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ITEM 1 - ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Election of Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson for the Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 1768508

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES' REPORT

As this is the first meeting of the Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee for the new term of council, the committee will need to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing year.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides as follows;

The chairperson of each committee of the council must be:

- (a) the mayor, or
- (b) if the mayor does not wish to be the chairperson of a committee, a member of the committee elected by the council, or
- (c) if the council does not elect such a member, a member of the committee elected by the committee.

The council may elect a member of a committee of the council as deputy chairperson of the committee. If the council does not elect a deputy chairperson of such a committee, the committee may elect a deputy chairperson.

It has been council's practice in the past for Committees to elect their Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Mayor has indicated that he does not wish to automatically be considered as Chairperson of any committees.

ITEM 2 - APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow tendering of apologies for councillors not present.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1722605

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for apologies is to be made.

ITEM 3 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow an opportunity for councillors to declare an interest in any items to be determined at this meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2024 - 1722626

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 4 - DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow for an opportunity for Councillors to declare any Political Donation received.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1722640

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 5 - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To update Committee on Innovation & Technology matters.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.3.2.1d - Work with other stakeholders to lead actions and initiatives in climate change for Cabonne and the region.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\REPORTING\ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORTING - 1771958

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the information in this report.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY'S REPORT







CARBON EMISSIONS

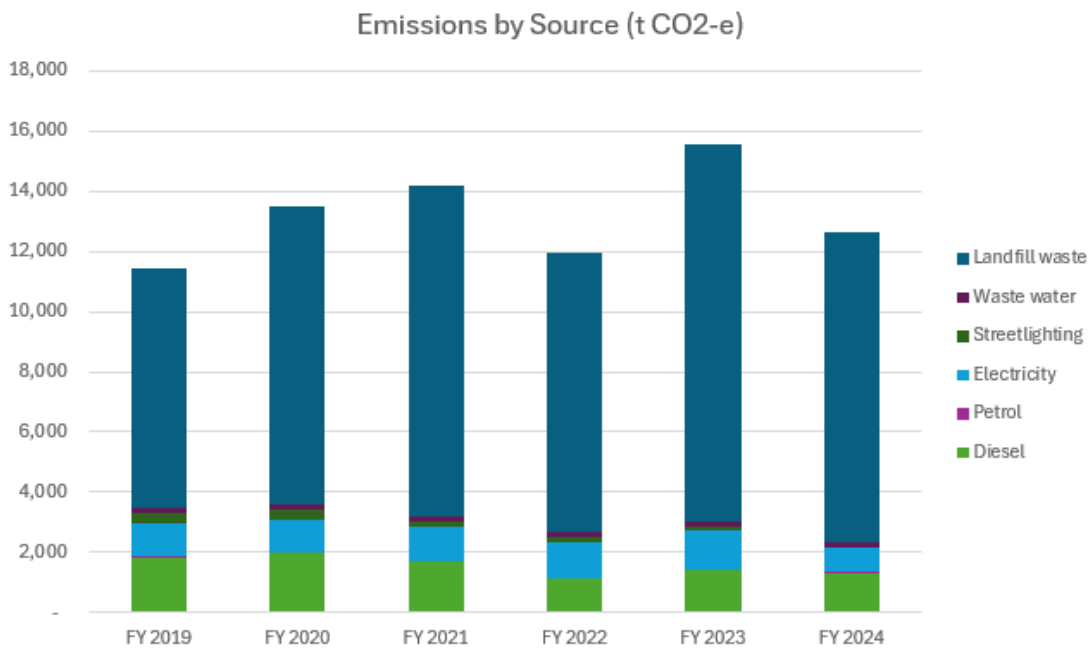
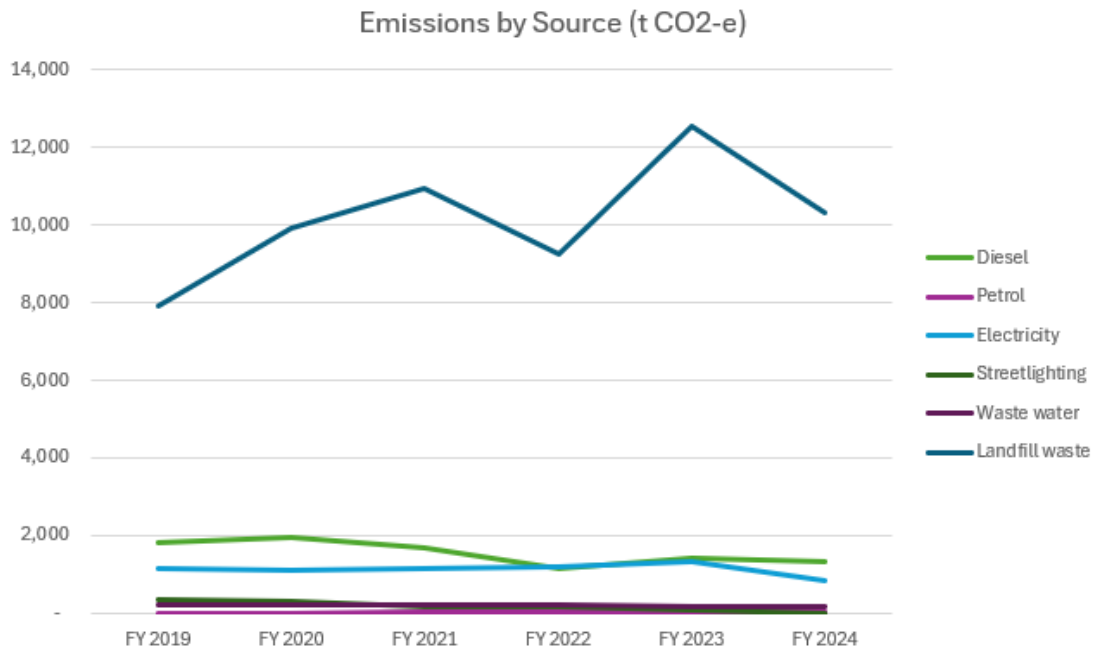
Through an initiative of the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) developed by 100% Renewables, council now has a tool which can be used to track council's Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions. 2018/19 – 2020/21 were included in council's emissions reduction plan, however using the tool emissions for 2021/22 – 2023/24 have been calculated.

