

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 21 OCTOBER 2025

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	21 October 2025 - 5:00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street Wynyard
Council Representatives:	Cr Celisa Edwards (Chair), Cr Andrea Courtney (Deputy Chair)
Members:	Brenton Hosking, Colin Hocking, Ian Ferris, Wendy Bryant-Bergman, Ian Dutton, Karen Feeney
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward
Apologies:	Andrew Vocke
Guest Presenter:	Nil

#	Agenda Item	Time Allocation (mins)	Lead	Action
1.	Welcome	5	Chair	
2.	Confirm Minutes	5	Chair	
3.	Guest Presenter/s: (if applicable)	0	N/A	
4.	Active Actions:	(70)		
	- Ballad Ave	10	DH	Update / Discussion
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	10	DH	Update / Discussion
	- Sisters Beach Road	5	DS	Informational
	- Expanding Focus Areas	5	N/A	Informational
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	10	DH	Update / Discussion
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME		5		
	- State of the Environment Report	25	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	Chair	No Discussion
6.	New/General Business	25	Chair	Discussion
	- LGAT Climate Decision Framework		DS	
	- National Climate Risk Assessment Report – Implications and Findings		CH	
	- Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan		DH	
	- SEAP Terms of Reference Review		DH	
7.	Upcoming Meetings	5	Chair	Informational
	- 16 December 2025 at Council Chambers			
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Ballad Ave: Suggest land use options for Council land. R: The Ballad Avenue property be used to enhance the natural values and habitat area of the adjacent riparian zone of the Inglis River</p>	Council Request (relates to action plan)	<p>05/23: first raised.</p> <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>06/25: draft plan endorsed for public consultation</p>	<p>I. Ferris</p> <p>B. Hocking</p> <p>C. Hocking</p> <p>D. Hicks</p>	<p>A final draft of the Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan was presented back to members for final feedback and/or support for adoption out of session.</p> <p>Based on the balance of feedback received, the final version is being presented to Councillors for adoption at the October Council meeting with outcomes provided to members in during the meeting. Implementation of Plan, if adopted, will be considered operational and move beyond SEAP's remit.</p>	Update / Discussion
<p>Tree & Vegetation Strategy: R: Review and replace the existing Tree Management Policy with a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy R: Adopt the interim Tree & Vegetation Policy and Guidelines.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>11/23: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP endorse draft project plan.</p> <p>04/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>05/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p>	<p>C. Hocking</p> <p>I. Ferris</p> <p>D. Hicks</p> <p>D. Summers</p>	<p>A summary research paper has been provided by Colin Hocking in relation to fire reduction. Refer to annexures for further information.</p>	Update / Discussion

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Sisters Beach Road: R: Council to request reduced speed limit. R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.</p>	SEAP	<p>05/23: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>06/23: recommendations made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>03/25: Council sought Transport Commissioners approval to reduce speed along Sisters Beach Road.</p>	<p>D. Summers A. Vocke C. Hocking</p>	Due to staff changes at CCA, the presentation due for the Woolnorth Options Paper and virtual fencing has been deferred for the time being.	Informational
<p>Expanding Focus Areas: R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus. R: A cooperative site visit to Camp Creek and Frenchs Road Reserve be organised for SEAP members and Councillors.</p>	SEAP	<p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP to identify site locations to visit</p> <p>08/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed</p>	SEAP	<p>Councillors have endorsed SEAP's recommendation to attend a joint site visit to both Camp Creek and Frenchs Road Reserve.</p> <p>The date is to be confirmed - ideally it will be booked to allow the majority of members and Councillors to attend.</p>	Informational
<p>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement R: Develop a position statement opposing further offshore oil and gas exploration and development in waters off Tasmania. R: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration in Tasmanian and adjacent Commonwealth waters off Tasmania.</p>	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping.</p> <p>08/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>09/24: recommendation made to Council, tabled for workshopping.</p>	<p>B Hosking D Summers</p>	Based on the feedback received, a draft letter template has been included in the annexures for feedback / discussion.	Update / Discussion
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME (if required)					

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State of the Environment R: Advocate to the state government to publish the 2024 State of the Environment Report immediately following its release to parliament	SEAP	05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	A State of the Environment Implications for Local Government document was circulated to members for review and feedback on advocacy items, for discussion during the meeting.	Update / Discussion

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Comments
Community Adaptation & Resilience: provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised	No Discussion Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for climate education highlighted via presentations on rising CO₂ levels at Cape Grim • Discussion planned on water quality and availability monitoring, focusing on catchment management in areas like Sisters Creek.

