Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 18 AUGUST 2026

	Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)
Date & Time:	18 August 2026 - 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, Ian Dutton, Karen Feeney
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward
Apologies:	N/A
Guest Presenter:	Nil

#	Agenda Item	Time Allocation (mins)	Lead	Action
1.	Welcome	5	Chair	
2.	Confirm Minutes	5	Chair	
3.	Guest Presenter/s: Nil	0		
4.	General Business - Matters arising from the final SEAP meeting - Council's 2026/27 Actions – Future SEAP input - Water Quality Monitoring - State Government environment budget cuts - EV charging - SEAP Booth at Tulip Festival	(55) 5 10 10 10 10 10	Chair	Discussion
5.	Active Actions: - Sisters Beach Road - Tree & Vegetation Strategy - Expanding Focus Areas - Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Review of National Climate Risk Assessment Report	(10) 0 5 0 5	 DS DH N/A DH	 No Discussion Informational No Discussion Informational
6.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	Chair	No Discussion
7.	Wrap Up & Final Reflections - Action item clearing	20	Chair	Informational
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

4 General Business

Note: As this is the final meeting of the current SEAP term, members are encouraged to discuss the matters raised below and provide feedback, ideas and observations. Any matters requiring further investigation or ongoing SEAP involvement will need to be considered in the context of the incoming SEAP, following completion of the re-election process and implementation of the new terms of reference structure.

4.1 Matters Arising from the Final SEAP Meeting

DH: With this being the final meeting of the current SEAP term and noting the timing of the upcoming local government elections and caretaker period, matters arising from this meeting will be reported to Council a little differently than usual.

Rather than seeking Council endorsement of new recommendations, the minutes will capture the key matters discussed and advice provided by SEAP, with Council asked to note these discussions at the September council meeting. This will ensure the views and priorities raised by members are formally recorded and available to inform future consideration, while addressing the governance requirements of the caretaker period.

4.2 Council's 2026/27 Actions – Future SEAP Input

DS: Council's Annual Plan and Budget includes a range of environmental actions for 2026/27. A brief update will be provided to highlight some of the upcoming work where advice and input from the future SEAP is anticipated following the re-establishment of the Panel in 2027.

4.3 Water Quality Monitoring

CH: The attached paper outlines matters relating to water quality monitoring and management, alongside recent water quality reports requested by members. Feedback is sought on the issues raised and the suggested actions to inform any future consideration.

4.4 State Government environment budget cuts

ID: Recent State Government budget changes include reductions in environmental and NRM funding that may affect activities within the Waratah-Wynyard area. The item seeks to consider the potential implications for SEAP-related activities, including potential implications for the local area and opportunities for future engagement with the Cradle Coast Authority.

4.5 EV charging

ID: Wynyard currently has limited public EV charging options, with no designated non-Tesla fast charger and the nearest fast charger located in Burnie. Additional charging infrastructure may support both local users and visitors, particularly where located near public amenities and businesses. The item raises whether Council should advocate for and encourage additional publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure in Wynyard.

Earlier conversation on this matter is currently noted under the Climate Leadership Paris Agreement action as a non-active item pending future progress.

DH: Council has previously explored the concept of public EV charging stations, with the outcomes of an expressions of interest process noted in the 19 August 2024 agenda (download the agenda by visiting Council's website).

4.6 SEAP Booth at Tulip Festival

KF/ID: The idea of a SEAP presence at the Tulip Festival has previously been raised as an opportunity to increase awareness of the SEAP. This item provides opportunity to further explore the idea, including its purpose and what a SEAP presence might look like in practice, noting the upcoming transition to a new SEAP term and structure.

