



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

12th July 2005

<b>DSS5</b>	<b>MANAGER, MACLEAY WATER</b>
	<b>FILE: * KJF</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the position of Manager Macleay Water.



As Council would be aware, Mr Glenn Pearson, finished work on Thursday, 30 June 2005 in order to take up a position with Burnett Shire Council in Queensland.

In this regard, it has been necessary to re-distribute most of the work undertaken within Macleay Water, especially as Mrs Anne-Maree Burke is still on maternity leave and not expected to return to work until 2006.

As can be appreciated, it may be that Council will experience some delays in completing specific activities relating to water services. Existing staff have been nominated specific tasks to complete during the transition period, prior to a new Manager being interviewed and subsequently employed. The management role in Macleay Water will be undertaken by the Director.

Engineers are in short supply and those with specialist knowledge in water and sewerage quite rare. There is some concern that a qualified replacement may not be readily available and options are being reviewed for both the short term and long term management of the section.

Discussions have also been undertaken with Hunter Water Australia with regard to them providing someone to assist with operational processing advice as the need arises.

Macleay Water is requesting Council's understanding of any delays in the immediate future.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental Implications*

*There are no environmental implications from this report as acceptable environmental outcomes will be the first priority.*

- *Social Implications*

*The social implications from this report are the temporary increased load on Macleay Water staff.*

- *Economic (Financial) Implications*

*There are no economic implications from this report as all expenditure will be within approved budgets.*

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

*Priority has been accorded Council's statutory obligations in arrangements are in place to ensure Council policies are met.*

- *Director's Review*

*As per the report.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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**K J Finnie**  
**DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**