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Toowoomba's new Environment Advisory Committee inviting nominations



The Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) is inviting community members with a passion for environmental welfare to nominate themselves for the Council's new **Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)**. The formation of the EAC will allow members to work alongside the Council to advise and assist in the protection of Toowoomba's diverse landscapes.

Nominations close Friday, 23 October.

Members of the EAC will assist in developing and providing feedback on Council policies and strategies aimed at sustainable development, urban greening, climate resilience and the protection of Toowoomba's biodiversity. The EAC will also aim to promote a wider respect for the region's living landscapes, advise the TRC on local, environmental issues and seek input from community members and organisations where necessary.

The EAC Committee will consist of a maximum of 18 members with up to 4 Councillors, 13 community members and one council officer (from Strategic Planning and Economic Development Branch). Most community members on the EAC must have:

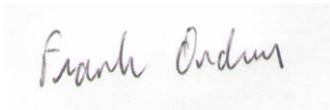
- Accredited qualifications in the environmental or scientific field (or equivalent); or
- Documented experience in achieving environmental outcomes; or
- Current experience in farming or grazing and land management or similar.

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. believes the formation of the EAC is a significant opportunity to develop a Climate Resilience Policy, heavily reduce pest plants and animals from the region, and develop policies and strategies to protect our natural resources - particularly Toowoomba's bushland and native fauna species.

HOPE wishes the inaugural EAC all the best in their efforts to help shape council policies and strategies to better protect and conserve our local environment.

For more information on nominations, please contact Council on 131 872 or email SPEDAdmin@tr.qld.gov.au.

For more information on the Environment Advisory Committee visit
<https://www.tr.qld.gov.au/about-council/councillors-meetings/advisory-committees/14534-environment-advisory-committee>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

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