

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026

HOUR CALLED: 6.00pm

PRESENT: The meeting commenced at 6.01pm with the Mayor (Cr B A Blomeley) in the Chair and with Councillors:

H	Chong
J	Darko
E	Goyne
D	Hulme
B	Hunter
R	James
W	Kennedy
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
B	Warren; present.

1. APOLOGIES J Walker

ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 1 – 11

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer
(Mr I Nelson)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(Mr R Graham)

Head of Community and Culture
(Ms T Cockburn)

Head of Strategic Development Communications and Engagement
(Ms G Wicks)

Chief Financial Officer
(Ms J Murrell)

Acting Head of City Planning
(Ms R Olsen)

Head of Governance
(Ms C Shea)

Head of Regulatory Services
(Mr R Brennan)

Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer
(Ms J Ellis)

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor:

- made the following statement:

“Before proceeding, I pay my respects to the Mumirimina people as the traditional and original custodians of the lands on which we meet, and I acknowledge the continuing connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people to the skies, land and waterways.

I pay respect to Elders past and present.”

- invited those present to pause for a moment of quiet reflection and respect before commencing the council meeting.
- advised the Meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Meeting, are livestreamed, audio-visually recorded and published to Council’s website. The meeting is not protected by privilege. A link to the Agenda is available via Council’s website.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer to cover page.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and Council’s adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED: NIL

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported on the following meetings and attendances since the last Council Meeting:

- 2 December: Official Opening of the Southeast Tasmania Study Hub;
Mayor Anderson’s Visit to Hobart on first flight – Newcastle to Hobart;
Launch/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Light the World – Giving Machine;
- 3 December: Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership Executive Officer Role Interviews;
- 4 December: Royal Over-Seas League and Australians for Constitutional Monarchy Christmas Luncheon;
- 6 December: Swinging Christmas Event;
- 7 December: Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Season Open Day;
South Arm Community Market;
Rosny Park Bowls Club – Synthetic Green Opening Day;
Opening Event of “Bay”;
- 8 December: Cancer Council Tasmania 30th Anniversary Event – Government House;
- 9 December: Inaugural State Budget Breakfast;
Eating with Friends Christmas Lunch;
Richmond Primary School End of Year Assembly;
Australian Christian College – Graduation Evening;
- 10 December: Committee & Working Groups & Honours and Awards Meeting;
Interview with David Wood – Ultra 106.5;
- 11 December: Grade 6 Liturgy & Award Ceremony – John Paul II Catholic School;
Annual Volunteer Christmas Lunch;
2026 Jazz 30th Festival – Media Launch;
Emmanuel Christian School Awards Night;
- 12 December: Rose Bay High – Achievement Assembly;
- 13 December: Commemorating 100 Years of the Hobart Cenotaph;
Eastern Shore Christian Churches Christmas Carols;

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

- 15 December: Visit from Rose Bay Student Reps to Share their Visit to Akkeshi;
Cambridge Primary School End of Year Presentation Assembly;
7 News Interview – Clarence Jazz Festival;
Citizenship Ceremony – Clarence on the Bay;
55th Anniversary Reception for Australia-Japan Society of Tasmania;
- 16 December: Lauderdale Primary School End of Year Assembly;
Malcolm Purcell Meeting regarding Glebe Hill Development;
Remembrance Plans/Bondi Massacre Meeting;
Bayview Secondary College Graduation End of Year Assembly;
Clarence High School End of Year Celebrations;
Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder Game;
- 17 December: Lindisfarne North Primary School End of Year Assembly;
South Arm Primary School Assembly;
Ecumenical Bondi Beach Victims Memorial Service;
- 18 December: A Celebration of the Festive Season – Government House;
- 19 December: Meeting with Arm End Golf course Proponents;
- 20 December: Bondi Beach Vigil at Parliament Lawns;
- 9 January: ABC Drive Radio Interview – Bellerive Beach Cancellation;
- 12 January: Meeting with Opposition Leader – The Hon. Josh Willie MP;
- 13 January: Farewell Morning Tea for Clarence City Council Staff Member;
- 14 January: BBL|15 Hurricanes vs Brisbane Heat Game;
- 15 January: Exhibition Opening – Sarah Morawetz – The Measures of Things;
- 16 January: Meeting with Bill Lawson AM – Launch of Bellerive Bluff Battery Association Inc;
CEO Review Panel Catch-up
Hobart International – VIP Experience; and
- 17 January: David Onu Book Launch Event.

