

# **Natural Environment Advisory Committee**

## **Terms of Reference**

**Title:** Natural Environment Advisory Committee

**Creation Authority:** 16 December 2008

**Authority/Delegation:** The role of this committee is:

- To identify avenues for greater involvement of the local community in Natural Resource Management.
- To review and make recommendations on various regional programs eg. Reef Catchments Strategic Plan, Healthy Waterways Monitoring Program, Sustainable Landscape Program, Land for Wildlife Program.
- Provide advice (where necessary) on environmentally significant land for its suitability for acquisition utilising the Environmental Land Acquisition Reserve.
- Review implementation of Stormwater Quality Management Plans.
- Provide input into the development of a local government vegetation protection policy and other environmental policies.
- To review the Framework and program of the Committee on a regular basis to ensure it encompasses current environmental issues and priorities.

### **Key Milestones and Reporting Arrangements:**

Any recommendations arising from the Committee's deliberations should be forwarded to Council.

### **Completion and or Review Date:**

Ongoing Committee. The Committee should self assess its value to Council after two years of operation.

### **Membership:**

Three Councillors;  
Three community representatives;  
One representative from the Reef Catchments  
One representative from Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association  
One representative from Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group

Three Council Officers nominated by the Chief Executive Officer (initially Executive Manager Engineering Services, Manager Parks and Environment, Coordinator Natural Environment)

**Quorum**

Simple majority including at least one Council representative.

**Frequency of Meetings:** Bi-monthly.

