



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday 18 June 2021
commencing at 9:08am

Strathpine Chambers
220 Gympie Road, Strathpine

ENDORSED GM20210721

Membership = 13
Mayor and all Councillors

Quorum = 7

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RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Sandra Ruck

Seconded by Cr Mark Booth

CARRIED 12/0

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held 18 June 2021, be confirmed.

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ATTENDEES AND LIVESTREAMING

The meeting was live streamed and the video recording of the meeting available on the council's website.

Attendees must be aware that incidental capture of an image or sound of persons in the public gallery, may occur.

By remaining at the meeting attendees consent to being filmed and the possible use of their image and sound being published in the live streaming and recorded video of this meeting.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Matt Constance provided the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION

The Mayor provided the opening prayer / reflection for the meeting.

3. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Cr Peter Flannery (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr Brooke Savige
Cr Mark Booth
Cr Jodie Shipway
Cr Sandra Ruck
Cr Karl Winchester
Cr Denise Sims (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Mick Gillam
Cr Cath Tonks
Cr Matt Constance
Cr Darren Grimwade
Cr Tony Latter

Chief Executive Officer	(Mr Greg Chemello)
Deputy CEO/Director Engineering, Construction & Maintenance	(Mr Tony Martini)
Director Community & Environmental Services	(Mr Bill Halpin)
Director Finance & Corporate Services	(Ms Donna Gregory)
Director Infrastructure Planning	(Mr Andrew Ryan)
Director Planning	(Mr David Corkill)
Chief Economic Development Officer	(Mr Paul Martins)
Acting Manager Strategy & Engagement	(Mr Darren Dallinger)
Meeting Support	Hayley Kenzler

Apologies:

Cr Adam Hain

4. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor stated the purpose of the special meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is:

The adoption of the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021/22 and receipt of the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the 2020/21 Financial Year.

The Mayor made the following introductory comments:

“Councillors, thank you for being here today for what will be a cornerstone Budget of our region’s future.

While the world has changed since the Covid-19 pandemic hit, Australian governments have deftly stayed ahead of the many challenges the virus has brought with it.

We have contained its spread, but economies around the world have not escaped its impacts.

To outline the fiscal challenges this presents I’d like to hand over to Councillor Matt Constance - Council’s Portfolio Councillor for Finance and Corporate Services - to introduce the motions regarding Moreton Bay Regional Council’s Budget and Operational Plan for the financial year commencing 1 July 2021.”

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES SESSION

(Cr M Constance)

Portfolio Councillor - Cr Matt Constance, thanked the Mayor making the following observations before formally moving into discussion of the motions and the Mayor’s budget speech relating to adoption of the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan for the financial year commencing 1 July 2021:

“Thank you, Mr Mayor.

You are right that the financial impacts of coronavirus are unavoidable.

But I’m pleased to say our CEO and finance team have worked incredibly hard and successfully delivered on our request to ensure any rates rise would be reasonable.

General rates for an owner-occupied house will increase 3.6 per cent and average total rates for an owner-occupied house will increase 3.9 per cent.

To minimise the rates rise we will be increasing Council borrowings this year by \$50 million, which we are able to do because of the strong financial position we are in.

This means we will have an operating surplus of \$55.3 million, which is a very healthy position.

I want to pause for a moment Mr Mayor and let that sink in. Because that is another Operating Surplus.

With this budget we deliver our 12th consecutive operating surplus. And we do so while growing our staffing base and investing in them to meet the needs of our growing community.

And we do it most importantly by delivering the infrastructure our community will need for the future.

We deliver this 12th operating surplus because of the bold and brave decisions of councillors who have gone before us and those who sit in the chamber today.

This is an impressive achievement for any Council and places our Council, the Moreton Bay Regional Council, as one of the strongest fiscally in the state and why during the disrupted year we have just seen, we still have been able to provide and deliver more infrastructure and provide more support for our community than ever before.

Mr Mayor and Councillors, there will be an overall decrease in our cash position this year of \$45 million this coming financial year, but that is because we have saved for the rainy day.

Just like a family puts money aside in their household for a rainy day to invest in a new car, or a house or a TV, it is time some of our savings to be invested on our next stages of region building infrastructure.

And Mr Mayor we will continue spending and investing more to support our community and support our economy to bounce back, which is absolutely the right thing to do through this crisis.

The investments be underpinned by and be guided by our Regional Economic Development Strategy Launched earlier this year and our growth management strategies moving forward.

As indicated in the Budget and Operational Plan, Council will again exceed all statutory benchmarks regarding operating surplus, net financial liabilities and asset sustainability ratios over the ten-year long term financial forecast."

4.1. Adoption of Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 (62189674 - official version - Attachment #1)

Under section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council is required to adopt, for each financial year, after 31 May before the financial year and before 1 August in the financial year, a budget and revenue statement which complies with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Under section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the local government is required to prepare and adopt an operational plan each financial year. Under section 175 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the operational plan must be consistent with the annual budget and state how the Council will progress the implementation of its corporate plan during the period of the operational plan and manage operational risks.

In this regard a document titled "Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022" containing the required documents for the 2021/22 financial year, is tabled as an attachment to this item.

RESOLUTION 1

Moved by Cr Jodie Shipway

Seconded by Cr Brooke Savige

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022, incorporating statements of income and expenditure, cash flow, changes in equity and financial position and a long-term financial forecast, a revenue statement and a revenue policy, as contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document, be adopted.

RESOLUTION 2

Moved by Cr Mick Gillam

Seconded by Cr Darren Grimwade

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to levy the differential general rates for the 2021/22 financial year as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 3

Moved by Cr Tony Latter

Seconded by Cr Cath Tonks

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves that the rating categories of rateable land in its local government area and a description of each of the rating categories for 2021/22, be as follows:

Residential Single Dwellings

Category	Description
R1 Single Residential – Owner occupied/ single household	Land which contains a single residence that is not part of a community title scheme and is: (a) used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) otherwise occupied only by members of a single household that includes the resident property owner or owners.
R2 Single Residential – otherwise occupied	Land which contains a single residence that is not part of a community title scheme and where the use and occupation of the land do not comply with both paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) in the Description for Category R1.

Interpretation for R1 and R2 categories

The category descriptions for Categories R1 and R2 must be read with the following definitions and explanation, which form part of the descriptions.

Meaning of single residence

A **single residence** must be a dwelling. A “*dwelling*” is a self-contained residence which includes all of the following:

- (a) food preparation facilities;
- (b) a bath or shower;
- (c) a toilet and wash basin; and
- (d) clothes washing facilities.

A dwelling may comprise 2 or more buildings if:

- (a) one or more of the buildings is not itself a dwelling, because it does not include all of the things stated in the definition of “*dwelling*”;
- (b) taken together, the buildings do include all of those things; and
- (c) the buildings are designed located and configured to facilitate common and shared use of all those things by the residents of a single household.

A **single residence** may consist of only one dwelling, but may also include a **secondary dwelling** that is part of the **single residence**.

A **secondary dwelling** is part of a **single residence** only if it is a dwelling that:

- (a) is substantially smaller in size, including having a substantially smaller gross floor area, than the other dwelling on the land (the "**primary dwelling**");
- (b) obtains access from the driveway giving access to the primary dwelling;
- (c) is not separately metered or charged for water, electricity, and other utility services;
- (d) is used in conjunction with and in a way that is subordinate to the use of the primary dwelling; and
- (e) is located, oriented and configured so as to have a relationship and association with the primary dwelling such that both dwellings may be conveniently used and occupied by members of a single household.

A **secondary dwelling** which is part of a **single residence** may be a separate freestanding building, or may be constructed within the building envelope of, or attached to, the primary dwelling.