Deputy Mayor Allison Ritchie (on behalf of Mayor)

- 6 December: Taste of Glenorchy Christmas Fair;
- 11 December: Clarendon Vale Primary School – End of Year Celebration Assembly;
- 15 December: Warrane Primary School End of Yea Awards Ceremony/Assembly;
- 16 December: Rokeby Primary School End of Year Assembly; and
- 17 December: Coal River Valley Tasmania Tourism Association Networking Drinks.

Councillor Heather Chong (on behalf of Mayor)

- 5 December: Southern Support School Leavers Dinner;
- 16 December: Southern Support School – 2025 Leavers' Celebration Assembly;
- 18 December: Howrah Primary School Annual Presentation Assembly 2025; and
- 14 January: Networking Event with Crew of L'Astrolabe & Expeditioners from IPEV.

Councillor Wendy Kennedy (on behalf of Mayor)

- 13 December: Weber WBBL|11 Final Hospitality Function.

Councillor Richard James (on behalf of Mayor)

- 18 December: Risdon Vale Primary School End of Year Awards Assembly 2025.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

The Mayor further reported on the following:

Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack

The Mayor acknowledged the horrific and tragic events that took place at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December that claimed 15 innocent lives. He advised that he had represented the City of Clarence at the Ecumenical Memorial Service held at St. David's Cathedral and written to the Mayor of Waverley Council.

The Mayor further advised that Council had hosted a Condolence Book at the Council offices which was presented earlier today to Mr Peter Kirby, the President of the Hobart Hebrew Congregation.

Following a request to participate in the Australian Government's recently declared National Day of Mourning to honour and commemorate the victims, the Mayor advised that Council will hold a community reflection service at 11am on 22 January at the front of the Council Chambers and invited all members of the community to attend.

The Mayor invited those present to stand for a minute's silence in honour of the 15 innocent lives that were lost.

Acknowledgement of passing of former Alderman Martin McManus

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of former Clarence Council Alderman, Martin McManus on 22 December 2025.

Martin served 18 years as a Clarence Alderman from 1996 until 2014 including 2 years as Deputy Mayor.

Martin was also a former State Liberal Member for Franklin.

On behalf of Council and the City of Clarence, the Mayor extended condolences to Martin's family.

Fr Mark Freeman – Bishop-Elect of Ballarat

The Mayor advised that Fr Mark Freeman, of the Bellerive -Lindisfarne Catholic Parish was recently appointed as the next Bishop of Ballarat and tabled a letter he had written to Fr Mark congratulating him on his appointment.

Arts & Events

- **Bellerive Beach Party 10 January 2026**

Although disappointing that the event had to be cancelled due to severe weather warnings in place at the time, the Mayor acknowledged the efforts of Council's Head of Community and Culture and her team for assessing the risk and making the decision to cancel the day before, allowing time for appropriate arrangements to be made.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

- **Swinging Christmas 6 December 2025**

The Mayor advised that the Swinging Christmas Event held at Rosny Farm in December was an outstanding success and read out an email he had received from MC of the event, Jane Longhurst congratulating Council and in particular the arts and events team for hosting this quality event.

Card from Bellerive Primary School

The Mayor tabled a Christmas card he had received which was made by Grade 3 & 4 students of Bellerive Primary School who visited Council last year.

Live and Local Music Event

The Mayor tabled an email he had received from the President of the Clifton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Mr Matthew Clingeffer thanking Council for supporting the Live and Local music event held at the club.

