DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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DCS5 DEPOT - SITE UPGRADE WORKS PROGRESS
FILE: MPM

SUMMARY:

Reporting on current status of site upgrade program undertaken at the Thompson St Depot.

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In July 2004 Council was provided with a status report on the Thompson Street Depot upgrade works program. In 2004/2005 further projects identified in the Project Development Plan (developed in 2003) were carried out to address environmental concerns identified in audits carried out by the then Small Business department and EPA.

Projects completed in accordance with the plan are as follows:

- Plant Wash-down Bay and Truck Ramp
- Appropriate bunding for the storage of oils and other chemicals.
- Further Site Cleanup
- Raising of land levels for the provision of level site for plant storage shed
- Erection of plant storage shed

The completion of these projects has resulted in expenditure of $181,424.22 from the two year budget 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 of $200,000.

Committed funds for drainage works from the plant storage shed to stormwater will bring expenditure to $190,864.22.

In addition the remaining $9,135.78 is required to complete the supply of electricity to the plant storage shed from the nearest existing location, approximately 50 mts away.

At present there are two major projects still outstanding. These are:

- Relocation of bulk emulsion storage.

- Relocation of aggregate storage bays.

It was identified that both of these items should be moved away from the main traffic thoroughfare of the depot, due to the obvious safety risk.

In addition the present bunding for the existing emulsion storage does not meet the EPA guidelines or Australian Standards for bunding in AS 1940 or AS/NZS 4452.

It is planned that a bunded area for the installation of an emulsion tank as well as four new larger aggregate bays be situated at the south eastern corner of the new plant storage shed in line with eastern fence.

The cost to construct the new bund and aggregate bays and remove the old emulsion tank and demolish the present aggregate bays is $40,000.

As part of this relocation Pioneer Road Services have provided Council with a newly manufactured emulsion tank with the latest features for circulation and heating control, plant filling and tank refilling.

The installation of this tank in the new bunding and the relocation of aggregate bays will improve loading efficiencies and safety for operators of the Paveline plant.

The new bunding provides compliance for Council with EPA guidelines, which is not provided by the arrangements of the existing emulsion tank.

Relocation of the aggregate bays to a level area will alleviate the problem of silt runoff from the present bays which are located on a fairly high gradient.

Environmental Levy

The Initial funding of $200,000 (ie. $100,000 in 2003/04 and $100,000 in 2004/05) was provided under the Environmental Levy to address EPA works at Council's depot.

As a result of savings in loan repayments and other project costs, funding is available under the Environmental Levy to carry out the abovementioned Depot works of $40,000.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Funds are available from savings in other projects funded from the Environmental Levy for the proposed project cost of $40,000.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

There are no policy or statutory implications arising from this report.

- ***Director's Review***

As per the body of the report

RECOMMENDATION:

That a sum of $40,000 be allocated from environmental levy funds for the following projects at the Works Depot:-

a) Construction of new aggregate bays and bunding for the installation of new emulsion tank.
b) Dismantling and removal of existing emulsion tank
c) Demolition of existing aggregate bays
d) Remediation of above areas.

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