However, there may be scenarios under which the property owner resides in either the primary or secondary dwelling as his or her principal place of residence, but the other dwelling (either primary or secondary) is occupied by person/s who are not part of the property owner's household. In that scenario, Category R2 will apply, even though the occupier of one of the dwellings is not a part of the household of the owner.

Similarly, there may be scenarios where no part of a property which may otherwise be a single residence, including a secondary dwelling, is occupied by the property owner, including members of the owner's household, as their principal place of residence, however both dwellings are occupied by a single household. In that situation Category R2 will also apply.

However, Category R2 does not apply where no part of a property which may otherwise be a single residence, including a secondary dwelling, is occupied by the property owner, including members of the owner's household, as their principal place of residence, and both dwellings are not occupied by a single household. In those circumstances, the property will be rated under the Multi-Residential F2 differential rating category in respect of which further explanation is provided below.

Meaning of **principal place of residence**

A single residence is used by the **property owner** as his or her **principal place of residence** if the owner ordinarily or predominantly lives (including but not limited to eating and sleeping) at the residence on a daily basis, and does not ordinarily live anywhere else. A **property owner** can only have one **principal place of residence** at any point in time. Only a natural person can have a **principal place of residence**.

For determining whether a single residence is a **property owner's** principal place of residence the Council may have regard to:

- (a) the length of time the person has occupied the residence;
- (b) the place of residence of the person's family;
- (c) whether the person has moved his or her personal belongings into the residence;
- (d) the person's address on the electoral roll;
- (e) whether services such as telephone, electricity and gas are connected to the residence in the person's name;
- (f) any other matter relevant to the question of where the person ordinarily or predominantly lives.

Meaning of **property owner**

For Category R1, a **property owner** is ordinarily a natural person who is the "**owner**" liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR.

However, a natural person under a legal disability who is not the owner liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR is taken to be the **property owner** for the purpose of applying Category R1 if all of the following criteria and requirements are met:

- (a) the owner liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR holds title to the land as trustee for the person;
- (b) the trustee holds title wholly or predominantly for the purpose of managing the affairs of the person by reason of that person's (legal, physical or other relevant) disability;

- (c) the person (alone or with others) is beneficially entitled to an ownership interest in the land; and
- (d) the trustee provides the Council, if it so requests, with a statutory declaration verifying paragraphs (a) to (c), and also annexing and verifying a copy of the relevant deed or instrument of trust.

In addition, if the **property owner** under that extended definition is receiving a pension under Commonwealth law as confirmed by the Centrelink Confirmation eService, the property owner will be considered eligible to receive the Council Pensioner concession, identified as Concession 1 in this Revenue Statement, even though the person does not qualify for the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme (Scheme), so long as the person's circumstances are otherwise in accordance with the requirements and restrictions stated hereafter for that concession.

Meaning of *single household*

For Category R1 and R2, land is occupied by members of a **single household** only if all persons ordinarily or regularly residing at the land do so under living arrangements involving ongoing collective sharing of, and commonality in, day to day living arrangements such as meals, household work, social interaction and mutual support, as a single domestic unit comprising, or exhibiting the ordinary characteristics of, a family unit.

Particular extended application of Category R1

Upon the death of the last living **property owner** of land in Category R1, the land is taken to continue to meet the description for Category R1 until the earliest to occur of the following events:

- (a) a change of ownership of the land (other than a transfer to executors or trustees of the estate of the deceased property owner **merely** for the purpose of estate administration);
- (b) the land being occupied and used under a tenancy entered into by the executors or trustees on behalf of the estate of the deceased property owner; or
- (c) the expiration of 2 clear calendar quarters after the quarter which includes the date of death of the deceased **property owner**.

Upon the occurrence of the relevant event, the land will be re-categorised (if necessary) based upon its use at that time.

Further explanatory note for R categories generally: If there is a second dwelling on the land but it does not meet the definition and requirements above for a **secondary dwelling**, the land cannot be categorised as R1 or R2. In such a case, the land is used for *Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)* and will be categorised F2.

Also, if there are 3 or more dwellings on the land, the land is used for *Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)* and will be categorised under the appropriate "F" category. That is so even if one of the dwellings otherwise meets the definition and requirements for a **secondary dwelling**.

Residential Units (Community Title)

Category	Description
U10 Units 1 – Owner occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is equal to or greater than \$900 per square metre; and (c) the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than 350 square metres.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
U20 Units 2 – Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$750 per square metre and less than \$900 per square metre; and (c) the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than 350 square metres.
U30 Units 3 – Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) (i) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$600 per square metre and less than \$750 per square metre; or (ii) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$750 per square metre and the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is less than or equal to 350 square metres.
U40 Units 4 – Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$500 per square metre and less than \$600 per square metre.
U50 Units 5 – Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$85 per square metre and less than \$500 per square metre.
U60 Units 6 – Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is less than \$85 per square metre.
U1N Units 1 – Non Owner Occupied	<p>A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is equal to or greater than \$900 per square metre; and (c) the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than 350 square metres.

Category	Description
U2N Units 2 – Non Owner Occupied	A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$750 per square metre and less than \$900 per square metre; and (c) the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than 350 square metres.
U3N Units 3 – Non Owner Occupied	A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) (i) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$600 per square metre and less than \$750 per square metre; or (ii) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$750 per square metre and the area of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is less than or equal to 350 square metres.
U4N Units 4 – Non Owner Occupied	A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$500 per square metre and less than \$600 per square metre.
U5N Units 5 – Non Owner Occupied	A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is greater than or equal to \$85 per square metre and less than \$500 per square metre.
U6N Units 6 – Non Owner Occupied	A single residential building unit which is part of a community title scheme where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the building unit is not used by the property owner or at least one of the property owners as their principal place of residence; and (b) the rateable value per square metre of the scheme land on which the complex is constructed is less than \$85 per square metre.

Interpretation for U1O to U6N categories

The category descriptions for Categories U1O to U6N must be read with the following definitions and explanation, which form part of the descriptions. Some of the definition and explanation applies only to Categories U1O to U6O.

Meaning of **complex**

Complex means all of the buildings and other structures constructed on the scheme land.

Meaning of **principal place of residence**

A **single residential building unit** is used by the **property owner** as his or her **principal place of residence** if the owner ordinarily or predominantly lives (including but not limited to eating and sleeping) at the unit on a daily basis, and does not ordinarily live anywhere else. A **property owner** can only have one **principal place of residence** at any point in time. Only a natural person can have a **principal place of residence**.

For determining whether a building unit is a **property owner's** principal place of residence the Council may have regard to:

- (a) the length of time the person has occupied the residence;
- (b) the place of residence of the person's family;
- (c) whether the person has moved his or her personal belongings into the residence;
- (d) the person's address on the electoral roll;
- (e) whether services such as telephone, electricity and gas are connected to the residence in the person's name;
- (f) any other matter relevant to the question of where the person ordinarily or predominantly lives.

Meaning of **property owner**

For Categories U1O to U6O, a **property owner** is a natural person who is the **owner** liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR.

However, a natural person under a legal disability who is not the owner liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR is taken to be the **property owner** for the purpose of applying Categories U1O to U6O if all of the following criteria and requirements are met:

- (a) the owner liable to pay general rates under the LGA and LGR holds title to the land as trustee for the person;
- (b) the trustee holds title wholly or predominantly for the purpose of managing the affairs of the person by reason of that person's (legal, physical or other relevant) disability;
- (c) the person (alone or with others) is beneficially entitled to an ownership interest in the land;
- (d) the trustee provides the Council, if it so requests, with a statutory declaration verifying the foregoing matters, and also annexing and verifying a copy of the relevant deed or instrument of trust.