Mayor's Holiday

The Mayor addressed the recent commentary on his family holiday and provided the following advice.

Before beginning his holiday, the Mayor ensured that he was contactable at all times via email and mobile phone. While away he was still responding to emails and calls, interacting with the Chief Executive Officer and his team and participating in radio interviews.

Although always contactable, the Mayor was conscious of time zone differences and that if an emergency arose, an immediate response may be required and therefore asked Council's proxy on the Clarence Emergency Management Committee, Cr Chong to be Acting Chairperson during that time. On professional advice he delegated both Cr Chong and the CEO to act as the spokesperson of the Council for that period in the event of an emergency and where time was of the essence.

With the Council closed from 24 December until 5 January, there were no issues of significance to address except for the possibility of an emergency, which was covered.

In regard to comments regarding application of the Local Government Act in this situation, the Mayor noted that this legislation was put in place in 1993 at a time when communication was not possible in the way that it is today and that in circumstances where the Mayor is contactable and able to perform their functions, whether that be within Tasmania, elsewhere in the country or overseas, there was no reason to warrant a delegation to the Deputy Mayor or any other councillor.

4.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

A Councillor's Meeting Briefing (workshop) was conducted on the Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor's Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on the Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting be noted.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4. TABLING OF PETITIONS

Nil

4.5 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

This agenda item is listed to facilitate the receipt of both informal and formal reporting from various outside bodies upon which Council has a representative involvement.

REPORTS FROM SINGLE AND JOINT AUTHORITIES

Provision is made for reports from Single and Joint Authorities if required.

Council is a participant in the following Single and Joint Authorities. These Authorities are required to provide quarterly reports to participating Councils, and these will be listed under this segment as and when received.

- **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY**

Representative: Cr James Walker

Quarterly Reports

September and December Quarterly Reports pending.

Representative Reporting

- **TASWASTE SOUTH**

Representative: Cr Warren (Mayor's nominee)
Cr Hunter (Proxy)

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

WE STAND TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM

- Cr Chong tabled a report from the We Stand Together Against Racism workshop held on 28 November 2025.

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2025 and 5 and 12 January 2026 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2025 and 5 and 12 January 2026 be noted.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time at ordinary Council meetings will not exceed 15 minutes. An individual may ask questions at the meeting. Questions may be submitted to Council in writing on the Friday 10 days before the meeting or may be raised from the Public Gallery during this segment of the meeting.

The Chairman may request a Councillor or Council officer to answer a question. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers. Questions and answers are to be kept as brief as possible.

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a member of the public may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question to be asked at the meeting). A maximum of two questions may be submitted in writing before the meeting.

Questions on notice and their answers will be included in the minutes.

Mr Bradley Walker of Howrah gave notice of the following questions:

1. CURRENT LEGAL STATUS - HOBART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EX GRATIA PAYMENTS

Can Council please provide the community with an update on the current status of its legal case with Commonwealth of Australia in regards to Hobart International Airport ex gratia payments in-lieu of rates. Preferably including costs to date, estimated timeframes and desired outcome from such past, current and future proceedings.

2. SD-2011/30

In follow up to previous questions I have been asking in relation to Figure 3 in DPO 17 of SD-2011/30 that permit condition 9 states “Walking tracks must be constructed by the applicant...prior to the sealing of public open space lots”. Council has taken on a contractor to construct some more of the required tracks. Could I please be updated with what contribution has been given for previous Council paid track construction and what contribution has been arranged for the ongoing tracks Council is constructing in the Rokeby Hills Reserve.

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following responses to Mr Walker’s questions at Item 5.1.

1. CURRENT LEGAL STATUS - HOBART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EX GRATIA PAYMENTS

The Full Court of the Federal Court handed down its decision to reject the appeal of both Clarence City Council and Northern Midlands Council in February 2024. The appeals were in relation to applications made by both councils seeking declaratory relief against the Commonwealth and the lessees of the Hobart International Airport and the Launceston Airport respectively. This means that the litigation is at end.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE /contd...

