

## Corporate Meetings

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Dear Alicia,

I'm writing to advise you that the ePetition 'Stop excessive native tree clearing in Forestdale' was discussed on 9 October 2024 in the Ordinary Council meeting.

Divisional Councillor Tim Frazer chose to **note** the petition. A link to the meeting is available [HERE](#) and the Councillor speaks to this at the 30:36 minute mark.

I've taken the opportunity to provide you some additional commentary regarding development assessment, the current *Logan Planning Scheme 2015* and the New Planning Scheme as follows.

### Development Assessment

It is in conducting the development assessment process with thoroughness, that Council officers are compelled to approve code assessable development applications which are in accordance with the assessment benchmarks of the *Logan Planning Scheme 2015*.

There is no ability for Council officers to change the *Logan Planning Scheme 2015* and apply it to code assessable development applications which are already under assessment. Furthermore, the process for drafting planning scheme amendments or a new planning scheme is lengthy with multiple internal and State Government checks, as well as public notification to ensure that changes don't inadvertently impact other matters that the City and residents value.

### Current Logan Planning Scheme 2015

The current *Logan Planning Scheme 2015* went through the aforementioned public notification and State interest checks in the years preceding 2015. Public sentiments can evolve and change over time around a range of matters driving the need for changes to planning schemes. A key change in the *Logan Planning Scheme 2015* was the drafting and implementation of an Environmental Offsets Policy and delivery regime to address vegetation clearing. This program has resulted in the delivery of over 100 hectares of planning exceeding 110,000 trees. A list of offset sites is included [HERE](#) with details of their locations and the intended habitat they will provide.

It should also be noted that the City of Logan has a strong focus on protecting biodiversity corridors which are a strategic network for fauna movement and refuge throughout the City, there are many examples where development has been required to be redesigned to remain outside of the mapped extent and for rehabilitation to occur as informed by technical reporting. Similarly, the connectedness of waterways and their importance for fauna and hydrology means that development on mapped sites must carefully consider impacts through ecological reporting and hydraulic assessments.

### New Logan Planning Scheme

There is an upcoming opportunity to be involved in setting the direction for the City of Logan beyond 2025. That opportunity is the New Logan Planning Scheme. The new scheme will be on public notification in 2025 and it is

recommended that all residents and business owners submit their suggestions and concerns for consideration as part of the plan making process.

A link to our website with further details is provided [HERE](#) to allow the public to familiarise themselves with the information already available. It is recommended that the community monitors the webpage to ensure they take the opportunity to make comment during the notification period.

Regards,