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Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement	Action Plan Focus Area 1		No Discussion Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of non-Tesla EV charging infrastructure in Wynyard • Opportunities to improve community awareness of renewable energy, especially linked to new federal programs
Waste Education Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	No Discussion
Green Waste Recycling	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Local & Sustainable Food Waste Systems	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Increase Native Biodiversity	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Land for Wildlife Reserves	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Natural Values Database	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Plan for Arboreta/ums	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Weed Reduction Program: form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	No Discussion

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Wildlife Corridors: research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions.</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 3</p>	<p>03/23: first raised. 04/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p>	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>Active conversation points from Tree & Vegetation Strategy discussion Jul 2025 Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature corridor strategy development aligned with vegetation management discussed. Plans to trial corridor principles in select areas.
<p>School Engagement on Alternative Transport: R: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school</p>	<p>SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)</p>	<p>11/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 01/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 12/24: active travel survey out for parents and carers community response. 07/24: Action parked – low response rate, returned to non-active actions for time being.</p>	<p>No Discussion</p>
<p>Sponsorship Signage Policy: R: amend Sponsorship Signage Policy to exclude fossil fuels in recognition of their health and climate impacts.</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 1</p>	<p>03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 05/23: implementation complete, action closed.</p>	<p>COMPLETE - CLOSED</p>

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Cities of Power R: participate in the Cities Power Partnership which presents an opportunity to join dozens of other councils across the country leading the way to a zero emissions future by providing the necessary tools, resources, and connections to help accelerate their climate and energy goals.</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 1</p>	<p>03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 07/23: implementation complete, action closed</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED
<p>Annual EcoFair: R: Introduce an annual EcoFair event in conjunction with Spring Loaded to raise awareness in the community and promote sustainable living and a healthy relationship with the environment.</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 3</p>	<p>03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 10/23: implementation complete, action closed.</p>	COMPLETE – CLOSED
<p>HEAT: R: Council to seek out greater uptake options</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 1:</p>	<p>03/23: first raised. 05/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 08/24: implementation scheduled for progression in the 2024/2025 financial year, action closed.</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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R:= recommendation FOGO: Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.	Council (Action Plan Focus Area 2)	03/23: 2020 feasibility study shared with SEAP. 05/23: Council endorse regional rollout. 02/24: update on rollout. 12/24: implementation complete, now embedded into operational practice, action closed	COMPLETE - CLOSED
Food Security: Investigate opportunities to develop a food policy. R: Identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships. R: Develop a food security policy and plan for the future of the community, incorporating community education on food security. R: SEAP recommend to Council to adopt the Food Security Policy.	Action Plan Focus Area 1.1	03/23: first raised. 09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 05/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.	COMPLETE – CLOSED
Stormwater Policy R: SEAP recommend to Council to adopt the Urban Stormwater Policy and Guidelines. (out of session)	Council	04/24: first raised 06/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.	COMPLETE – CLOSED

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6 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 LGAT Climate Decision Framework

- Information update to SEAP regarding the Climate Decision Framework project being led by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

6.2 National Climate Risk Assessment Report – Discussion Paper

- New item following the release of the *National Climate Risk Assessment Report*, which has modelled the impacts of climate-related hazards and identifies upcoming risks. Refer to briefing paper in annexures for more information.

6.3 Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan

- Update regarding the coastal hazard related projects for Sisters Beach including an update relating to the October council meeting report to publicly release the Parks & Wildlife Services Foreshore Management Plan (developed in partnership with Council), the creek mouth mitigation project and open space planning project.

6.4 SEAP Terms of Reference Review

- Panel members are advised that at the 16 December 2025 meeting a workshop will be held with current and past panel members to review the current SEAP Terms of Reference. This feedback will be considered, and an adjusted Terms of Reference will be put forward for Council adoption prior to calling for new members at end of term in 2026.