Over the period from 2018/2019 to 2023/24 emissions have risen slightly from 11,415t to 12,658t CO₂-e per annum, with some fluctuation in between. The effect of the November 2022 flood event can be seen in the waste figures with 2022/23 recording a large increase in emissions compared to previous years.






When entering the current energy contract council opted for 100% renewable power for its large market sites (consumption greater than 100MWh per annum) and streetlights. This has seen emissions for streetlighting drop to zero and other electricity related emissions drop from 1,125t CO₂-e in 2018/19 to 822t CO₂-e in 2023/24 or from 9.86% to 6.49% overall.

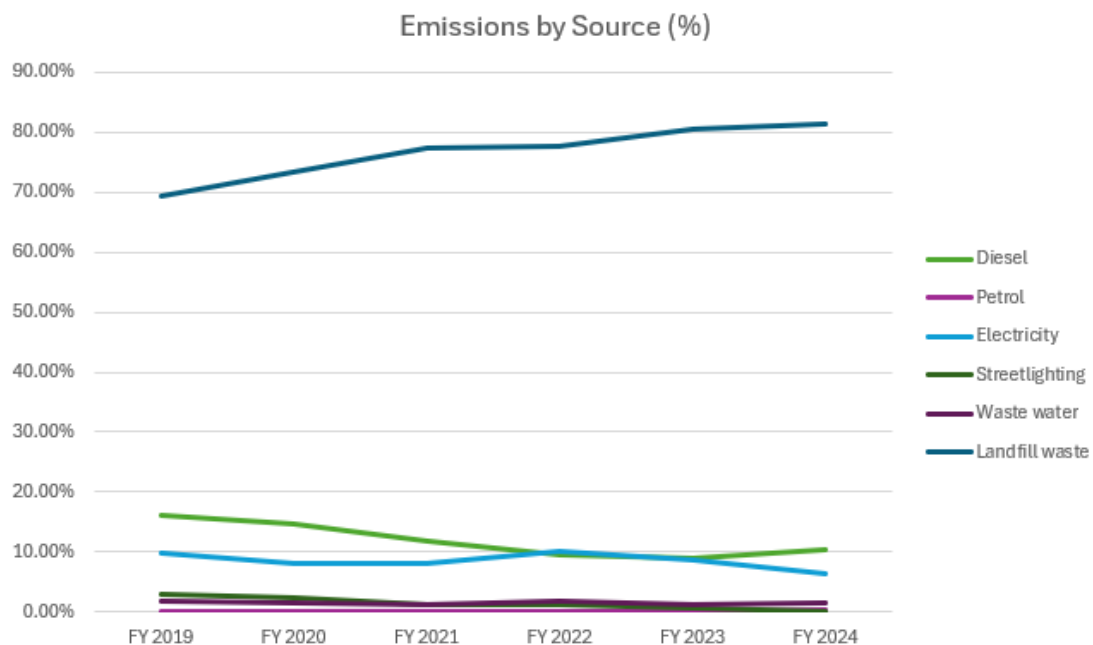
Council staff are working on developing a consistent approach to reporting with a view of making this an annual report to council.

