construction and revised FSL. Potential impacts associated with the operational phase of the project have been deemed insignificant and not included in assessments to date.

In response to the key issues identified by the Department, the following subsections summarise the finding of assessments undertaken in association with the MID, highlighting information relevant to the assessment of impacts to users and the community, consideration of mitigation measures and consultation of affected stakeholders. A summary of key environmental issues considered within the MID, including relevant report sections, is provided below.

Table 8: Summary of Key Environmental Issues and Impacts (Adapted from Table 6-1 of MID)

Environmental Aspect	Key Potential Impacts	Relevant Section / Appendix
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on the depth, velocity and frequency of flooding due to changes in hydrology along the Thomson River main channel. • Potential water quality impacts during Project construction. 	Section 6.2, Appendices C and J
Aquatic ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on aquatic flora and fauna associated with disturbance of the bed and banks during Project construction, as well as increased depth of inundation for bed-dwelling ecology. • Potential impacts on the movement of fish past the raised weirs. 	Section 6.3, Appendix D
Terrestrial ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on terrestrial flora and fauna associated with the clearance of vegetation during construction of the Project, as well as the increased FSL. 	Section 6.4, Appendix E
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on land directly disturbed by Project construction and indirectly disturbed by the increased FSL. 	Section 6.5
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential air quality impacts during Project construction. 	Section 6.6

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Environmental Aspect	Key Potential Impacts	Relevant Section / Appendix
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential noise impacts during Project construction. 	Section 6.7
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generation of waste during Project construction. 	Section 6.8
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the Project wouldn't involve the extraction or interference with any groundwater sources, no potential groundwater impacts would occur as a result of the Project. 	N/A

In-stream Levels

As depicted in Figure 4-1 of the MID, the project FSL footprint is anticipated to encompass the construction footprint within State land (Thomson River riparian corridor) and the adjacent reserve lots (101SP340142 and 4SP232181) containing anabranch weirs 1-4. In addition to the above, small portions of the project FSL are shown to intersect with the allotments identified below, based on geospatial analysis of the 179.6 mAHD contour and State cadastral boundaries. Analysis undertaken by NGH indicates that intersections are very minor in nature and due to the resolution of LiDAR data and inherent error in cadastral boundaries, may not necessarily equate to actual inundation of the allotments. Furthermore, inundation increases are typically contained to the bed and banks of the Thomson River. Council is committed to continued consultation with adjacent landowners throughout the project to mitigate potential impacts.

- Lot 1 RP858039 (Freehold)
- Lot 1 PD839910 (Freehold)
- Lot 2 RP858039 (Freehold)
- Lot 1 POR579 (Freehold)
- Lot 186 POR579 (Reserve)
- Lot 2 POR579 (Freehold)
- Lot 107 PD47 (Freehold)
- Lot 109 PD103 (Freehold)
- Lot 112 PD95 (Freehold)
- Lot 2 SP134387 (Freehold)
- Lot 23 SP117111 (Lease)
- Lot 33 SP117111 (Lease)
- Lot 35 CM95 (Lease)
- Lot 7 CM84 (Lease)

Sedimentation

Water sampling undertaken by NGH in the vicinity of the project found quality was characteristic of a moderately disturbed ecosystem, including high turbidity likely influenced by surround land-use and local geomorphology (refer Appendix D of MID). The project has potential to increase localised sedimentation during temporary alteration of landforms and topography within the construction footprints through vegetation clearing and creation of temporary material stockpiles. To mitigate potential impacts to water quality and aquatic ecology from sedimentation, a range of measures are recommended during the construction outlined in section 6.2.3 and 6.4.3 of the MID and section 9.1 of the Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (Appendix J of the MID).

Proposed measures include the following:

- Preparation of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESC), including site-specific erosion and sedimentation controls, staging advice and stabilisation measures. The plan would also include technical notes guiding the installation, function and maintenance of ESC devices.
- Monitoring of downstream and adjacent areas for signs of scouring and erosion.
- Limitation of public access to banks of Thomson River around weirs to reduce activities (e.g. four-wheel driving) that may exacerbate bank destabilisation.
- Stabilisation of disturbance areas through natural revegetation. Where natural recruitment does not occur, supplementary revegetation is recommended to recreate the existing regional ecosystem (RE 4.3.1b).

