



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

15th November 2005

DSS9 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE
FILE: 312 APV

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a Value Management Workshop being held in relation to the Upgrading of the Pacific Highway from the Oxley Highway to Kempsey.



Council will recall that in November 2004, the RTA commenced investigations into a proposed upgrade of the Pacific Highway to a dual carriageway standard between the Oxley Highway at Port Macquarie and Maria River at Kempsey.

On 21st October 2005, the Minister for Roads, Mr Joe Tripodi MP, advised that the Route Options for this section of the highway were being placed on public display until Friday, 18th November 2005.

Councillors and staff were invited to a briefing session by the RTA on 2nd November 2005 at the Council Chambers regarding this project.

The impact on Kempsey Shire of the upgrading of this section of the highway will be less significant than the impact of this project in the Port Macquarie Hastings Council and similarly less than the impact of the Kempsey-Eungai project.

Council has received an invitation for two (2) staff representatives and an elected member to participate at a two day Value Management Workshop aimed at working through the short listed options associated with the project. The Workshop will be conducted on Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th November 2005 at Port Macquarie.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

The Value Management Workshop will provide Council with an opportunity to contribute to an analysis of the options and to represent the community's interest in this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Councillor be nominated to attend the Value Management Workshop on 28th and 29th November 2005 for the Oxley Highway to Kempsey section of the Pacific Highway Upgrade.

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