



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

10th May 2005

**DSS15 GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS –
KERB & GUTTER CONTRIBUTIONS
FILE: LA 13017 (293648) APV**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request to reduce the 50% contribution towards the cost for kerb and gutter construction in Gregory Street, South West Rocks.



Council has received a letter from Smithtown Parish of the Catholic Church, requesting a reduction in the 50% contribution towards the cost for construction of kerb & gutter in Gregory Street, South West Rocks.

A copy of the letter is attached [\(Appendix N\)](#)

Council has allocated \$65,000 (Roads to Recovery Program \$40,000 and Town Improvement Program \$25,000) in 2004/2005 for the construction of kerb & gutter and widening and sealing of the roadway on the western side of Gregory Street. This project extends from McIntyre Street towards Paragon Avenue and extends the work undertaken under the 40km High Pedestrian Activity Zone project funded by the Road and Traffic Authority.

In line with Council's Policy and Council's Fees and Charges a letter was forwarded to the owners of the properties adjacent to the proposed works that they would be liable to contribute 50% of the cost of construction of kerb and gutter. A copy of Council's Policy C22.3 Contributions to Works for Kerbing and Guttering is attached. [\(Appendix O\)](#)

As part of the project Council constructed 76m of kerb and guttering including 11.6m of driveway layback adjacent to property owned by All Saints Roman Catholic Church. The approximate cost for contribution is \$7,665.00 being calculated at \$175.00 per lineal metre. Note that the contribution is only towards the cost of kerb and guttering and no contribution is sought for other components of the project being drainage, road widening and sealing and retaining wall construction.

By seeking a contribution from the adjoining owners towards the cost of kerb and gutter contribution, additional funding is available to extend this project or to undertake other projects elsewhere in the village. If

necessary, arrangements can be made to make the repayments over an extended period.

Council undertakes numerous projects involving kerb and gutter construction in the towns and villages throughout the shire. The contributions received under Council's policy, has enabled significant additional works to be constructed. If Council were to accede to the request for exemption in this instance, a precedent would be set for other requests.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There are no environmental implications.

- ***Social***

Council's policy was developed to ensure benefiting properties contributed to the cost of Council projects adjacent to their property. A consistent approach is desirable to ensure equity.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The contributions provided enable additional works to be undertaken and supplement Council's vote for the project.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The contributions sought are in accordance with Council's Policy C22.3 Contributions to Works for Kerbing and Guttering and the Roads Act (1993) Section 217.

- ***Director's Review***

Council is urged to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That contributions for kerb and gutter construction be levied in Gregroy Street South West Rocks in accordance with Council's policy C22.3 contributions to works for Kerbing and Guttering.

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