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5 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Status Update	Desired Meeting Outcome
Sisters Beach Road: **R**: Council to request reduced speed limit. **R**: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.	SEAP	**05/23**: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting. **06/23**: recommendations made to Council and endorsed. **03/25**: Council sought Transport Commissioners approval to reduce speed along Sisters Beach Road. **12/25**: Transport Commissioner approval for speed reduction to Sisters Beach Road. Action part A closed.	D. Summers A. Vocke C. Hocking	Speed limit signs have been installed. No further update on virtual fencing can be provided at this time.	Informational

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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.	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	**03/23**: first raised. **11/23**: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting: review & replace existing tree management policy. **01/24**: recommendation made and endorsed. **02/24:** SEAP endorse draft project plan. **04/24:** recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **05/24:** recommendation made and endorsed.	C. Hocking I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers	The current focus of the vegetation framework continues to be on strengthening Council's internal approach to vegetation management, including awareness, engagement and consideration of vegetation values across Council activities. This provides an important foundation for improving how vegetation is considered and managed across the organisation. Council's adopted 2026/27 Annual Plan and Budget also includes actions to review the Tree and Vegetation Management Policy and develop a draft Street Tree Planting Strategy for public consultation. These actions provide opportunities to further strengthen Council's approach to vegetation management and will complement the broader internal focus of the framework.	Informational

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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.	SEAP	**09/23**: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **10/23**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. **02/24**: SEAP to identify site locations to visit **08/25**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed **10/25**: site visit organised for end of November. **12/25**: site visit re-scheduled to 4 February. **02/26**: Site visit completed	SEAP	Noting that the group's term concludes following this meeting, no further site visits are proposed during the current term.	Informational
Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement **R**: That Council seek coordination through a regional body (such as LGAT or the Cradle Coast Authority) to engage a suitably qualified individual to review and summarise the National Climate Risk Assessment Report, providing insights into projected climate risks out to 2050 relevant for local government application.	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	**10/25:** National Climate Risk Assessment Report – Discussion Paper raised under General Business **10/25:** recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **11/25:** recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	B Hosking D Summers	Consistent with previous discussions, Council continues to participate in relevant regional initiatives and explore opportunities for regional collaboration on climate risk and adaptation. This includes progressing discussions with regional partners on opportunities to support access to relevant climate risk information and resources. These discussions are ongoing, with further opportunities to be considered as they develop.	Informational

6 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: • Potential for climate education highlighted via presentations on rising CO_2 levels at Cape Grim • Discussion planned on water quality and availability monitoring, focusing on catchment management in areas like Sisters Creek.
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. – **CLOSED COMPLETE** **R**: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration in Tasmanian and adjacent Commonwealth waters off Tasmania. – **CLOSED COMPLETE**	SEAP Action Plan Focus Area 1	**02/24**: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **03/24**: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping. **08/24:** recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **09/24:** recommendation made to Council, tabled for workshopping.	No Discussion Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting: • 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

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Increase Native Biodiversity	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion • **BH**: I'd like to see progress on developing a series of conversations around these items from the perspective of focusing and completing a more comprehensive Vegetation Management plan.
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
Wildlife Corridors: research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions.	Action Plan Focus Area 3	**03/23**: first raised. **04/23**: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	No Discussion Active conversation points from Tree & Vegetation Strategy discussion Jul 2025 Meeting: • Nature corridor strategy development aligned with vegetation management discussed. • Plans to trial corridor principles in select areas.

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School Engagement on Alternative Transport: **R**: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	**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.	No Discussion **BH**: School Engagement should not be viewed solely through the lens of Alternative Transport or Sporadic Walk to School Days. We have attracted the interest of a local primary school for National Tree Day...watch this space for potential community engagements via the Tulip Festival and the 4 Rivers project.
Sponsorship Signage Policy: **R**: amend Sponsorship Signage Policy to exclude fossil fuels in recognition of their health and climate impacts.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	**03/23** recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **04/23**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. **05/23**: implementation complete, action closed.	**COMPLETE - CLOSED**
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.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	**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	**COMPLETE - CLOSED**
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.	Action Plan Focus Area 3	**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.	**COMPLETE – CLOSED**

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HEAT: **R**: Council to seek out greater uptake options	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	**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.	**COMPLETE - CLOSED**
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**

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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**
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	Council Request (relates to action plan)	**05/23**: first raised. **02/24**: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **03/24**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. **06/25**: draft plan endorsed for public consultation **10/25**: final masterplan submitted to Council and adopted. Action closed.	**COMPLETE – CLOSED**
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 **R**: That Council endorse the State of the Environment advocacy statement and authorise the Mayor and CEO to advocate, where appropriate, to the Tasmanian Government for the matters outlined within the statement.	SEAP	**05/24**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. **02/26**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. **04/26**: implementation initiated, action closed.	**COMPLETE - CLOSED**