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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The current *Wollondilly Federal and State Issues Paper 2016* complements the Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan 2033 by highlighting a range of priority issues that Council advocates for on behalf of its community.
- This report explains the purpose of the Issues Paper and the recent review of advocacy Issues for the Wollondilly Area.
- It is recommended Council adopts the advocacy issues table and it be used to produce the Wollondilly Issues Paper 2018 to be used as Council's guiding advocacy document.

**REPORT**

Council's current advocacy document the *Wollondilly Federal and State Issues Paper 2016* is used to advocate for a range of key issues on behalf of our community.

The Issues Paper is reviewed and updated on a regular basis as new issues arise or as issues are progressed so as to ensure it remains relevant and up to date.

With the impending State Government Elections in 2019 and two years since the previous review, it is timely to review the State/Federal Issues Paper to ensure it remains relevant and useful as an advocacy tool.

The *Wollondilly Issues Paper 2018* complements the Community Strategic Plan 2033, by highlighting a range of priority issues that Council advocates for on behalf of its community. The paper highlights and advocates for issues and outcomes over which Council has limited, or no direct control – e.g. better health services, public transport improvements.

The Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2033 is designed to align with and support the strategic plans and directions of other levels of Government. In turn the agencies of State and Federal government listen and respond to the advocacy and strategic direction of Council. Council's ability to successfully work towards the CSP 2033 outcomes is therefore highly dependent on collaboration and partnership, particularly with other levels of government.

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To assist with this challenge Council has reviewed the current *Wollondilly Federal and State Issues Paper 2016* and has developed a Wollondilly Advocacy Issues Table from which a new Advocacy Issues Paper titled *The Wollondilly Issues Paper 2018* will be produced.

Due to the unique constraints of the Shire, the number of advocacy issues can be overwhelming which can dilute a focus on key priorities and the chances of positive outcomes. The *Wollondilly Issues Paper 2018* is clear and concise, focusing and outlining the transformational advocacy issues that if delivered will not only have outstanding economic, environmental or community benefit, but increases Wollondilly's position as a desirable place to live, work, experience, enjoy and aims to competitively position Wollondilly in relation to other Councils.

A series of briefing notes will be developed for the top 6 key priority issues and will detail the following:

- An overview and analysis of the issue, its impacts and Council's position
- Council's resolutions regarding the issue
- Community views on the issue
- Other levels of Government views/advice
- Possible alternative solutions, options and/or recommendations
- Communication strategy.

The revised document has clear linkages with the State Plan to enhance the ability to pursue and gain Federal and State support and funding.

The format and graphics of the Issues Paper will be updated and discussed at a Councillor workshop to better align with and complement the CSP 2033.

**CONSULTATION**

The Issues Paper has not been the subject of direct community consultation. Nevertheless the issues contained in the Paper represent our accumulated "knowledge" of key issues and community aspirations which have been gained over time. These issues have also been collected through previous community engagements and issues this term of Council has resolved.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Issues Paper has significant indirect financial implications for Council as a number of the issues are related to matters of funding.

**ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SEPARATE BOOKLET**

1. 2018 Wollondilly Advocacy Issues Table (included under separate cover)
2. Issue briefing note template

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopts the advocacy issues table and it be used to produce the Wollondilly Issues Paper 2018 to be used as Council's guiding advocacy document.
2. That Council includes the advocacy issues identified in the table in the 2018/19 Operational Plan.