



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

9th May 2006

DSDS4 RESIGNATIONS FROM ESD COMMITTEE
FILE: 298 NDH {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting the resignation of another member of the ESD Committee and the recommendation for the appointment of a replacement.



BACKGROUND:

Since the finalisation of members in May 2005 and the first meeting held in September 2005, the ESD Committee has consisted of 10 community representatives (including 1 representative of the Aboriginal Community), 2 Councillors and 2 Council staff. The community representatives appointed were Roger Gammon, Riitta Kytola, Robert Barnett, Alison Brown, John Jeayes, Jenny Sproule, Barry Ramke, Douglas Head, Kevin Hill and Gerald Hoskins. Councillors on the Committee are Betty Green and John Bowell. The Committee is facilitated by the Planning Manager Tony Blue and ESD Officer Nathan Hegerty.

Nominations for the Committee that were not appointed are shown in the table below:

Nominee	Areas of Interest	Community Involvement	Relevant Professional Experience
Mr. Michael Hinchey	Law, Environmental Law, ESD	Friends of South West Rocks	Sound knowledge of environmental law and understanding in the processes and structures of local, state and federal government.
Mr. Trevor Scott	Development and Planning Issues,	Pres. Friends of South West	Architect

	ESD, Coastal Environment	Rocks, SWR Ratepayers and Residents Association, Tennis and Country Club	
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During February and April 2006, 2 members of the Committee tendered their resignation. Kevin Hill, representing the South West Rock Ratepayers & Citizens Association resigned in February 2006, stating he could no longer devote the time needed to the Committee due to other commitments. Mr Hill's resignation was tabled at the February 2006 meeting and the Committee resolved not to seek a replacement at that stage. The Committee's recommendation was reported to Council's at its meeting of 14 March 2006 outlining the progress of the ESD Committee. Council resolved to endorse the Committee's recommendation not to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation by Kevin Hill.

Alison Brown tendered her resignation from the Committee in a letter dated 9 April 2006, for personal reasons. Alison's resignation was tabled at the ESD Committee meeting held on 18 April 2006.

Following a lengthy discussion between Committee members at the April 2006 meeting, the Committee resolved to request that Mr Michael Hinchey be appointed as a replacement to 1 of the positions, on the proviso that he is to come up to speed with the progress of the Committee thus far, in his own time.

Mr Hinchey formally applied for a position on the Committee when Council advertised for expressions of interest January 2005. At the time of writing (18 February 2005), Mr Hinchey's nomination letter, outlined he was an active member of the community group, Friends of South West Rocks, had a sound knowledge of environmental law and an excellent understanding in the processes and structures of local, state and federal government.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

The ESD committee provides an avenue for community input about the problems facing the natural environment in the Shire and the actions required to manage and rectify these problems. It is therefore important for each sector of the community to be represented on the Committee, and thus the appointment of an appropriate person to fill vacancy created by the resignation of a member of the Committee.

- ***Social***

An integral part of the functioning of the ESD committee is to ensure that the community embraces and takes ownership of the principles of ESD. This can only be achieved if there is representation of each sector of the community on the Committee, and therefore it is important that appropriate replacements are sought to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of a member of the Committee.

- *Economic (Financial)*

There will be no direct economic or financial implications of appointing an appropriate replacement, however ESD provides equally for economic considerations. Therefore as stated in the environmental and social fields above, it is important that each sector of the community be represented on the Committee to provide an avenue for community input, which may have economic implications.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council has responsibility to determine appointants for its committees

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council send a letter of thanks Alison Brown for her contribution to the Committee; and
- B. That Council determine whether to appoint a replacement to the position made vacant by the resignation of Alison Brown as recommended by the ESD Committee.

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