Channel Structure

As demonstrated in Figure 3-1 of the MID, the project concept design does not change the location of the existing weir structures, with the exception of expanding their vertical and lateral extents commensurate with the height increase. The requisite construction disturbance footprints would necessitate impacts to vegetation to the quantum of 1.64 ha.

Vegetation and Habitat

A Terrestrial Ecology Assessment for the project is Provided in the RIDA application, providing a description of the baseline environmental conditions, assessment of potential impacts of the project on ecology and proposed management measures (refer Appendix E of MID). A summary of potential impacts to riparian vegetation and habitat values is provided in Table 10.

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Table 9: Potential Ecological Impacts (Adapted from MID, NGH)

Nature of impact	Frequency	Duration	Potential Consequences
Clearance of native vegetation adjacent to weirs	Construction	Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of approx. 1.64 ha of native vegetation (Least Concern RE 4.3.11b) Loss of associated native fauna habitat (e.g. hollow bearing trees)
Potential loss of streamside shelter/habitat trees from increased inundation and wet feet	Operation	Long-term, until equilibrium reached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of native fauna habitat features in trees lost from increased inundation Direct injury/mortality of fauna during tree fall/loss
Disturbance of fauna habitat during weir construction	Construction	Short-term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary disturbance of fauna that utilise habitat surrounding construction footprint due to noise and activities Direct injury/mortality to animals during construction Changes in surrounding environment benefiting non-native/invasive flora species (e.g. weeds)
Potential increase in bank scouring downstream	Intermittent (weir overtopping events)	Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased rate of downstream scouring during overtopping Increased rate of fringing habitat trees and remnant vegetation into river.

The proposed management measures to minimise potential impacts of the project on vegetation and habitat are detailed in the Terrestrial Ecology Assessment (Appendix E). Recommended terrestrial ecology management measures are summarised in Table 10 below.

Table 10: Recommended terrestrial ecology management measures

Nature of impact	Recommended management measures
Clearance of native vegetation adjacent to weirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing works monitored by qualified fauna spotter-catcher to safely relocate any fauna and minimise the likelihood of felled trees striking fauna Revegetation/planting of <i>E. coolabah</i> and other flora species associated with RE 4.3.11b in the construction footprint where natural recruitment does not occur in the long term.
Potential loss of streamside shelter/habitat trees from increased inundation and wet feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of tree loss on the banks of the Town Storage Control agricultural grazing to increase recruitment of <i>E. coolabah</i> and other species edging the riverbank Planting of <i>E. coolabah</i> and other species edging the Thomson River to where tree loss is exacerbated, and natural recruitment is not occurring Where significant, hollow-bearing trees are lost, install artificial hollows in the surrounding unaffected vegetation patches, or; manage felled hollow trees or logs as ground hollow habitat in the adjacent vegetation patches.
Disturbance of fauna habitat during weir construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn off heavy vehicles and mobile plant when not in use to minimise noise and vibration disturbance Implement speed limits on access tracks within Town Common Pre-start inspections of heavy machinery and pits/excavations for trapped animals Undertake vehicle visual inspections and washdown as necessary to remove any weed material prior to arriving at construction site Treatment of weeds following construction to reduce the risk of weed propagation in immediate surrounds and downstream.

Nature of impact	Recommended management measures
Potential increase in bank scouring downstream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas immediately adjacent to and downstream of the weirs are monitored for scour or erosion following overtopping events • Limit public access to the banks of the Thomson River around the weirs to reduce activities (e.g. four-wheel driving) that may exacerbate riverbank destabilisation • Where scouring due to the Project is occurring and impacting fauna habitat, implement bank stability works

Aquatic Fauna Movement

NGH has prepared an Aquatic Ecology Assessment for the project, providing a description of the baseline environmental conditions, assessment of potential impacts of the project and proposed management measures (refer Appendix D of MID). The background ecological conditions are provided in section 6.3.1 of the MID. NGH found that the following potential direct and indirect impact are likely to be associated with the project shown below in Table 11

Table 11: Potential direct and indirect impact

Direct Impacts	Indirect Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disturbance or benthic and/or littoral habitat • Isolation of fish populations behind coffer dam structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disturbance of local populations of aquatic fauna through noise and vibration • Benefit to fish movement and migration through inundation of ephemeral tributary habitat

The following management measures are recommended within the Aquatic Ecology Assessment (Appendix D) to minimise potential project impacts on aquatic ecology and fauna movement.