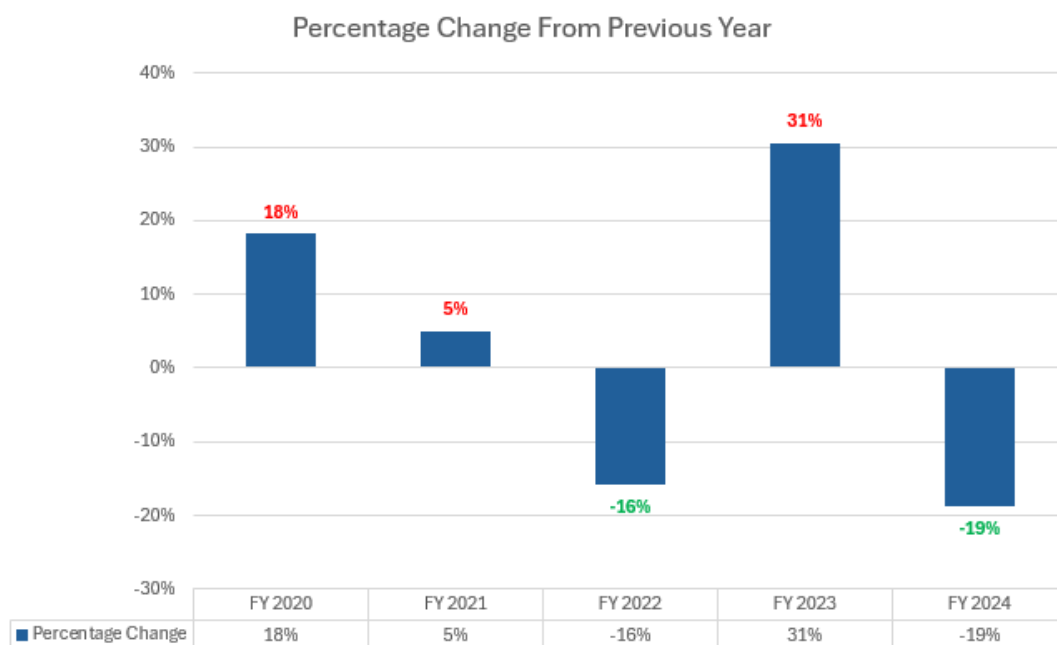
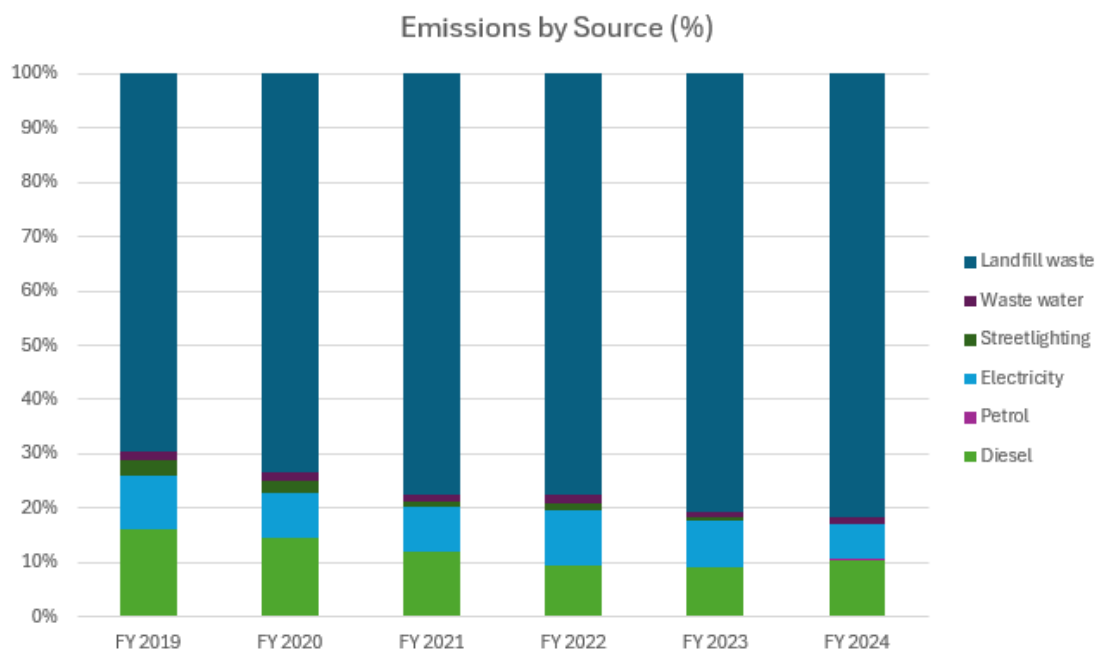
	Emission Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Diesel	1,834	1,968	1,680	1,128	1,400	1,314
	Petrol	11	11	15	14	27	28
	Electricity	1,125	1,098	1,162	1,193	1,331	822
	Streetlighting	331	319	165	150	82	-
	Waste water	188	188	188	194	179	179
	Landfill waste	7,926	9,914	10,962	9,251	12,561	10,315
	Total (t CO₂-e)	11,415	13,498	14,172	11,930	15,580	12,658