Both HIAPL and Council were ordered to pay costs against the other. In August 2025, Council agreed to pay HIAPL \$784,762.37 which was reduced from \$965,562.04 to take into account the costs HIAPL was liable to pay Council. Councils spend on legal representation between 2018 and 2025 when the costs agreement was settled is \$437,491.21.

The amount of ex gratia rates that were in dispute are currently approximately \$620,000 per year

2. SD-2011/30

Council has expended \$50,925 on upgrading the track infrastructure in the Rokeby Hills Reserve. While the planning permit (SD-2011/30) only required the developer to provide Class 5 trails (unmarked, natural surfaces), Council elected to upgrade these to Class 3 standards (hardened, all-weather surfaces) to better serve the community. The primary upgrades include the Fairisle Connection, Tunah Link and Toorittya Track (\$7.5k). Council is currently seeking a 50% cost contribution (~\$25,000) from the developer to reflect the mutual benefit of these upgraded community assets. Final directional signage installation is scheduled for 2026.

5.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr Victor Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

COPPING C CELL CAPACITY

We learnt last year at Estimates and from the Tasmanian Planning Commission Hearing that the Macquarie Point site contains 220,000 cubic metres of contaminated fill. It was confirmed by the Environment Protection Authority that the regulated cap on the Copping C Cell is 45,000 cubic metres. My question is, as the Clarence Council is a part owner of the Copping C Cell, can the Council clarify whether the Copping site will be expanded to cater for the remaining 175,000 cubic metres of contaminated fill?

ANSWER

The Mayor took the question on notice.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE /contd...

Mr Brian Chapman of Bellerive asked the following question.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Local Government Act 1993 Section 27 (2) (b) writes that the Mayor or Council by notice in writing appoints the Deputy Mayor to act in the position when the Mayor is interstate. To meet community expectations and risk assessments why was Cr Chong and not Cr Ritchie appointed as Deputy Mayor? Until the Act is updated due to modern technology then the Act actually applies.

ANSWER

The Mayor provided the following response.

I dealt with this very thoroughly in my opening remarks, but it is important to note that Cr Chong was not appointed Deputy Mayor she was appointed Acting Chairperson of the Clarence Emergency Management Committee. It is also important to consider that how I conducted myself having taken advice, is the same as the Chief Executive Officer and every member of the Executive Leadership Team of this organisation who is contactable and who is working during their holiday break. Council is not actually open, but we are still working, I am still responding to emails, I am still responding to calls, I am still responding to queries from the media. The only issue, having sought advice that was front of mind as I mentioned in my opening remarks was a potential emergency as we have seen in other jurisdictions be it flood, fire, severe weather warnings such as we had the weekend before last. That is highly likely this time of year that is why Cr Chong accepted my request that she step up to be the Acting Chairperson, she is currently my proxy on that committee so that was appropriate. All members of the Committee were informed of that and in the case of an emergency where I was not available for whatever reason, Cr Chong and the CEO were empowered by me to respond and make public statements on behalf of this organisation.

Mr David Carr of Tranmere asked the following question.

DROUGHTY POINT STRUCTURE PLAN

I want to ask about the Droughty Point Structure Plan, does anyone know when it will go to public consultation, is it still ongoing? What is going on?

ANSWER

The Acting Head of City Planning provided the following response.

The Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan is well underway, and it has been continuous, the next round of consultation will not be for a little while yet. The draft is under preparation, and the consultation will happen after that draft. There is landowner consultation that will happen prior to that. It is still underway and there is still plenty of work happening behind the scenes.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE /contd...

Mr Michael Figg of Lauderdale asked the following question.

LAUDERDALE CANAL

Could I have a timeline and an answer to the question on what is happening with the Lauderdale canal, we seem to be delaying quite a lot and there is money allotted to the improvement of Lauderdale canal. Could you please tell us where we are at and what is happening?

ANSWER

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response.