In addition, if the **property owner** under that extended definition is receiving a pension under Commonwealth law as confirmed by the Centrelink Confirmation eService, the property owner will be considered eligible to receive the Council Pensioner concession, identified as Concession 1 in this Revenue Statement, even though the person does not qualify for the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme (Scheme), so long as the person's circumstances are otherwise in accordance with the requirements and restrictions stated hereafter for that concession.

Particular extended application of Categories U1O to U6O

Upon the death of the last living **property owner** of land in any of Categories U1O to U6O, the land is taken to continue to meet the description for the relevant Category until the earliest to occur of the following events:

- (a) a change of ownership of the land (other than a transfer to executors or trustees of the estate of the deceased property owner merely for the purpose of estate administration);
- (b) the land being occupied and used under a tenancy entered into by the executors or trustees on behalf of the estate of the deceased property owner; or
- (c) the expiration of 2 clear calendar quarters after the quarter which includes the date of death of the deceased **property owner**.

Upon the occurrence of the relevant event, the land will be re-categorised (if necessary) based upon its use at that time.

Meaning of **scheme land**

Scheme land has the meaning given by the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.

Meaning of **single residential building unit**

A **single residential building unit** (or **building unit**) is a lot under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* which is used as a residence, regardless of whether the residence is part of a building, attached to one or more other units (or other buildings) or free-standing.

A lot under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* which contains a building comprising multiple residences is not a single residential building unit. It falls under and will be categorised under an appropriate "F" Category.

Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)

Category	Description
F2	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 2
F3	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 3
F4	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 4
F5	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 5
F6	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 6
F7	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 7
F8	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 8
F9	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 9
F10	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 10
F11	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 11
F12	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 12
F13	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 13
F14	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 14
F15	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 15
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F18	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 18
F19	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 19
F20	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 20
F21	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 21
F22	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 22
F23	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 23
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F25	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 25
F26	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 26
F27	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 27
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F52	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 52
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Category	Description
F55	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 55
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F61	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 61
F62	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 62
F63	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 63
F64	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to 64
F65	where the number of dwellings on the land is equal to or greater than 65

Interpretation for F2 to F65 categories

The category descriptions for Categories F2 to F65 must be read with the following definitions and explanation, which form part of the descriptions.

Meaning of **dwelling**

A **dwelling** is a self-contained residence which includes all of the following:

- (a) food preparation facilities;
- (b) a bath or shower;
- (c) a toilet and wash basin; and
- (d) clothes washing facilities.

For Categories F2 to F65:

- a **dwelling** may form part of a building containing other dwellings (and/or other uses), be attached to one or more other dwellings or other buildings or be free-standing;
- a lot in a community title scheme which contains only a single residence is not a **dwelling** for the F categories, (and will be categorised under one of the U Categories as *Residential Units (Community Title)*).
- however, a lot in a community title scheme which contains a building comprising more than one **dwelling** is within the F categories, and will be categorised under one of Categories F2 to F65 accordingly, based on the number of dwellings on the lot.

A secondary dwelling forming part of a **single residence** as defined for the purposes of Categories R1 and R2 is not a **dwelling** for Category F2, unless none of the owners of the property occupy either dwelling and both the primary and secondary dwellings are not occupied by a single household. Therefore, to avoid doubt, Categories F2 to F65 (as appropriate) otherwise apply to rateable land which contains 2 or more dwellings (whether free-standing or otherwise). This will include situations where a property contains a primary and secondary dwelling, but neither is occupied by the owner or members of the owner's household as their principal place of residence and both the primary and secondary dwellings are not occupied by a single household. Neither category R1 or R2 applies in those circumstances. Category F2 applies in those circumstances.

Explanatory note for F categories generally: Generally, this category applies to land contained in a single valuation and rates assessment if the land contains more than one dwelling. The use of the term "*Flats*" in the heading is merely for broad general guidance of ratepayers, helping to distinguish the F Categories from the U Categories for single residence community title lots, and does not limit the defined meaning of **dwelling**.

If there are only 2 **dwellings** on the land and one of the dwellings is a **secondary dwelling** as defined and explained in the definitions and explanation for the *Residential Single Dwellings (R) Categories*, the land is not used for *Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)*, and will fall within Category R1 or R2. However, that is only the case where at least one of the dwellings is occupied by the owner as their principal place of residence, or where a property owner does not reside in either dwelling but both dwellings are used as a single household.

If there are 2 dwellings on the land but neither is occupied by the owner or members of the owner's household as their principal place of residence, and the occupiers of both dwellings do not constitute a single household, the land is to be categorised under the F2 *Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)* category, and will be rated accordingly.

If there are 3 or more dwellings on the land, the land is used for *Multi Residential Dwellings (Flats)* and will be categorised under the appropriate "F" category above. That is so even if one of the dwellings otherwise meets the definition and requirements for a **secondary dwelling** as defined and explained in the definitions and explanation for the *Residential Single Dwellings (R)* Categories.

Vacant Land

Category	Description
VL1	Land with a rateable value less than \$1,000,000 that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code identifiers: 01 – Vacant Urban Land 94 – Vacant Rural Land
<i>Classes of capping for the VL1 differential general rating category:</i> 1. Where the land is owned solely by a natural person or natural persons a cap percentage of 9 percent applies. 2. Where the land is not owned solely by a natural person or natural persons, no cap percentage applies.	
VL2	Land with a rateable value greater than or equal to \$1,000,000 but less than \$2,500,000 that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code identifiers: 01 – Vacant Urban Land 94 – Vacant Rural Land
<i>Classes of capping for the VL2 differential general rating category:</i> 1. Where the land is owned solely by a natural person or natural persons a cap percentage of 20 percent applies. 2. Where the land is not owned solely by a natural person or natural persons, no cap percentage applies.	
VL3	Land with a rateable value greater than or equal to \$2,500,000 that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code identifiers: 01 – Vacant Urban Land 94 – Vacant Rural Land

Note: Discounting for Subdivided Land – Pursuant to Chapter 2, (sections 49 to 51) of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* the Council is required to discount the rateable value of certain land when levying rates. If these provisions apply to any rateable land the minimum general rate levy and any limitation on an increase to rates and charges, (capping) will not apply to that land.

Sporting Clubs and Community Groups

Category	Description
SC1	Land used for sports clubs and facilities including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code identifiers: 48 – Sports Clubs/Facilities 50 – Other Clubs (non business)

Retirement Villages

Category	Description
RV1	Land which contains a single residential dwelling in a retirement village complex, and is part of a community titles scheme where the retirement village is registered under the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i> .

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Category	Description
Category RV2 to Category RV45	Land which contains a retirement village where: (a) The retirement village is registered under the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i> ; and (b) Dwellings within the retirement village complex are not part of a community titles scheme; and:
RV2	the retirement village has less than 10 independent living dwellings
RV3	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 10 and less than 20 independent living dwellings
RV4	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 20 and less than 30 independent living dwellings
RV5	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 30 and less than 40 independent living dwellings
RV6	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 40 and less than 50 independent living dwellings
RV7	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 50 and less than 60 independent living dwellings
RV8	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 60 and less than 70 independent living dwellings
RV9	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 70 and less than 80 independent living dwellings
RV10	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 80 and less than 90 independent living dwellings
RV11	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 90 and less than 100 independent living dwellings
RV12	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 100 and less than 110 independent living dwellings
RV13	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 110 and less than 120 independent living dwellings
RV14	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 120 and less than 130 independent living dwellings
RV15	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 130 and less than 140 independent living dwellings
RV16	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 140 and less than 150 independent living dwellings
RV17	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 150 and less than 160 independent living dwellings
RV18	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 160 and less than 170 independent living dwellings
RV19	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 170 and less than 180 independent living dwellings
RV20	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 180 and less than 190 independent living dwellings
RV21	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 190 and less than 200 independent living dwellings
RV22	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 200 and less than 210 independent living dwellings
RV23	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 210 and less than 220 independent living dwellings
RV24	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 220 and less than 230 independent living dwellings
RV25	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 230 and less than 240 independent living dwellings
RV26	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 240 and less than 250 independent living dwellings
RV27	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 250 and less than 260 independent living dwellings
RV28	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 260 and less than 270 independent living dwellings
RV29	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 270 and less than 280 independent living dwellings

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RV30	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 280 and less than 290 independent living dwellings
RV31	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 290 and less than 300 independent living dwellings
RV32	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 300 and less than 310 independent living dwellings
RV33	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 310 and less than 320 independent living dwellings
RV34	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 320 and less than 330 independent living dwellings
RV35	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 330 and less than 340 independent living dwellings
RV36	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 340 and less than 350 independent living dwellings
RV37	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 350 and less than 360 independent living dwellings
RV38	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 360 and less than 370 independent living dwellings
RV39	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 370 and less than 380 independent living dwellings
RV40	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 380 and less than 390 independent living dwellings
RV41	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 390 and less than 400 independent living dwellings
RV42	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 400 and less than 410 independent living dwellings
RV43	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 410 and less than 420 independent living dwellings
RV44	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 420 and less than 430 independent living dwellings
RV45	the retirement village has greater than or equal to 430 independent living dwellings

Interpretation

Independent living dwelling means a dwelling (eg. detached houses, townhouses or units) that is self-contained and for which some level of support is or may be provided to residents, but that support is intended to be minimal or in emergent circumstances because the primary intent of the retirement village scheme is to enable independent living.

Relocatable Home Parks

Category	Description
Category RH1 to Category RH44	Land which is used primarily as a relocatable home park and that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 49A – Multi Residential (Relocatable Home Parks); and:
RH1	the relocatable home park has less than 10 sites
RH2	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 10 and less than 20 sites
RH3	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 20 and less than 30 sites
RH4	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 30 and less than 40 sites
RH5	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 40 and less than 50 sites
RH6	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 50 and less than 60 sites
RH7	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 60 and less than 70 sites
RH8	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 70 and less than 80 sites
RH9	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 80 and less than 90 sites
RH10	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 90 and less than 100 sites
RH11	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 100 and less than 110 sites
RH12	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 110 and less than 120 sites
RH13	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 120 and less than 130 sites
RH14	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 130 and less than 140 sites

Category	Description
RH15	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 140 and less than 150 sites
RH16	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 150 and less than 160 sites
RH17	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 160 and less than 170 sites
RH18	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 170 and less than 180 sites
RH19	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 180 and less than 190 sites
RH20	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 190 and less than 200 sites
RH21	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 200 and less than 210 sites
RH22	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 210 and less than 220 sites
RH23	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 220 and less than 230 sites
RH24	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 230 and less than 240 sites
RH25	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 240 and less than 250 sites
RH26	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 250 and less than 260 sites
RH27	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 260 and less than 270 sites
RH28	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 270 and less than 280 sites
RH29	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 280 and less than 290 sites
RH30	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 290 and less than 300 sites
RH31	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 300 and less than 310 sites
RH32	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 310 and less than 320 sites
RH33	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 320 and less than 330 sites
RH34	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 330 and less than 340 sites
RH35	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 340 and less than 350 sites
RH36	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 350 and less than 360 sites
RH37	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 360 and less than 370 sites
RH38	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 370 and less than 380 sites
RH39	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 380 and less than 390 sites
RH40	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 390 and less than 400 sites
RH41	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 400 and less than 410 sites
RH42	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 410 and less than 420 sites
RH43	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 420 and less than 430 sites
RH44	the relocatable home park has greater than or equal to 430 sites

Caravan Parks

Category	Description
CP1	Land which is used primarily as a caravan park including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 49 – Caravan Park

Bed and Breakfasts

Category	Description
BB1	Land which is used to a material extent as Bed and Breakfast accommodation including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 9 – Bed and Breakfast

Rural Agricultural

Category	Description
RA1	Land valued by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) as land used for farming under Chapter 2, (sections 45 to 48), of the <i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i> and that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifiers: Sheep Grazing 60 – Sheep Grazing – Dry 61 – Sheep Breeding Cattle Grazing 64 – Breeding

Category	Description
	65 – Breeding and Fattening 66 – Fattening 67 – Goats
	Dairy Cattle 68 – Milk – Quota 69 – Milk – No Quota 70 – Cream
	Agricultural 71 – Oil Seed 73 – Grains 74 – Turf Farms 75 – Sugar Cane 76 – Tobacco 77 – Cotton 78 – Rice 79 – Orchards 80 – Tropical Fruits 81 – Pineapples 82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops and Fodder – Irrigation 84 – Small Crops and Fodder – Non Irrigation
	Other Rural Uses 85 – Pigs 86 – Horses 88 – Forestry and Logs 89 – Animal Special 90 – Stratum 93 – Peanuts

Poultry Farms

Category	Description
PF1	Land which is used as a Poultry Farm including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 87A – Poultry and: The Poultry Farm is an Environmentally Relevant Activity under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> with a threshold for farming more than 200,000 birds.
PF2	Land which is used as a Poultry Farm including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 87B – Poultry and: The Poultry Farm is an Environmentally Relevant Activity under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> with a threshold for farming more than 1,000 and less than or equal to 200,000 birds.
PF3	Land which is used as a Poultry Farm including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 87 – Poultry and: The Poultry Farm farms 1,000 birds or less.

Light Commercial

Category	Description
LC1	<p>Land which is used for light commercial purposes including land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifiers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 07 – Guest House/Private Hotel 11 – Shops 16 – Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops 17 – Restaurant 18 – Special Tourist Attraction 21 – Residential Institution (non medical care) 22 – Car Parks 23 – Retail Warehouse 25 – Professional Offices 26 – Funeral Parlours 27 – Hospitals, Convalescence Homes (medical care)(private) 28 – Warehouse and Bulk Stores (and the building/s on the land have a gross floor area less than or equal to 10,000 square metres) 29 – Transport Terminal 32 – Wharves 33 – Builders Yard, Contractors 34 – Cold Stores - Ice Works 36 – Light Industry 38 – Advertising - Hoarding 39 – Harbour Industries 41 – Child Care Excluding Kindergarten 44 – Nurseries (plants) 45 – Theatres, Cinemas 46 – Drive-in Theatre 56 – Showgrounds, Racecourse, Airfields 58 – Educational Including Kindergarten 95 – Reservoir, Dam, Bores 96 – Public Hospital 97 – Welfare Home/Institution 99 – Community Protection Centre

Outdoor Sales Areas

Category	Description
OSA1	<p>Land which is used for outdoor sales purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier:</p> <p>24 – Sales Area Outdoors (dealers, boats, cars, etc);</p> <p>and: The area of the physical land parcel is equal to or greater than 4,000 square metres.</p>
OSA2	<p>Land which is used for outdoor sales purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier:</p> <p>24 – Sales Area Outdoors (dealers, boats, cars, etc);</p> <p>and: The area of the physical land parcel is less than 4,000 square metres.</p>

Marina

Category	Description
MA1	Land which is used for marina purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 20 – Marina

Drive Through Restaurants

Category	Description
DTR1	Land which is used for Drive Through Restaurant purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 17A – Drive Through Restaurants

Motels

Category	Description
Category M3 to Category M55	Land which is used for Motel purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 43 – Motels and:
M3	where the number of rooms is equal to or less than 3
M4	where the number of rooms is equal to 4
M5	where the number of rooms is equal to 5
M6	where the number of rooms is equal to 6
M7	where the number of rooms is equal to 7
M8	where the number of rooms is equal to 8
M9	where the number of rooms is equal to 9
M10	where the number of rooms is equal to 10
M11	where the number of rooms is equal to 11
M12	where the number of rooms is equal to 12
M13	where the number of rooms is equal to 13
M14	where the number of rooms is equal to 14
M15	where the number of rooms is equal to 15
M16	where the number of rooms is equal to 16
M17	where the number of rooms is equal to 17
M18	where the number of rooms is equal to 18
M19	where the number of rooms is equal to 19
M20	where the number of rooms is equal to 20
M21	where the number of rooms is equal to 21
M22	where the number of rooms is equal to 22
M23	where the number of rooms is equal to 23
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M25	where the number of rooms is equal to 25
M26	where the number of rooms is equal to 26
M27	where the number of rooms is equal to 27
M28	where the number of rooms is equal to 28
M29	where the number of rooms is equal to 29
M30	where the number of rooms is equal to 30
M31	where the number of rooms is equal to 31
M32	where the number of rooms is equal to 32
M33	where the number of rooms is equal to 33

Category	Description
M34	where the number of rooms is equal to 34
M35	where the number of rooms is equal to 35
M36	where the number of rooms is equal to 36
M37	where the number of rooms is equal to 37
M38	where the number of rooms is equal to 38
M39	where the number of rooms is equal to 39
M40	where the number of rooms is equal to 40
M41	where the number of rooms is equal to 41
M42	where the number of rooms is equal to 42
M43	where the number of rooms is equal to 43
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M45	where the number of rooms is equal to 45
M46	where the number of rooms is equal to 46
M47	where the number of rooms is equal to 47
M48	where the number of rooms is equal to 48
M49	where the number of rooms is equal to 49
M50	where the number of rooms is equal to 50
M51	where the number of rooms is equal to 51
M52	where the number of rooms is equal to 52
M53	where the number of rooms is equal to 53
M54	where the number of rooms is equal to 54
M55	where the number of rooms is equal to or greater than 55

Hotels and Licensed Clubs

Category	Description
HLC1	Land which is used for Hotel/Tavern purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 42 – Hotel/Tavern
HLC2	Land which is used for a Licensed Club being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 47A – Licensed Club and: The Licensed Club has greater than 265 gaming machines.
HLC3	Land which is used for a Licensed Club being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 47B – Licensed Club and: The Licensed Club has greater than 100 and equal to or less than 265 gaming machines.
HLC4	Land which is used for a Licensed Club being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 47C – Licensed Club and: The Licensed Club has equal to or less than 100 gaming machines.

Telco/Transformer Sites

Category	Description
T1	Land which is used for a Telecommunications or Transformer site being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 91 – Telco/Transformer Sites

Service Stations

Category	Description
SS1	Land which is used for a Service Station being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 30A – Service Station; and: (a) The total area of the land is equal to or greater than 50,000 square metres; and (b) The fuel storage capacity of the Service Station is equal to or greater than 300,000 litres.
SS2	Land which is used for a Service Station being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 30B – Service Station; and: The land is not contained in SS1.

Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops

Category	Description
S1S Super Regional	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16F – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is equal to or greater than 70,000 square metres.
S2S Major Regional	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16A – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 70,000 square metres and equal to or greater than 50,000 square metres.
S3S Regional	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16B – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 50,000 and equal to or greater than 40,000 square metres.

Category	Description
S4S Sub Regional A	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16C – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 40,000 and equal to or greater than 20,000 square metres.
S5S Sub Regional B	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16D – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 20,000 and equal to or greater than 10,000 square metres.
S6S Local Shopping Centre A	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16E – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 10,000 and equal to or greater than 3,000 square metres.
S7S Local Shopping Centre B	Land which is used for a Drive-in Shopping Centre/Group of Shops being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16G – Drive-in Shopping Centre / Group of Shops; and: The total lettable area of the drive in shopping centre/group of shops is less than 3,000 and equal to or greater than 1,300 square metres, and the size of the physical land parcel is greater than 4,000 square metres.

Mega Store Retailers

Category	Description
S4M Mega Store Retailer - Sub Regional A	Land which is used for a large or “mega” store retail purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16M - Mega Store Retailer (single retailer with total floor area equal to or greater than 20,000 square metres).
S5M Mega Store Retailer - Sub Regional B	Land which is used for a large or “mega” store retail purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16S – Mega Store Retailer (single retailer with total floor area greater than or equal to 10,000 square metres and less than 20,000 square metres).
S6M Mega Store Retailer - Local A	Land which is used for a large or “mega” store retail purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16T - Mega Store Retailer (single retailer with total floor area greater than or equal to 3,000 square metres and less than 10,000 square metres).
S7M Mega Store Retailer - Local B	Land which is used for a large or “mega” store retail purposes being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 16U - Mega Store Retailer (single retailer) with total floor area greater than or equal to 1,300 square metres and less than 3,000 square metres and the size of the physical land parcel is greater than 4,000 square metres.

Heavy Commercial

Category	Description
HC1 Heavy Commercial 1	Land which is used for an oil depot or refinery or a noxious or offensive industry including an abattoir, being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifiers: 31 – Oil Depot and Refinery; or 37 – Noxious/Offensive Industry (including Abattoir) and: The rateable value of the land is greater than \$15,000,000.
HC2 Heavy Commercial 2	Land which is used for an oil depot or refinery or a noxious or offensive industry including an abattoir, being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifiers: 31 – Oil Depot and Refinery; or 37 – Noxious/Offensive Industry (including Abattoir) and: The land is not contained in HC1.
HC3 Extractive Industries	Land which is used for extractive industry being land that meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 40 – Extractive
HC4 Concrete Batching / Asphalt Manufacturing	Land which is used for concrete batching plant or asphalt manufacturing being land used for those purposes and that otherwise meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifier: 35 – General Industry
HC5 Large Commercial / Industrial	Land which is used for large scale commercial or industrial purposes being land used for those purposes and that otherwise meets the criteria or use description that corresponds with the following Land Use Code Identifiers: 28A - Warehouse and Bulk Stores 36A – Large Industry and: The building/s on the land have a gross floor area greater than 10,000 square metres.

Land not otherwise categorised

Category	Description
O1	Land not contained in any other differential rating category and the rateable value of the land is less than \$1,000,000
<i>Classes of capping for the O1 differential general rating category:</i>	
1. Where the land is owned solely by a natural person or natural persons a cap percentage of 9 percent applies.	
2. Where the land is not owned solely by a natural person or natural persons, no cap percentage applies.	
O2	Land not contained in any other differential rating category and the rateable value of the land is greater than or equal to \$1,000,000 but less than \$2,500,000
<i>Classes of capping for the O2 differential general rating category:</i>	
1. Where the land is owned solely by a natural person or natural persons a cap percentage of 20 percent applies.	
2. Where the land is not owned solely by a natural person or natural persons, no cap percentage applies.	
O3	Land not contained in any other differential rating category and the rateable value of the land is greater than or equal to \$2,500,000

“**Land Use Code Identifiers**” are numerical codes applied to land based on their land use as revealed by Council records. They are formally issued by the State Government (Valuer-General) based in part on information supplied by the Council. They are then assigned to individual parcels in the Council’s land record. They are generally accurate to **identify** the relevant land use, and therefore to identify the category into which rateable land should be categorised. However, they are descriptive of land uses and not necessarily conclusive. The correct rating category for rateable land is always based on its actual land use as related to the category which covers that land use. Disputes in that regard are not conclusively resolved by land use code identifiers, but, through the objection and appeal process, by the true facts of land use.