- Project design to incorporate fish passage structure (i.e. fishway) to facilitate connectivity of fish populations within the catchment. A rock ramp fishway is considered most appropriate.
- Engagement of suitability qualified fish passage specialist to provide input at the detailed design stage to ensure raised weir design facilitates adequate fish passage.
- Post-construction review of fish passage structures by suitably qualified specialist to ensure new and existing structures provide functional passage for fish under the project FSL.

Per this recommendation, the project includes dedicated fishways around the waterway barriers at Town Weir, Anabranch 3 and 4 weirs.

Cultural Values

Assessment of Aboriginal and non-indigenous cultural heritage was undertaken as part of the MID, included as Appendix F and Appendix G of the original application package. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inspection found presence of isolated and concentrated tangible artefacts along the length of the study area, including within the proposed construction footprint. To mitigate potential adverse impacts, the report recommends that continued consultation with Bidjara representatives is undertaken prior to and during the project construction to implement recommended mitigation measures, including monitoring of initial ground disturbance works. Additionally, a range of recommendations in relation to items with potential non-indigenous historic importance to be considered by LRC prior to project works is presented in section 4.2 of the Appendix G of the MID.

Community Consultation

Section 10.1 of the MID details the various preliminary stakeholder engagement activities for the Project to date. Table 10-1 summarises the scope of consultation and stakeholders engaged, including government, community, indigenous and special interest groups and bodies. Section 10.2 details further post-lodgement consultation to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements prescribed in Schedule 4, section 7 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (DSDILGP, 2023), comprising of published notices in local newspapers, signage at opportune access points to the weirs and formal notices to key stakeholders identified in the Stakeholder Consultation Strategy, provided as Appendix K of the original submission package.

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As part of these ongoing engagement efforts, in October 2023, Council commissioned a Cultural Heritage Inspection (CHI), which includes a signed Terms of Reference (ToR) report from the Bidjara people. To support this process, Council has engaged a communications specialist to help develop a community engagement program and formalise all required notifications to the Bidjara regarding the management and supervision of any ground-disturbing works within the project area.

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15.4 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of September 2025 for the Works Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Officer Report

Responsible Officer/s:

André Pretorius, Director of Works

Guy Goodman, Manager of Operations

Ajith Samarasekera, Manager Fleet & Workshops

Alex Bahadori, Utilities Manager

Purpose:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council monthly, outlining achievements, challenges, and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Project Status:

Commenced	
On Hold	
Completed	

Manager of Operations update - current projects underway

R2R Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
All areas grid replacement	Install Grids	5%	\$150,000	\$	Grids replacement program for this FY has been adopted.	
Pelican Street, Longreach	Storm water pipe upgrade	100%	\$145,000	\$148,000	Storm water pipe has been tendered and awarded. Crews commenced work in August. Completed.	
Isisford Bimerah Road	Prep and reseal 10mm	5%	\$100,000	-	Prep works to commence in October. Seal date programmed for mid-November.	

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Pelican Street Stormwater*



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TIDS Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Emmet Yaraka Road	10mm reseal and prep	5%	\$408,000	\$	Prep work to commence in October. Seal and pre-coated stone tenders received.	●

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					Tenders awarded. Seal date early November.	
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DRFA Project 2024 Event						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Silsoe Road	Heavy formation grade	60%	\$155,000	\$73,000	Project commenced late July.	
Starlights Lookout Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$80,000	\$78,000	Project commenced in late July. Completed.	
Darr River Downs Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$77,000	\$75,000	Project commenced in late July. Completed.	
Isisford Bimerah Road	Medium formation grade	30%	\$320,000	\$62,000	Project commenced in late July.	
Bogewong Road	Medium formation grade	80%	\$506,000	\$235,000	Project commenced in August.	
Silsoe Road	Desilt floodways	50%	\$30,000	\$18,000	Project commenced in August.	
Crossmoor Road	Gravel resheet	60%	\$25,000	\$18,000	Project commenced in August.	
Morella Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$435,000	\$220,000	Project commenced in August. Completed.	
Straight Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$129,000	\$97,000	Project commenced in August. Completed.	
Old Winton Road	Medium Formation Grade	40%	\$557,000	\$55,000	Project commenced in September.	
Spoilbank Lane	Heavy Formation Road	50%	\$160,000	\$73,000	Project commenced in September.	

RMPC Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
RMPC Contract	National Highway & State Road Networks	40%	\$3.1m	\$1,213,435	As per contract	
Jundah Road (95B)	Heavy shoulder grade	90%	As per contract unit rate	-	Works commenced in July 2025.	
Ilfracombe Aramac Road (25/26)	Gravel resheet	95%	\$867,000	\$780,000	Project commenced in July.	

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MWPC Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Thomson Developmental Road – Jundah Road	Pavement rehabilitation and widening	78%	\$5,005,133	\$1,600,000	Project start delayed due to wet weather. Construction of detours commenced May 2025. First 3.6km completed with first seal. Currently carting base course on remaining 3km.	

WISER Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Weirs (Fairmount, Town & Anabanches 1-4)	Geotechnical Survey	95%	\$162,000	\$98,000	Geotechnical studies commenced at the end of July. Test pits have been completed on all weirs. The remaining works require bore hole testing. To be completed early August 2025. Reports are due at the end of September. Internal staff are currently testing piezometer pipes weekly.	
Weirs (Town & Anabanches 1-4)	Fish Passage/Hydraulics/Design	80%	\$393,419	\$35,828	Design process commenced in May 2025. Currently awaiting 30% design. 30% design received. 30% designed passed on to department for approval.	
Longreach Township	Smart Meters	10%	\$1,070,098	\$11,000	Tender awarded. Project to commence in the coming weeks. Project Control Group has been formed, community messaging distributed 24 th July. Awaiting smart meters to arrive, scheduled for end of October, installation of 30% of meters to follow.	
Longreach Township	Water Mains Replacement	5%	TBC		Tender documents received, currently under review. Tenders being called. Tenders received,	

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					currently awaiting evaluation.	
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Grants & Funding Projects				
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments	Status
School Transport Infrastructure Program (STIIP)	Longreach State High School	85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement negotiations are progressing. Waiting for final agreement from TMR before execution. • Site works scheduled for 2024. • Project has been granted extension to 30th June 2025. • Final Agreement received from TMR for execution • In the procurement stage for the design of the car park. Designing to consider potential changes to the Jabiru Street / Plover Street intersection because of the Kestrel Street development. • Design process underway after consultation with school. • Construction plans currently being developed. • Extension granted due to wet weather events. Extension approved to September 2025. • Construction Plans Received. • Earthworks commenced; concrete driveway programmed for completion in July 2025. • Concrete driveways completed. Subbase material currently being carted to site. • Subbase completed. Concrete kerbs installed week starting 2nd September. • Footpaths and concrete works completed. • Base course carted to site, trim and compact. Seal date mid-October. 	

Maintenance Graders Locations

All available maintenance graders will be working on formation grading projects for the 2025/26 FY Flood Damage in conjunction with normal maintenance grading programs.

Water, Sewer & Waste Update

Water & Sewer Projects				
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments	Status
WTP ELR Replacement/Repair	Ilfracombe	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary structural assessment report has been received. Investigation options for the replacement of the tank. • Works carried over to this FY. • Tender process underway. • Contract not awarded. RFQ to be called again in 2025/26. • Awaiting professional consultancy proposal. 	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Digital Water Meter Trial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ilfracombe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">100%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works program scheduled for Q2 2024. Trial planned to commence with communications install and staged rollout of meters. • Ongoing planning with internal and external parties. • Materials have arrived. Local contractor to perform installation of aerials etc. • Awaiting works program from contractor to install concentrators. • Work in progress – installation of concentrators. • Concentrators have been installed. New hardware had to be installed because of 3g not being available anymore. Waiting for installation requirements for water meters. • Field staff completed installation training 05/03/25. Administration system currently in process. • All residential water meters installed. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Upgrade to Murray McMillan Dam Switchboard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ilfracombe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">50%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project in current 24/25 budget. • Tender process underway. • Project underway. • Tender awarded. Materials procured, 12-week lead time. • Work commenced on 2nd July 2025, conduit installation at Murray Dam has been completed. • The switchboard installation is part of the broader electrical works, which also include cable line installation and slab footings. The switchboard has a 12-week lead time, and work was scheduled to begin in early July 2025. • Concrete pad and pit surrounds are complete, power/control cabling for the harvest pump installed, and the switchboard is near completion at the manufacturer. Upcoming works include mains cabling, cable support installation, and switchboard installation once delivered. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">DRFA Flood Risk Management Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Longreach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">45%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Flood Action Plan feedback period has concluded. 1 x submission was received with the suggestion of a levy bank along Watyakan Creek from near the Kangaroo Meat Works to the Thomson Development Road Bypass to help protect the southern areas of town from future flooding. • Technical brief being developed and reviewed in consultation with QRA appointed technical reviewer. • Procurement process for the Longreach Flood Study to commence in early 2025. • QRA has granted an extension for the program until 30/06/2026. • Draft Technical Brief submitted for peer review. • Technical Brief being updated considering comments from peer reviewer. • Procurement process underway. • Quotes being evaluated. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender awarded and kick-off meeting completed. • Process underway. Data collection and review. • Consultant in the process of developing a community questionnaire. • Draft Community Questionnaire Survey received. 	
Isisford Sewer Pump Station Upgrade	Isisford	95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faulty pump identified with insulation resistance below limits • CAP Plumbing engaged to replace both pumps and install new wet well lead • New pumps installed and connected on 18 August 2025 • Effluent shut-off valve installed the week prior • Control system reprogramming planned with Saunders Electrics • Project aligns with broader upgrade scope already awarded to CAP Plumbing 	
Vegetation Removal Isisford Dam	Isisford	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFQ documents submitted. • Open for tender. • Awaiting finalisation of scope and evaluation. 	

Water Operations

All Sites - Water Treatment & Network - General Update

- Weir and Dam levels at all sites are shown in Table 1 below.
- Routine water network maintenance was undertaken, and Customer Service Requests responded to as required across all sites.

Longreach WTP:

- Operating normally. The town remains under Level 1 water restrictions

Ifracombe WTP:

- Operating normally.
- Blending of RO-treated water is occurring at 10–35%, with plans to increase to 50% to conserve surface water.
- Town is under Level 2 water restrictions. This is currently being re-assessed due to the decreasing water levels in the Murray McMillan Dam.
- Control valves at RO Plant media filters being serviced

Ifracombe WTP - Valve Automation:

- Valve automation components have been purchased; installation coordination with local electrician is pending.
- RFQ to define scope to be developed for the installation and programming of the valves to engage suitable contractor.

Isisford WTP:

- Filtration system requires maintenance, which is scheduled for early September
- Works completed and report received.

Yaraka WTP:

- Operating normally

Sewerage Operations

Longreach Pump Stations & STP

- Routine maintenance continues as required
- Pump Station 3 Upgrade: All new pumps and couplings have arrived. Confined space training was completed in July. Installation is pending traffic guidance scheme finalisation
- This work has been completed

Ifracombe Pump Stations & CED Ponds

- Routine maintenance is ongoing

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- **Isisford Pump Station & CED Ponds**
- Routine maintenance is ongoing
- CED ponds are hydraulically overloaded. New ponds have been excavated and are currently at capacity. Pumping is underway, and fencing is scheduled
- Flowmeter installed to monitor excessive inflow; further investigations are underway to identify root causes
- Flow study report received.
- Mechanical pipework and pumps at the sewer pup station have been replaced.

Table 1 – Estimated Current Weir/ Dam Levels (~ approximate level)

Dam	Approx. Current Level (m)	Approx. % Full	DMP Height Full	Comments
Longreach Town Weirs	~ 0.85m	65%	1.3m	
Shannon Dam	~ 10m	70%	14.5m	Water is regularly pumped from Murray McMillan to keep Shannon Dam at full levels.
Murray McMillan Dam	~ .8m	8%	10.3m	Ilfracombe is currently on level 3 water restrictions.
Isisford Dam	~ 9.1m	83%	11m	
Isisford Weir	~ 0.5m	39%	1.3m	
Yaraka North Dam	~ 11m	88%	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	~ 11m	88%	12.5m	

Waste Projects

Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Land Parcels	Longreach	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to consider setting funds aside for the future extension of facility • Council to develop relevant management plans and designs for consideration and approval by DoR.

Waste Facilities Update

Longreach Waste Recovery Facility

Protterra Group has been managing the Longreach facility since August 2023 under a 3-year contract. Their responsibilities include site supervision, load inspections, signage maintenance, and hazardous material handling

Ilfracombe Waste Facility

- Contractor is conducting routine cleaning of the facility.
- Council is developing a business case to evaluate outsourcing versus self-management of the facility.

Isisford Waste Facility

- Council currently managing and covering general waste.

Yaraka Waste Facility

- Council staff are conducting routine activities.
- Council is developing a business case to determine if we can convert the facility into a Waste Transfer Station.

Plant & Fleet Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2024/2025

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Project	Task	Comment
Plant Replacement	Plant Procurement and Disposal	<p>The FY 26 Plant procurement program has commenced with the ongoing development of Requests for Quotes / Tenders (RFQ / RFT) based on functional requirements.</p> <p>Quotes for 1 x Side by Side UTV for the Parks and Gardens Team and 1 x 4WD, dual cab utility vehicle for the SES, Isisford Group were received, evaluated, and ordered.</p> <p>An RFQ for a Trailer Mounted Steam Cleaner for Parks and Gardens to wash footpaths, playgrounds, skate park and other public areas has been circulated.</p> <p>A grader, forklift and a Toyota Prado were sold at auction on 24 Sep 2025.</p>
Plant Utilisation	Plant Utilisation data Graders, Loaders, Excavator, Prime Mover, Special Purpose Trucks, Scraper and Stabiliser	The plant utilisation and cost recovery data for July, August and September is attached to this report.
Workshop Operations	General Update	<p>The workshops are continuing to sustain a steady flow of plant maintenance activity.</p> <p>The Longreach Workshop is down 2 x Mechanics and the Isisford Workshop 1 x Apprentice.</p> <p>The Longreach workshop is prioritising the preparation of Council's heavy vehicles for the annual NHVR inspections.</p>
Radio Communications and Vehicle Telematics	Working Group	<p>A consultant presented the scope and detail on HF digital radio communications to the Governance Committee.</p> <p>The project is ongoing.</p>
New Fleet Management Information System (FMIS)	Implement	<p>Phase 1 of the implementation utilising AusFleet for programmed maintenance has been completed.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the roll out to a pilot user group is progressing.</p>

Appendices

1. Jul- Aug- Sep 25 Plant Utilisation Vs Cost Recovery [**15.4.1** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

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Plant No	Description	Hours Worked			Total Cost			Cost Recovery			Profit / Loss			Comments
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Graders														
10014	JD 670 GP	114	159	88	9,049	5,897	13,058	16416	22896	12672	7,367	16,999	-	386
10062	Cat 150 M	199	120	130	9,075	4,914	8,646	28656	17280	18720	19,581	12,366	10,074	
1196	Cat 12M	137	159	141	8,246	2,742	4,710	19728	18432	20304	11,482	15,690	15,594	
1633	JD 770 GP	111			6,724			15912			9,188		-	Off line August and September awaiting auction. Sold 24 Sep 2025.
9912	Cat 140 M	92	131	120	4,946	6,389	5,167	13176	18806.4	17323.2	8,230	12,417	12,156	
9922	Cat 140 M	34	75	107	4,151	5,830		4896	10857.6	3154.17	745	5,028	3,154	
9942	JD 670 GP	191	203	142	5,854	431	1,772	27504	29232	20448	21,650	28,801	18,676	
9992	Cat 160 M	72	40	124	10,743	9,438	9,028	10368	5760	17856	375	3,678	8,828	
10101	Cat 160 (New Grader)		107	70		14,545	4,348		15408	10080		863	5,732	
	Totals	949	887	853	58,788	35,640	42,381	136,656	123,264	110,477	77,868	88,487	73,828	
Loaders														
10048	Loader Komatsu W 150 - 6	16.0	73.0	75.0	3971.04	3143.8	3042.38	2352	10731	11025	1,619	7,587	7,983	
3676	Loader Komatsu WA320	16.0	95.5	56.0	1999.96	192.53	104.55	2352	14038.5	8232	352	13,846	8,127	
3827	Loader Komatsu WA380-6 Loader	27.8	34.0	73.0	2227.4	5808.15	215.38	4086.6	4998	10731	1,859	810	10,516	
9993	Loader Caterpillar 938K	21.0	13.0	59.0	5430.91	3570.95	2670.62	3087	1911	8673	2,344	1,660	6,002	
9911	Loader Caterpillar 962M	126.0	0.0	0.0	8,072	3,041	3,040	38,784	-	-	30,712	3,041	3,040	No operator. Costs are fixed costs such as depreciation and insurance etc.
	Totals	206.8	215.5	263.0	21,701	15,756	9,073	50,662	31,679	38,661	28,960	15,922	29,588	
Excavators														
9991	Excavator Komatsu PC210LC1	71	47	47	6,149	1,465	1,418	14,768	9,776	9,776	8,619	8,311	8,358	
3169	Excavator Komatsu PC88MR-8	18	8	8	1,670	-	-	2,520	1,120	94	850	1,120	94	
	Totals	89	55	55	7,820	1,465	1,418	17,288	10,896	9,870	9,469	9,431	8,452	
Prime Movers														
P10044	Truck Prime Mover Kenworth	136	98	59	21748	4056	4370	17544	12642	7611	4,204	8,586	3,241	
6637	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	40	107	135	5993	3472	2762	5160	13803	17415	833	10,331	14,653	
6638	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	139	126	38	20394	3245	16662	17931	16254	4902	2,463	13,010	11,760	The Prime mover was off line and underwent a maintenance overhaul.
6855	Truck Prime Mover Nissan	68	112	91.5	6679	5017	7546	8772	14448	11803.5	2,093	9,431	4,257	
P9910	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	112	10	57	17770	6303	9742	14448	1290	7353	3,322	5,013	2,389	Off line in workshop + repair parts and labour.
P9927	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	72	8	19	9639	3204	3029	9288	1032	2451	351	2,173	578	Water Tanker Ilfracombe. Utilisation fluctuates.
P9928	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	104	57	94	10470	4684	3495	13416	7353	12126	2,946	2,669	8,631	
	Totals	671	518	494	92,694	29,980	47,606	86,559	66,822	63,662	6,135	36,842	16,055	
Special Trucks														
10021	Truck Jet Pitching Ausroads Flocon	140	127	158	10,136	7,046	10,894	22,260	20,193	25,043	12,124	13,147	14,148	
10036	Truck Garbage Isuzu FVD	103	134	35	8,163	2,911	2,070	7,278	9,479	2,450	885	6,567	379	Off line most of the month due to accident damage.
6677	Truck Garbage Acco (Spare Truck)				84			2,243		5,964			3,721	Spare truck was used due to the primary truck being taken off line for damage assessment.
9951	Truck Sweeper Isuzu FSR	93	106	136	9,400	2,767	3,267	11,378	12,977	16,667	1,978	10,209	13,400	
	Totals	335	366	412	27,699	12,724	18,475	40,915	42,648	50,123	13,216	29,924	31,648	
Scraper and Stabiliser														
2158	Scraper Caterpillar 615C	81	88	87	9,359	22,520	3,242	20,850	22,662	22,404	11,490	142	19,161	
2678	Stabiliser Caterpillar - RM 300	28	80	53	7,025	5,600	2,598	7,420	21,200	14,045	395	15,600	11,447	
	Totals	109	168	140	16,384	28,120	5,840	28,270	43,862	36,449	11,885	15,742	30,609	
Combined Total											135,264	196,348	190,179	