We have been working with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to clarify issues related to the lease which Council holds over the land and in particular the flushing of the canal. We still do not have satisfactory resolution of those issues and therefore any further investment in the canal area is unable to be progressed until we have some satisfactory answers.

Mr Bradley Walker of Howrah asked the following question.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayors of Hobart, Glenorchy, Kingborough and Brighton have all delegated their role to the Deputy Mayor in similar situations as yours over the past three years. What was your reason for not delegating your role to the Deputy Mayor, given it is a simple and used process when mayors are travelling overseas?

ANSWER

The Mayor advised that he had dealt with this matter in detail at Item 4.2 Mayor's Communication and would not be entertaining any further discussion on the subject.

Council's Public Question Time Policy can be found on Council's website at [Public Question Time - City of Clarence : City of Clarence \(ccc.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/public-question-time)

6. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(In accordance with Regulation 46 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

ROSNY HILL

Mrs Beth Rees addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

In accordance with Regulation 29 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, to deal with the following items:

7.1 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE AMENDMENT AND COMBINED SUBDIVISION– PDPDPAMEND-2024/049390 – 1300 OCEANA DRIVE, TRANMERE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

In accordance with Section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA), the purpose of this report is to consider the representations received during the public exhibition period in relation to the request for a combined planning scheme amendment to rezone land at 1300 Oceana Drive, Tranmere from Future Urban to General Residential and 13 lot subdivision (the draft amendment).

RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS

The land subject to the draft amendment is zoned Future Urban and Landscape Conservation under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Clarence (the Scheme). The land is also subject to the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code, Natural Assets Code, Flood-Prone Areas Hazard Code, Bushfire-Prone Areas Code, Landslip Hazard Code and Safeguarding of Airport Code.

The proposed subdivision is a Prohibited development under the Scheme but would be facilitated by the draft amendment.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The request for the amendment was submitted to the Planning Authority for a decision in accordance with Section 37 of LUPAA. Council determined at its meeting on 20 October 2025:

“That, pursuant to Section 38(2) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, that the Planning Authority resolves to prepare a draft amendment to rezone part of CT 181629/101 to General Residential Zone and CT 173546/1 to Utilities Zone, pursuant to Section 40F(2) of the Act, and to certify the draft amendment as meeting the LPS Criteria and That, pursuant to Section 40Y(2) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the Planning Application for a 13 lot subdivision application at 1300 Oceana Drive, Tranmere (PDPDPAMEND -2024/049390), which was submitted in accordance with s40T(1) of the Act, be approved subject to the following conditions.”

Council’s decision was contrary to Council Officer’s recommendation; accordingly, Council engaged an independent consultant to further its decision.

The certified amendment was advertised in accordance with Section 40G of LUPAA for a period of 28 days, commencing on 4 November closing on 1 December 2025. Under the requirements of LUPAA, Council must now consider the merits of any representation received.

This report provides details of the representations received, responds to all matters raised and contains justification for each of the recommendations. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the *Judicial Review Act 2000* and the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

CONSULTATION

The proposed amendment was advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements and five representations were received. The representations raised the following issues:

- Landslide Risk
- Likelihood that the resulting lots would be developed for multiple residential dwellings
- Road widths insufficient to provide for increase in traffic and parking
- Loss of amenity to landowners on Ardiletta Road; and
- Support for the amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council, as the Planning Authority resolves, regarding draft amendment – PDPDPAMEND-2024/049390, that:
1. In accordance with section 40K (1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to provide this report and relevant attachments, including the submission of the Department of State Growth to the Tasmanian Planning Commission, and
 2. In accordance with section 40K(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to advise that five representations were received, including that of Department of State Growth on behalf of Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT), during the exhibition of the amendment and provide copies of the representations to the Tasmanian Planning Commission, and
 3. In accordance with section 40K(2)(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, advise the Tasmanian Planning Commission that no representations were received after the end of the exhibition period, and
 4. In accordance with sections 40K(2)(c)(i) and 40K(2)(c)(ii) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, advise the Tasmanian Planning Commission that the Planning Authority's opinion to the merits of each representation is contained in this report and that these representations do warrant modification to the amendment, and

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In accordance with section 42(b) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, advise the Tasmanian Planning Commission that based on the representations received that the Planning Authority no longer supports the application for a permit for a 13 lot subdivision, as it does not meet the provisions of the Landslip Hazard Code C15.7.1P1(a)-(g) of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme-Clarence. The representation from Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) outlines the potential for landslip risk which could not be mitigated under the current plan of subdivision.
- B.