RESOLUTION 4

Moved by Cr Mark Booth

Seconded by Cr Jodie Shipway

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 93(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 2009* the Council resolves that the following properties are exempt from General Rates for charitable purposes:

- Lot 2 SP 262249
- Lot 3 RP 160412
- Lot 4 RP 889690
- Lot 10 SP 191312

RESOLUTION 5

Moved by Cr Mick Gillam

Seconded by Cr Jodie Shipway

CARRIED 11/1

Cr Brooke Savige voted against the motion

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to levy the special charges for the 2021/22 financial year as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

The special charges set out in the Revenue Statement are:

- Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge,
- Rural Recycling and Waste Management Special Charge,
- Commercial Waste Management Special Charge,
- North Lakes Enhanced Services Special Charge,
- Newport Canal Maintenance Special Charge,
- Pacific Harbour Canal Maintenance Special Charge,
- Bribe Gardens Canal Maintenance Special Charge; and
- Redcliffe Aerodrome Special Charge.

For that purpose the rateable land to which the special charges apply and the overall plans for the services, facilities or activities to which the special charges apply be the rateable land and overall plans specified in the Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION 6

Moved by Cr Sandra Ruck

Seconded by Cr Mick Gillam

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to adopt the overall plans, annual implementation plans and benefitted area maps specified in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document for the special charges it resolves to levy under resolution 5.

RESOLUTION 7

Moved by Cr Karl Winchester

Seconded by Cr Matt Constance

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to levy the utility charges for the 2021/22 financial year as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 8

Moved by Cr Cath Tonks

Seconded by Cr Karl Winchester

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to levy a separate charge, Regional Infrastructure and Environment Charge, for the 2021/22 financial year as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 9

Moved by Cr Matt Constance

Seconded by Cr Tony Latter

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to limit the increase in the differential general rates as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 10

Moved by Cr Darren Grimwade

Seconded by Cr Mark Booth

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves that rates and utility charges for the year ending 30 June 2022 will be levied quarterly and as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 11

Moved by Cr Brooke Savige

Seconded by Cr Jodie Shipway

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves to grant concessions to ratepayers as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 12

Moved by Cr Mark Booth

Seconded by Cr Denise Sims (Deputy Mayor)

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves that all rates and charges must be paid within 30 days after the rate notice for the rates and charges is issued.

RESOLUTION 13

Moved by Cr Jodie Shipway

Seconded by Cr Cath Tonks

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council resolves that all overdue rates and charges bear interest as set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document.

RESOLUTION 14

Moved by Cr Cath Tonks

Seconded by Cr Brooke Savige

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer its powers under section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to identify the differential rating category into which each parcel of rateable land in the Council's local government area is included by using relevant information from the Council's land record and any other information which identifies the use of rateable land.

RESOLUTION 15

Moved by Cr Sandra Ruck

Seconded by Cr Matt Constance

CARRIED 12/0

That pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Moreton Bay Regional Council Operational Plan 2021/22, as contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document, be adopted.

RESOLUTION 16

Moved by Cr Tony Latter

Seconded by Cr Jodie Shipway

CARRIED 12/0

That, in accordance with section 47(7) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council decides not to apply the code of competitive conduct to its prescribed business activities because those business activities are not conducted on a commercial basis or in active competition with the private sector.

RESOLUTION 17

Moved by Cr Cath Tonks

Seconded by Cr Mark Booth

CARRIED 12/0

That it be recorded that in each case where a preceding Motion refers to a matter set out in the Revenue Statement contained in the Moreton Bay Regional Council Budget and Operational Plan 2021-2022 document, that matter is incorporated by reference into, and forms part of the terms and content of the motion, and will be so incorporated and form part of the terms and content of the Council's resolution to adopt the motion.

**4.2. Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the 2020/21 Financial Year
(62004207, 62071841)**

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Council's Statement of Estimated Financial Position for 2020/21.

RESOLUTION 18

Moved by Cr Denise Sims (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded by Cr Darren Grimwade

CARRIED 12/0

That the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the 2020/21 Financial Year as presented by the Chief Executive Officer be received.

ITEM 4.2 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR (Cont.)

REPORT DETAIL

1. Background

The Statement of Estimated Financial Position is a statement that must be presented to the Council as part of the Council's annual budget meeting and is a requirement under section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

2. Explanation of Item

The Statement of Estimated Financial Position is a document that states the estimated financial result of Council for the 2020/21 financial year.

3. Strategic Implications

3.1 Legislative / Legal Implications

In accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*,

- (1) The chief executive officer must present the local government's annual budget meeting with a statement of estimated financial position.
- (2) A Statement of estimated financial position is a document stating the financial operations and financial position of the local government for the previous financial year.

3.2 Corporate Plan / Operational Plan

Strengthening Communities: Strong local governance - strong leadership and governance.

3.3 Policy Implications

Nil identified

3.4 Risk Management Implications

As the document presented is an estimated financial position of Council, numerous assumptions and forecasts are utilised from the quarterly review processes to arrive at the final estimated position. Whilst every effort is taken to ensure the document is as accurate as possible, variations will occur but these are not expected to be significant

3.5 Delegated Authority Implications

Nil identified

3.6 Financial Implications

As the document presented is an estimate for the financial year ending 30 June 2021, the actual results will vary once the end of the financial year concludes. These variations, however, are not expected to cause undue financial implications going forward into 2021/22.

3.7 Economic Benefit Implications

Nil identified

3.8 Environmental Implications

Nil identified

3.9 Social Implications

Nil identified

3.10 Human Rights Implications

Under the Human Rights Act 2019 (QLD), Council must not make a decision which is incompatible with human rights. Council must also give proper consideration to any human rights relevant to its decision. Officers consider that there are no human right implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

3.11 Consultation / Communication

Director Finance and Corporate Services

4.3. Budget Speech

The Mayor (Cr Peter Flannery) provided the following budgetary speech:

“Councillors, Moreton Bay is bouncing back!

After a year like no other, this year’s Budget sets out to ensure our region recovers like no other.

Today Council has approved a \$743 million plan to reinvent our economy with a record capital spend of \$245 million.

That’s \$25 million more than what was adopted in our 2020-21 Budget last year.

But before we reinvent our economy, we need to reinvent ourselves.

Changes starts at home, which is why we are going to change our governance structures to better serve our community into the future.

I can announce that we will be changing Council’s corporate values and establishing a new Corporate Plan for this coming financial year.

That’s because I want to ensure our operations are aligned with the needs and priorities of our community.

This change has come about thanks to the fierce advocacy of people in this room.

While each of the Divisions you represent is unique, there are two common themes in the projects you’ve all fought for this year:

The first is the need for better planning - you are determined to satisfy the expectations of your communities.

The second is to keep greening our region as our population grows.

Councillors, make no mistake, properly managing population growth will be the single greatest challenge we face in the years ahead.

To address these communities’ concerns about how we will do this, we will undertake a top-to-toe overhaul of our planning scheme to address issues like neighbourhood planning, carparking ratios, growth management and a review of building heights in areas of concern.

I am pleased to announce that Kallangur and Dakabin will be the first suburbs to undergo neighbourhood planning, and consultation on that will start shortly.

This is thanks to the strong support of Deputy Mayor Denise Sims.

She is not only passionate about restoring a sense of community in the suburbs she represents, she is determined to protect their lifestyle as more and more people move to our region.

