

GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**COUNCILLOR REPORT – LOCAL AUTHORITY WASTE MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAWMAC)**

28 AUGUST 2020

I travelled to Mackay along with Council's new Waste Manager Shane Anderson to attend a information sharing session and meeting. LAWMAC is a subsidiary group attached to the Northern Alliance of Councils. All Regional Organisations of Councils in Northern Queensland attend.

The objectives of the group are to achieve sustainable use of resources through continuous improvement of waste practices by regional cooperation. To facilitate positive environmental change. To collaborate and develop partnerships in the implementation of sustainable waste management solutions. To advocate and influence environmental policy and waste management industry practices at all levels of government and industry.

Councils Waste Managers and Councillor Portfolio holders throughout Northern Queensland attend to keep up to date on best practice waste management aiming to provide sustainable solutions by open discussion and active participation on waste management issues with Local Government, State Government, Industry and the Australian Packaging Covenant.

The LGAQ (Robert Ferguson) in conjunction with LAWMAC has recently conducted Webinars with participating Councils with presentations provided by Industry representatives. Best practice initiatives are at the forefront and learnings particularly apply to Councils Waste operations both now and into the future.

I recommend that it would be in the best interest of the Gladstone Regional Council to be a member of this group and to attend their meetings for us to be kept up to date on the best industry standards. This would assist us in fostering future partnerships with other regional Councils and in implementing our Waste Management Strategy moving forward.

Councillor Rick Hansen.