That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council’s decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Cr Mulder SECONDED Cr Ritchie	
	“That the Recommendation be adopted”.	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr James
	Cr Chong	
	Cr Darko	
	Cr Goyne	
	Cr Hulme	
	Cr Hunter	
	Cr Kennedy	
	Cr Mulder	
	Cr Ritchie	
	Cr Warren	

Council now concludes its deliberations as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil Items.

8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.4 GOVERNANCE

Nil Items.

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE DOG WASTE BAGS

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Goyne intended to move the following Motion:

“That Council

- (a) commits to replacing current dog waste bags that are ‘degradable’ with ‘compostable’ bags once current reserves of bags are utilised; and
- (b) authorises the CEO to include, as part of the FOGO program development, consideration of options to best address the issue of dog waste, based on best practice environmental, service delivery and financial considerations.”

With the Leave of the Meeting Cr Goyne amended her Motion and it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Goyne SECONDED Cr Kennedy	
	“That Council	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Commits to transitioning from degradable to compostable dog waste bags as soon as reasonably practicable, subject to the utilisation of existing bag stock and a review of public dog waste infrastructure to ensure the changeover can be completed cost effectively; and (b) authorises the CEO to include, as part of the FOGO program development, consideration of options to best address the issue of dog waste, based on best practice environmental, service delivery and financial considerations.” 	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr James (abstained)
	Cr Chong	
	Cr Darko	
	Cr Goyne	
	Cr Hulme	
	Cr Hunter	
	Cr Kennedy	
	Cr Mulder	
	Cr Ritchie	
	Cr Warren	

10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

A Councillor may ask a question with or without notice at Council Meetings. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers.

10.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a Councillor may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the Councillor seeks an answer at the meeting).

Nil.

10.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

10.3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Cr Mulder

1. We have all received a letter from a constituent in relation to Dorans Road which has been a bug-bear for many years. I know of at least 2 Senate Presidents, 1 Mayor of Clarence and 1 Hobart Alderman who have all been unsuccessful in having their road sealed, but the resident points out that there are serious accidents on a particular section, 5 overturned vehicles. When a car overturns it is a potential casualty. It is only on one small section, and I am just wondering that given that we should be looking at better road priorities?

ANSWER

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) We sought grant funding from the Safer Rural Roads Program for some work on Dorans Road, I will check on the timing of that grant program and advise councillors.

(Further information) Council was successful in securing \$40,000 grant funding through the State Government's 2023/24 Safer Rural Roads Program to construct formal passing bays on the gravel section of Dorans Road (between 550 Dorans Road and 620 Dorans Road). The scope of work also includes improved signage on the gravel road section plus additional delineation on the sealed section of Dorans Road. This work is proposed as an interim measure to improve safety by highlighting curves in the road and provide safe passing areas for drivers along this route.

Longer-term options for Dorans Road, including potential road realignment, continue to be considered within the framework of Council's broader road network planning. It is noted; however, that the considerable financial implications associated with realignment make this project challenging to justify at the present time.

In relation to the roll-over crash on Dorans Road in late November 2025, this was not reported to Tasmania Police so there is no formal record of this incident - making it difficult to understand what factors may have contributed to the crash. The 10-year crash history for this section of Dorans Road has been reviewed and 3 crashes have been reported in that period – which is significantly less than the anecdotal evidence provided by residents. Only one crash was reported on the section Dorans Road that would be bypassed as part of a future realignment.