That is essentially the central theme of this year’s Budget - Protecting our region as the population grows.

So you will see that the second biggest allocation of funds this year is for our parks and environment, with an impressive \$61 million spend.

This is in direct response to understandable local concerns about the impacts of development.

To mitigate this, not only will we be planting 148,000 trees this financial year, we will also be ramping our efforts to purchase and protect vulnerable environments and wildlife habitat from private development.

So we have increased the regional infrastructure environment charge from \$84 to \$90 per property this year.

This means that Council will have \$2.9 million available for land acquisitions, green infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

I want every decision and every action of this Council to be viewed through the prism of community service.

And I thank you for your support in this.

Fiscal Arrangements

Now before I go on to talk about the fiscal settings of this Budget, the challenges of Covid-19 must be acknowledged.

Fortunately, Moreton Bay Region has been at the forefront of this fight from the start.

I want to commend the Queensland Government for being the first in our Commonwealth to declare a public health emergency back in January 2020.

And I'm proud to say Moreton Bay Region acted immediately after that to get millions of dollars in financial assistance to our residents and businesses in March.

This Council invested almost \$40 million to stimulate our economy through every mechanism available to us.

We provided two years of rates relief, we waived licensing fees for hospitality businesses, and invested in community infrastructure grants to support local clubs and organisations.

Twelve months on, the economy is in a very strong position and we have seen growth particularly, in the housing and property sector.

On that point, I also want to acknowledge the Federal Government for their economic response.

The housing boom we are enjoying is thanks to their intervention which saved jobs and kept our economy strong - like Job Keeper, Job Seeker and of course the HomeBuilder initiative.

Rates

Against the backdrop of these complicated pressures, the hardest thing to balance this financial year has been keeping rates low while also spending enough to keep our resurgent economy charging.

In Moreton Bay region, rates account for 50% of our revenue.

We do not take this lightly, in fact it was the most important consideration with regards to the increase in required revenue.

So I would like to express my thanks to Council staff and Councillors for the significant amount of effort that has gone into this budget.

We will be increasing the average total rates bill by \$1.20 per week, that's 3.9%

I'm proud to say that not only have we minimised the rate rise, we've also retained all of the rebates that are paid to pensioners.

That includes the \$250 rebate for full pensioners and \$100 rebate for part-pensioners that we introduced in the last year.

While Councillor Brooke Savige represents Division 1, the entire region can thank her for the continued advocacy on this issue.

She had been campaigning for part-pensioner rebates since being elected in 2016.

Environment

Now everyone in this room is passionate about the spectacular beauty of our region and we know how important it is for Councils to protect their local ecosystems.

This year we will go further than ever before with new initiatives to protect the homes of native wildlife, as we build new homes to accommodate our growing population.

I can announce today that we currently have 4 hectares of land under contract in Caboolture, to protect an ecosystem used by vulnerable species like koalas and the Wallum Frog.

This will be the second purchase under our new land buyback scheme, following the 4.1 hectares of land we secured in Clear Mountain to link local parks and reserves into a green corridor.

I want to acknowledge the passionate persistence of Councillor Cath Tonks for the success of this program.

Anyone who knows her, knows her determination to green our region as we grow especially in Division 9 - we are connected between some of our most popular suburbs to the Hinterland belt, which provides habitat for countless wildlife like koalas.

Now Koalas get a lot of attention and while I'm thrilled as Mayor to be able to boast that we are the home to the most successful koala breeding program in the country, I want to stress that we haven't forgotten our marine ecosystems.

We will spend \$1 million rehabilitating and revegetating our waterways and we will spend \$105,000 installing turtle sensitive lighting in areas like Bribie Island and Redcliffe.

This will ensure baby turtles follow the light of the moon out to the ocean, rather than being disoriented by street lights or houses.

I love it when smart technologies can deliver smart outcomes like this, and in Division 6 Councillor Karl Winchester is taking sustainable urban design a step further.

Thanks to his advocacy the Redcliffe Peninsula will re-think road planning to use trees and landscaping as part of these designs, like along Woodcliffe Crescent in Woody Point.

And we're going to experiment with native reeds and aquatic plants in our stormwater designs to improve the quality of water going out into Bramble Bay.

I know our project teams are excited to try some new ideas and I certainly hope these innovations prove successful so that they can be rolled out right across Moreton Bay Region.

Because as we watch the impact of COVID-19 virus around the world, and as people have been forced to spend more time at home, the importance of Council's work and the use of Council facilities has increased significantly.

Families are spending more time in local parks, they want more activities closer to where they live, they want more playgrounds, nature and trees.

Sport & Outdoor Recreation

So there's never been a more important time to invest in grassroots sport, in community facilities, and in activities.

One of the biggest areas for sports and community investment this year is in Division 5, where Councillor Sandra Ruck has secured millions of dollars to help get locals active in their communities.

There's the new Community Hall and the new Environmental Centre in Deception Bay, upgrades to Talobilla Park Softball and of course the incredible Nathan Road sports ground which we opened last year.

In recent years we've seen record investment in sports infrastructure and we're not taking our foot off the pedal.

This year's Budget commits \$8 million to invest in sports complexes and a further \$2 million in various park upgrades.

This is serious spending, but by looking to the future of recreation now we are making a generational investment - which Cr Matt Constance is always reminding us of.

His vision to reimagine what a community hub can be, like at Leslie Patrick Park and now 303 Dawson Parade in Arana Hills... is exactly what we need to push the boundaries of what Council can do.

This is in addition to \$100,000 for feasibility studies for water play facilities and off the back of the huge success of the water park at The Mill.

We are also working to increase active transport options in our region to get people out on foot, bikes, scooters, wheelchairs, skateboards, whatever!

We will invest an extra \$7 million into footpaths, construct an extra 23 kilometres of sidewalks.

Much of this will be built in Division 12, where Councillor Tony Latter has been urging us to complete the 'missing links' in pathways out west.

I think we can all agree he's done an exceptional job investing in lifestyle infrastructure for locals, before we get Caboolture West underway.

Cr Latter has also fought to rename suburbs of the Caboolture West development to not forget the local history of that area, and I can announce that today we are going out for public consultation on this proposal.

I urge everybody to have their say, as we start the important work of planning where roads and sports fields and community infrastructure goes... in an area that will eventually have 30,000 homes for around 70,000 people.

Economic Development

The Federal Budget projects that Queensland will see a net interstate migration of 86,000 over the next four years.

That's roughly equivalent to the net number of interstate migrants who will leave New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia during that time.

When these people get to Queensland, they will want a job and they'll want somewhere to live.

That's why we recruited a team of experts in Economic Development, tasked with the ambitious goal of creating a \$40 billion economy with 16,000 new businesses and 100,000 new jobs.

That's something Councillor Adam Hain has been advocating for since he was elected.

Caboolture may not have a Chamber of Commerce, but they do have Councillor Hain consistently reminding us all that when business succeeds we succeed.

We have a duty of care to local businesses, just as we have a duty to local residents.

And if we're going to realise the 'Bigger, Bolder, Brighter' targets of our REDS, then we must heed the advice of our business community.

The fact is our region is proudly home to 29,000 businesses

So if we want our economy to rebound, we need to give the private sector the confidence to invest, employ, and grow here in the Moreton Bay Region.

That's why we recently signed up to become a Small Business Friendly Council.

This Council also understands the importance of contract expediency which is why we've increased the design fund that we commenced last year by adding another \$1.5 million to this important resource, bringing its total funding up to \$2.5 million.

This has ensured we were able to deliver projects quickly, particularly when we can seek investments from other levels of Government, developers and third parties.

