

DSS2	NSW LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the inaugural NSW Local Roads Congress.



An invitation has been extended to Councillors and senior staff to attend the inaugural NSW Local Roads Congress to be held in Sydney on 5th and 6th December 2005. A copy of the program is attached [\(Appendix A\)](#).

The Congress has been organised to debate Roads and Transport Policy on a statewide basis and to set the framework for developing industry strategies into the future.

The Congress is being organised by the Roads and Transport Directorate with the support of the Local Government Association of NSW, the Shires Association of NSW and the Institute of Public Works Engineering (NSW Division).

Kempsey Shire Council is a financial member of the Roads and Transport Directorate which has been set up to:

1. Assist members in discharging their road management roles in the most effective manner consistent with current legal obligations and the most recent technical practices particularly in the critical area of asset management and
2. Assist the IPWEA (NSW), The Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW (The Associations), individual Councils and members in lobbying for a higher priority to be placed on road infrastructure provision and maintenance and for a more equitable share of resources and funding.

It is considered that by supporting the IPWEA (NSW) – Roads and Transport Directorate, Councillors and staff will have access to a powerful lobby body and a consulting resource, that will improve efficiency, avoid duplication and lead the way in NSW towards an integrated approach to asset management.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

▪ ***Environmental Implications***

The are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

• ***Social Implications***

The are no social implications from the following recommendation.

- *Economic (Financial) Implications*

The financial implication from the following recommendation is that \$714, plus travel and accommodation expenses would need to be made available for each participant to the Congress.

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

There are no policy or statutory implications.

- *Director's Review*

The NSW Local Roads Congress will provide Council with an opportunity to have a say into Roads and Transport issues affecting Local Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council nominate a delegate to attend the inaugural NSW Local Roads Congress to be held in Sydney on the 5th and 6th December 2005.