2. Last week there was the 15th Annual Tasmanian Geo-sciences Forum held at Queenstown and I am informed very reliably that one of the issues that was discussed was Droughty Point and the fact that this geo-sciences survey that was done on the Droughty Point peninsula actually shows that there is subsidence and landslip on the whole of the Droughty Point peninsula and the fact is that the southern slopes of Droughty point peninsula are actually slipping away at the rate at this stage of 5 centimetres per annum. Are our strategic planners who are doing the Skylands development plan aware of this factual information and if not can they have a look at the papers?

ANSWER

The Head of City Planning asked Cr Mulder to provide the information so that it could be shared with the consultants.

(Further information) Any geotechnical issues will be addressed through the Structure Plan. Also, for information, Mineral Resources Tasmania know of this information and have provided a representation to the Development Application at 1300 Oceana Drive, Tranmere, which will be reported to a forthcoming Council meeting.

Cr Hunter

Has Council previously considered or assessed beach access in Lindisfarne? I was recently contacted by residents wondering that and I noticed in the Coastal Access Plan there was nothing north of Bellerive Beach until you get to Otago Bay, so I am sure there is good reasoning but wondered why that is the case.

ANSWER

Taken on notice.

(Further information) The Coastal Access Strategy classified the narrow beach near 73-77 Esplanade, Rose Bay as a C1 Activated Coastline, meaning coastal access infrastructure in this area focuses on movement along the coast and visual access, rather than access to the water's edge. The beach was not identified as a priority during the two rounds of community consultation undertaken for the Coastal Access Strategy and is already well serviced by the Clarence Foreshore Trail, with low demand for additional access down to the water. No beach access improvement works are planned for this location at this stage.

In regard to the small beach at the end of Natone Street, that site is being considered as part of early planning for a future ferry terminal, including potential improvements to visual and physical beach access.

Cr Hulme

1. What consideration has been given to the use of Bellerive (or Ninja Stadium) after Cricket Tasmania ends their lease?

ANSWER

(Chief Executive Officer) At this stage there has not been any particular consideration given, we are continuing to work with Stadiums Tasmania to understand what their considerations are and once we have a clear picture of that, we will come back to Council to workshop that issue.

2. I was made aware at the Disability Access and Inclusion Network end of year celebration by someone there who approached me and drew my attention to a project that had been done by some Tas TAFE students producing a brochure called “Coal River Valley, Richmond and Eastern Shore Accessible Touring Options” and it was a project that looked at the accessibility of various tourism attractions through our City, with particular focus on Coal Valley and Richmond. My question is, have council officers been made aware of this brochure and is there any way that Council can use it or benefit from it?

ANSWER

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Officers have recently become aware of this brochure which was developed by TAFE students. The brochure was shared with the Tasmanian Visitor Information Network Inc. in December last year, along with other tourism and local attraction resources. The brochure is now available on the Hobart and Beyond website. Officers are currently working on improving accessibility information within the existing Facility Map (Link: [Facilities - City of Clarence](#)) on Council’s website and some information within the brochure is a resource that can be utilised in this.

Cr James

1. The Chief Financial Officer mentioned in her presentation at the Annual General Meeting about the upgrade of Pass Road and the loan funds of \$5 million as part of that project. Are there options in relation to this where it is more than likely to exceed 5 million either to seek additional loan funds or whether cash reserves can be identified and sourced towards that?

ANSWER

(Chief Financial Officer) Both could be considered when the time arises when we know the full cost of the project.

(Further Information) When considering a capital project budget, either a new project or additional funds for an existing project, there are various sources of funds Council use, such as grant funding, renewal funding or borrowings. If Council decides to fund by borrowings, then when the time arises to use those loan funds, Council could either take up a new loan or use cash holdings for the project expenditure. However, the cash holdings used, would eventually need to be replenished from borrowings.