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15.5 Director of Works Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Works.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

André Pretorius, Director of Works

Strategic Leadership

Key:


Completed


In Progress


Not Started

Name	Description	Status
Longreach Flood Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contract awarded and project kick-off meeting held. Consultant in the process of data review. b) Consultant coordinating work with the weir design team. c) Consultant in the process of developing a community questionnaire d) Draft Community Questionnaire and Survey provided 	
Longreach Transport Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In the process of reviewing and updating the Roads Register. b) Review of traffic count data in progress. c) Approached consultant with regards to the recording of defect data. 	
Ilfracombe Elevated Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contract not awarded. b) In the process of reviewing procurement documentation c) Met with consultant to discuss scope of works for first phase 	
Isisford Wastewater CED pond investigation and Flow Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flow meter being procured. Flow meter arrived and installed. b) High inflow to the CED ponds is occurring after rain events. c) Report recommendations suggests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sewer renewal to reduce inflow and infiltration ii. Setting of operating rules for ponds 	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">iii. Water quality modelling to determine requirements for small scale irrigation.</p> <p>The concern still exists regarding the condition of the raw water supply infrastructure, lack of residential metered data and cost recovery.</p>	
<p>Longreach Weir Raising Project</p>	<p>Weir design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Concept design of fishways submitted. Had a Meeting with Planning and DAF regarding fishway designs. Comments received and designer aim to have 30% design completed by end of August for submission to Planning. b) The delay in the timeframe is due to completion hydraulic analysis for the weirs and delays in the survey (environmental condition). c) The designs will consider and incorporate comments from Planning and DAF. d) Designer engaged for detailed designs e) Concept (30%) design received and a meeting was held between DAF and the designer. Aim to submit the 30% design report to planning on 11 September 2025 f) 30% Design Submitted to Planning. g) Geotechnical investigations completed. h) Waiting for results from geotechnical analyses – end of September 2025 i) Commenced with License to Impound application. j) Contractors engaged for bathymetry and LiDar surveys to inform the detailed design – Surveys Completed. k) Old pump intake structure removed. <p>Smart/Electronic Water meters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contract awarded. Water meter fleet scheduled to arrive by end of October due to delivery delays in the supply chain. <p>Watermains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tender documents received and being reviewed. b) In the process of calling for Tenders c) Tender period closed. Assessing Tenders. 	<p style="text-align: center;">●</p>

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Annual SWIM Data Reporting	Submitted our Annual SWIM Data report to the Regulator	
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Operational Management

- Consulted with designer regarding design services for the Longreach Weir project and design of fish ladders.
- Consulted with designer regarding Longreach Servicing Strategy.
- Consulted with stakeholders regarding the Longreach Electronic Water Meter Project.
- Inspected the Isisford CED ponds
- Inspected the Murray McMillan Dam and Shannon Dam in Ilfracombe
- Submitted our Annual SWIM report to the Regulator
- Reviewed Ilfracombe's water usage.

Financial Management

- Attended monthly Flood Damage progress meeting.

Workforce Capability

- Attended operational meetings
- Attended monthly ELT meeting

Stakeholder Engagement

- Attended ORRTG Technical Meeting
- Attended RAPADWSA Technical meeting
- Attended RAPAD Regional Waste Management Working Group meeting.
- Met with the Department regarding the WISER Project
- Met with the Department regarding our Water to Take Application (Unallocated Water).
- Met with DETSI regarding the Longreach Servicing Strategy and discussed our Environmental Authorisation regarding effluent re-use and discharge.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.

16 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

17 Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting

18 Closure of Meeting