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, INNOVATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 2024

	Emission Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Diesel	16.07%	14.58%	11.85%	9.46%	8.99%	10.38%
	Petrol	0.10%	0.08%	0.11%	0.12%	0.17%	0.22%
	Electricity	9.86%	8.13%	8.20%	10.00%	8.54%	6.49%
	Streetlighting	2.90%	2.36%	1.16%	1.26%	0.53%	0.00%
	Waste water	1.65%	1.39%	1.33%	1.63%	1.15%	1.41%
	Landfill waste	69.43%	73.45%	77.35%	77.54%	80.62%	81.49%





COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADES FUND

Council submitted projects from Electrify Cabonne in an application to the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's Community Energy Upgrades Fund. Grant applications closed in April 2024, with an announcement expected in September 2024. Unfortunately this announcement has been delayed.

FAST EV CHARGER

Under the NSW Government's Fast Charging grant program, NRMA, with the support of council, won a bid to install a fast charger at the Molong Railway

Station. Molong was identified in the NSW Electric Vehicle Public Charging Master Plan as a key location for fast charging infrastructure and the Molong Railway Station specifically due to its proximity to amenities such as shops and public toilets.

After working through numerous issues, it was determined the Molong Railway Station was not going to be a suitable site and so council instead opting to allow the install in the newly constructed Gaswork's Lane carpark. Despite best efforts of staff, construction was not possible before the car park was sealed.

Council staff are still working with NRMA to establish the charger; however, several upgrades need to be made to the energy supply in the area. NRMA are working through this process with Essential Energy. The deadline for the funding is February 2025.

MID-SCALE SOLAR PLANT

Council's Mid-Scale Solar Plant continues to progress, with the following activities underway:

- Procurement of Battery Energy Storage System and Inverter
- Detailed Design
- Level 3 Detailed Design for Contestable Works
- Geotechnical reports
- Early site clearing and site preparation
- Landholder engagement for properties potentially affected by the conductor and pole upgrades (in both Cabonne and Forbes LGA's)

Upon completion of the detailed design works, and subsequent approvals, council will be able to tender for the various aspects of the plant's construction.

Significant expense has yet to be incurred, as such the bank loan has not yet been drawn down and council staff will hold off until it is needed.

PAYROLL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Council's Finance, Innovation & Technology and Safety, People & Culture staff have been working to develop and roll out council's new electronic payroll system *Ready Community Payroll*. On the 31 August 2024, council went live with Ready Community Payroll with all council staff receiving training in its operation in the week prior. The response and uptake by staff have been largely positive and well above expectations.

With only 4 complete pay periods in the new system the project is still ongoing with a few issues left to be resolved and some additional tailored training or guidebooks to be developed to target specific issues. However initial results are very positive with all council staff now completing and approving timesheets and leave forms electronically, eliminating a large amount of double handling of paper.

ITEM 6 - CENTRAL NSW EV DRIVE DAY

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the information of the committee.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.3.2.1a - Implement the adopted actions from Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP).
Annexures	1. 2024 EV Drive Day ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNMENT RELATIONS\LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON\CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION (CENTROC) - 1772209

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the information provided in the report.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES' REPORT

The Central NSW Joint Organisation is hosting an Electric Vehicle Drive Event in Bathurst on 5-6 December 2024. Attached is the flyer with more details.

Day 1 of the event is on Thursday 5 December, targeted at elected representatives, councils' Executive Leadership Teams, sustainability staff, fleet staff, mechanics and operators, and any other staff who may be interested in EVs or have a leaseback vehicle.

There will be a large selection of vehicles at the event available for test driving, as well as some light trucks and machinery for display. There will also be a variety of presentations from industry bodies including the NSW Government's Net Zero Transport Team, the Electric Vehicle Council of Australia, the Australian Fleet Management Association, IPWEA Fleet, EV Fire Safe, Essential Energy and many more.

To register for this event, please visit [Sticky Tickets](#). Please note that the ticket includes barista coffee and lunch for the day.

In addition to the registration link, the [Liability Acceptance form](#) will need to be completed if you would like to test drive any of the vehicles.

Tickets are limited to this event and registrations are a must.

ITEM 7 - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE UPDATE REPORT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the information of the committee.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2024 - 1772300

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES' REPORT

The Department Leader Environment Services will provide an update to the committee under separate cover.



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Who should attend?

Councils - elected representatives, senior managers and staff*

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Thursday 5 December 2024 - 9.30am to 4.00pm
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