

MEETING NAME	Agriculture & Rural Industries Strategic Reference Group
ATTENDEES	S Beckley (Manager Shire Planning), N Moran (Acting Manager Infrastructure Operations), T Davies (Works Engineer Civil Construction), C Whitten (Team Leader Strategic Planning), N L Norris (Senior Strategic Planner), Councillor Ally Dench (Chair), James Bell, Lloyd Jones, Marwan El-Chamy, Phillip Bartolo, Richard Stephens (online), Vincent Hewson and a minute taker.
APOLOGIES	Mayor Matt Gould (Chair), A Poore (Manager Project Delivery)
DATE	4 February 2026
TIME	4.06pm

ITEM	NOTES
Declarations of Interests	• Nil
Confirmation of Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 December 2025 were confirmed. Mover: James Bell Seconder: Marwan El Chamy

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	• Cr Dench provided an update on the actions arising from previous minutes: ○ Action 3 - Recommendation from December meeting to go to Council at the February Council Meeting. ○ Action 4 & 5 – The DCP review update and Roadside Verges and Vegetation Management items are listed on this meeting's agenda. ○ Action 9 – Local land services will be scheduled to attend the 29 April SRG to provide an update on the new Biodiversity Act. ○ Recommendation 1, 2 & 3 – To be reported to the 24 February 2026 Council Meeting.
DCP Review Project	• Team Leader Strategic Planning provided an update on the Development Control Plan (DCP) Review Project and noted that during the review of the DCP they will be looking out for possible improvements to the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) as they go. • Team Leader Strategic Planning workshopped categories within the DCP to identify the groups key interests. There was discussion focused on: ○ Rural ○ Residential (Secondary Dwellings) ○ Horticulture. <i>ACTION 10: A future topic to come to the group to discuss all range of dwellings allowed on rural land.</i>
Sensitive Land Uses in Rural Zones Planning Proposal	• Manager Shire Planning and Team Leader Strategic Planning provided an update on the Sensitive Land Uses in Rural Zones Planning Proposal • The Group discussed additional planning controls, prohibition of certain rural land uses, depots including vehicle amount and weight limits • The Group asked for definitions of what type of trucks would be allowed based on the operations of the land – rigids, semis, b-doubles. Impact is different depending on the size and number of vehicles. • Acting Manager Infrastructure Operations suggested the consideration of identifying the number of trucks allowed to a property due to the weights on rural roads • The group discussed cemeteries to understand what was the concern. Team Leader Strategic Planning noted that Council is seeking to support

	locally focused cemeteries with a maximum of 5,000 plots.
Roadside Verges and Vegetation Management	- The Acting Manager Infrastructure Operations presented to the group on Roadside Verges and Vegetation Management within the Shire. - The committee congratulate the team for the work they do with the resourcing they have available. ACTION 11: A Future Topic to come to the group on Council's Weeds Maintenance Process RECOMMENDATION 4: That Council work with the Local Member on advocacy to the State Government in regards to Spoil Reduction within the Shire.
Engagement news and updates	- Manager Shire Planning provided an update to the group on the following topics: - Horticulture Planning Proposal - Draft Sydney Plan. ACTION 11: Manager Shire Planning to share the Draft Sydney Plan with the group for feedback prior to the next scheduled meeting. ACTION 12: Manager Shire Planning to share advice on the Horticulture Planning Proposal prior to the next scheduled meeting.
General Business	R Stephens provided the group with details to upcoming farming events that the group were encouraged to attend.

MEETING CLOSE: 6.22pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

REFERENCE: 15598~2#32