We will remain ahead of other Councils in our ability to ensure projects are "shovel ready" - as governments likes to say - and our Local Preference Policy means more of those contracts are going to local companies.

The Mill

I've previously stated that the sleeping giant of our region's economy is The Mill precinct, and this year we awaken that beast.

This is an opportunity for jobs, education, and the future of our children.

It is an opportunity for self-containment so locals can live, work, and play closer to home - which will take significant pressure off our road network.

I am pleased to advise that enrolments at the Petrie Campus have eclipsed 3,000 students with 42% of those students the first in their family to attend university.

That means we have started a generational change that will fundamentally change the aspirations and demographics of our region.

These students come from every corner of our region - from Woodford to Bribie Island - from Samford to Redcliffe - and everywhere in between.

No other Council in Australia has an investment precinct the size of The Mill that's in such close proximity to a capital city, airport and international shipping port.

It's a unique opportunity to unlock numerous other opportunities like advanced manufacturing, to ensure we have smart jobs close to home.

And as the age old saying goes, "a high tide lifts all boats".

The Mill is a game changer for our entire region, and an opportunity for everybody who lives here.

That's why we are unrelenting in our push for the \$125 million Knowledge and Innovation Centre at The Mill, to be part of the South East Queensland City Deal.

This will be a major stimulant at this site and I know both the State and Federal Governments are keen to invest in smarter technologies and skills training for the jobs of tomorrow.

I know they won't miss this opportunity to include the Knowledge and Innovation Centre in the City Deal.

State & Federal Relations

The strength of our rebounding economy is thanks in no small part to our partners in the Federal and State Governments.

We have made it our priority since being elected to work extremely closely with both levels of Government.

Never before in the history of Moreton Bay Region have all 27 elected representatives from all three levels of government in this region been in the same room to tackle the big issues.

So we made history this year, putting politics aside to drive a regional agenda as Team Moreton Bay.

I sincerely commend the Morrison and the Palaszczuk Governments for their investment in Local Government.

They have invested significantly in us, and we have rewarded their trust in Council by being a proven delivery partner.

We are able to quickly deliver the infrastructure communities need, and we have worked with the State and Commonwealth Governments to deliver more than \$100 million in projects.

Local Government raises only 3% of all national taxation revenue and manages \$150 billion in community assets in Queensland, yet Councils are responsible for one-third of the nation's infrastructure.

I would strongly encourage both levels of Government to retain the allocative models of funding that have worked through COVID.

It would be remiss of me not to highlight the Youngs Crossing Road Project.

With the strong support of the Federal Member for Dickson, Minister Peter Dutton and an additional \$25 million to ensure we can deliver this project.

While this is important in its own right and an essential piece of infrastructure for our region, the additional funding represents 10% of last year's Capital Expenditure and enables us to deliver more projects to the community.

I am pleased to advise that the detailed design will be completed in September this year and construction will commence in early 2022.

Transport and Roads

However there's no denying that our road networks are already congested and need significant investment before developments like Caboolture West come online.

That's why we have continued to work with the State and Federal Governments on projects like Young's Crossing Road, the Moreton Connector and the alignment of the West Moreton Arterial, ensuring we plan for the future.

Council's own Capital Program for 2021-22 invests \$124 million or almost 50% into transport projects.

This includes investments in Old Gympie Road - of almost \$20 million.

We will also commence construction on Henry Road in the coming months to ensure that we will increase its flood immunity and allow people to get home from work quicker.

I want to acknowledge Division 4 Councillor Jodie Shipway for standing up and fighting to address historical problems in this area.

We all know that if you don't fix congestion problems now, they can only get worse.

And I don't think you can drive anywhere in North Lakes without seeing some road works that Cr Shipway has fought for.

We will be finalising the intersection upgrade of Boardman and Klingner Roads and will be completing almost \$5 million in road rehabilitation, intersection upgrade at Beeville Road Petrie.

I am pleased to see that we will again increase funding for the gravel-to-seal program for those people in our region who still drive on roads that aren't sealed.

This financial year we will invest another \$1.3 million to complete a further 5.2 kilometres.

Division 11 Councillor Darren Grimwade knows better than most how unsealed roads can damage vehicles and deter tourists.

So I want to acknowledge his commitment to bringing an important standard of infrastructure to country areas like Samford and Dayboro, while fighting to protect their rural lifestyles.

Across the entire region we will be using 40,000 tonnes of asphalt to get all the roads resurfacing done.

Responding to our Community

The fact is, in a region our size it's impossible to take a one size fits all approach to every single program.

For example, while road resurfacing is essential in areas like Mount Mee, residents of Griffin would probably prefer fewer roads and more parks.

That's why we acted on calls to increase our staffing to provide a better standard of community service, commensurate with the expectations of residents.

I am pleased that we now compare both favourably with other Councils both when it comes to the services we deliver, and the number of people that we have to deliver those services.

This is in no small part thanks to our longest serving Councillor, Mick Gillam.

He has been a strong voice about the need for Council to improve its level of service to our community, recognising Councils are now responsible for so much more than just 'Roads, Rates and Rubbish'.

We are also acting on the critical community feedback received through our landmark Moreton Says survey, about the need to better explain planning.

So to ensure locals can stay up-to-the-minute on every single development, plan, and strategy that impacts their property and our region, I can announce that we are developing an interactive region-wide planning map to be launched this year.

This is an unprecedented commitment to transparency and community engagement, which Councillor Mark Booth has argued strongly for since coming to office.

In fact one of the reasons why we're livestreaming this right now, to ensure everyone online can see everything we do in this Chamber.

Conclusion

Councillors, it takes a brave group of people to embark on such sweeping changes across almost every facet of Council.

So I want to say that I'm proud to lead a team that doesn't shirk the hard decisions.

Yes, we are delivering a record capital budget - and that is essential to ensuring our region bounces back in uncertain economic times.

But this year's Budget is about so much more than that.

We are improving our service delivery with more frontline staff.

We are drawing a line in the sand on planning issues, and committing to doing better for our community.

We have renewed our commitment to community engagement and transparency.

We are ramping-up our environmental protections, with real action to protect native habitats from development and plant more trees.

We are standing up to the single greatest challenge facing our region - managing population growth - to ensure locals will still recognise the Moreton Bay Region they love today in 20 years' time.

In fact, the vast majority of infrastructure funding is dedicated to projects that make a tangible difference to the liveability of our region.

COVID has been a strong reminder of just how important good local recreation facilities are, especially things like footpaths and playgrounds.

But most important is to ensure people have work in our region, which is why we introduced our new Local Procurement Policy.

I'm thrilled to say almost 30% of the total spend is to local suppliers and that 47% of orders raised by Council were with local suppliers.

Finally, I want to thank everyone in our finance team for compiling this excellent document in incredibly difficult circumstances.

Increasing our services and increasing our infrastructure investment while working to minimise the rate rise, as instructed by us Councillors is a difficult task.

So to Donna Gregory, Tony Martini, Denis Crowe, Jason Linsdell, Jackie Frost and everyone who has worked around the clock on this document. Thank you!

It's thanks to you that we're able to maintain good fiscal discipline while investing in the infrastructure, projects and programs our community wants.

Councillors, I commend this Budget to all of you and look forward to working with the community to deliver these exciting projects.

4.4. Closure

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.51am.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that minute pages numbered 21/846 to 21/881 constitute the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Moreton Bay Regional Council held 18 June 2021.

Greg Chemello
Chief Executive Officer

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE

The foregoing minutes were confirmed by resolution of Council at its meeting held Wednesday 7 July 2021.

Greg Chemello
Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Peter Flannery
Mayor