



Environment Advisory Committee

15 September 2021

Online meeting

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and concluded 8.00pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Clare Donovan (Chair)	Jon Stiebel, Urban Sustainability Manager	Deputy Mayor Councillor Pauline Lockie
Chrissie McIntyre	Denise Benger, Acting Team Leader Planning Policy	Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz
Robert Helstroom	Sarah Kamarudin, Acting Urban Ecology Planning and Engagement Coordinator	
Jo Blackman		
Justine Langford		
Mary Stewart		
Sarah Mandelson		
Liz Locksley		
Janet Sparrow		
Golda Dela Cruz		
Nicole Boyd		

2. Chairperson

3. Acknowledgment of Country

Chair welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

4. Apologies

Patrick Medley

5. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.



6. Quorum (minimum 5 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

An update was provided. Actions from 27 May 2021 meeting are complete.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
1 Inner West Development Control Plan Draft Biodiversity Chapter	Council is in the early stages of drafting relevant sections of the DCP and LEP, this includes Biodiversity. Council staff sought early input from the Environment Advisory Committee for technical advice.	Planning and Urban Ecology staff consider committee feedback in drafting the Biodiversity DCP chapter. Keep committee notified on progress and next steps.	Staff will take on board the feedback from the committee to develop the draft biodiversity DCP chapter. Detailed consultation and briefings will be undertaken with the broader community including volunteers, Councillors, Environment Advisory Committee in early 2022. Feedback received during this consultation will be considered in the final drafting of the DCP prior to any statutory consultation.
2. Environment Committee – what's working well, what can be improved	Follow up discussion from 27 May Committee meeting	Defer discussion until in person meetings resume following COVID restrictions	Place on Agenda of future committee meeting once in person meetings resume
3. General Business	There are two vacant positions on the committee. These will be advertised in September 2021 Council policy in relation to charging a fee for Council to plant a tree on public land to replace a tree removed from private property raised and whether this is a deterrent.	Notify committee members when applications open so they can send out to their networks Defer discussion for future meeting	Staff to notify committee members by email when applications open for vacant committee positions Staff will advise the committee on what the tree replacement fee covers