2. My question is regarding the sale of the former army barracks in Cambridge Road, which was mentioned this evening. Will Council be making a consideration in relation to change of use or is this going to be handled under the affordable housing convention?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) If the Housing Order is to change the zoning of the land they would still need to then make a development application through Council and go through public consultation as part of that.

Cr Goyne

1. You have probably seen that Huon Is trialling a herbicide free weed management strategy. Kingborough has already ceased spraying in their sensitive areas like playgrounds. In Clarence's Alternative to Glyphosate Review Discussion Document of 2021, it was recommended to seek costings on hand weeding. I would be interested to know if the hand weeding was costed, because I would like to know if it is possibly cheaper than the \$90,000 that we have allocated for the upcoming budget to sign when we spray possible carcinogens.

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) Council officers remain committed to benchmarking operations against industry best practice, focusing on continuous improvement and the investigation of alternative land management techniques to reduce chemical reliance.

Regarding the inquiry into the cost-effectiveness of manual weed control as an alternative to the signage program, the \$90,000 allocated in the current budget represents a one-off capital investment for the fabrication and installation of physical signs. In contrast, manual weeding is a labour-intensive recurring operational liability that would require significantly higher funding every year to remain effective. Initial costings demonstrate that a manual program is approximately 7.5 times more expensive than the equivalent pro-rata cost of the signage network.

To date, the signage network has been installed at Bellerive, Kangaroo Bay, Simmons, Stanley, ANZAC, and Beltana playgrounds with the remaining parks and reserves scheduled for completion in the new year. This project ensures the provision of essential community information regarding herbicide applications. Following the completion of the signage rollout, the ongoing annual budget required, is estimated at \$30,000 for small material components and sign replacements.

2. Can I clarify if the subdivision for the quarry in School Road has been approved and if so, what the headworks charges were on that?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) That was approved, I think it came to Council early this year or late last year and there were no headworks charges applied to that development because they [the developer] were constructing that portion of the road with the turning head.

Cr Chong

Just following up from Cr Walker's question from last meeting about committees, whilst I appreciate that we are doing the Strategic Plan review first there is a lot of disquiet in the working groups and committees because they don't know where they are going. So, my question is, do we have a timeframe for when this is likely to be completed, and we can look at the committee structure?

ANSWER

Taken on notice.

(Further information) A review of the committee structure is currently underway, with a workshop discussion with councillors anticipated to be held in the new year.

Cr Kennedy

1. Following a question from residents on boathouses, what is our policy on boathouses being used as [short stay accommodation]?

ANSWER

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) We know that boathouses are being used for boat storage and other uses, we do not have a policy. We know that some of them are being leased or licensed on Council land, and some are in relation to Crown land.

2. Would a boathouse that is on private land be available to be used as [short stay accommodation]?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) Any structure that is to be used as visitor accommodation will require a permit under the planning scheme irrespective of whether it is a boathouse on leased or licensed land or on private property.

Question contd...

How do we regulate that?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) Council regulates visitor accommodation that it doesn't know about by being advised through the State Government when the government provides its report where people have sought permission through them. If someone is not asking the State Government or Council to undertake that use, we generally only find out when people lodge complaints, we then investigate and possibly take enforcement action at that time.

10.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

A Councillor may ask a Question without Notice of the Chairman or another Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer. Note: the Chairman may refuse to accept a Question without Notice if it does not relate to the activities of the Council. A person who is asked a Question without Notice may decline to answer the question.

Questions without notice and their answers will be recorded in the following Agenda.

The Chairman may refuse to accept a question if it does not relate to Council's activities.

The Chairman may require a question without notice to be put in writing. The Chairman, a Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer may decline to answer a question without notice.

11. CLOSED MEETING

Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2025 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matter was listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

11.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 the report in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda was dealt with on the grounds that the detail covered in the reports relates to:

- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence.

The content of reports and details of the Council decisions in respect to items listed in “Closed Meeting” are to be kept “confidential” and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by the Council.

Decision:
PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED Cr Warren **SECONDED** Cr Chong

“That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 17 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.