



DELEGATE'S REPORT

10th May 2005

DR1	CARAVAN PARK LEVY COMMITTEE
	FILE: * JHB

SUMMARY:

Reporting on attendance at the meeting of the Committee held at Ballina on Thursday 21 April 2005



The meeting was also attended by representation of Ballina (3) and Clarence Valley (1) Shire Councils as well as the Regional Office of the Department of Lands Grafton (2) and the five representatives of the committee Councillor Joyce Wheatley Local Government Association, Mr Graham Taylor Hunter Regional Office, Mr Mark Purdy Local Government and Shires Association and Mr John Burton Department of Lands Co-ordinator and myself.

Although invited there was no representation from Tweed, Byron Bay or Richmond River Shire Councils.

Applications for funding were received from ten (10) Trust Managers.

It was resolved to recommend to the Minister for Lands the Hon Tony Kelly MLC that funding be made available for

- Eleven applications for loans for income producing projects totalling \$3,393,000
- Seven applications for loans for non-income producing projects totalling \$1,000,000
- Five applications for grants for plans of management totalling \$122,000

It will also be recommended that the interest rates remain at 5% for income producing projects and 3.5% for non-income producing projects.

Since the introduction of the Levy Scheme in 1992 almost \$30m has been distributed (\$370,000 in grants).

It was disclosed that the Minister for Lands the Hon Tony Kelly has approved the transfer of \$600,000 of funds levied against mainly Local Government for public liability insurance cover over Crown reserves managed by community trusts.

It was drawn to the attention of the Committee that audit reports on Maclean, Byron, Shoalhaven and Kempsey Council Caravan parks had been undertaken by the Internal Audit Branch of the former Department of Land and Water Conservation.

A copy of my submission to the Shires Association of NSW is attached at [Appendix A](#).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL