



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**DSS17                    CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EMERGENCY  
SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
FILE: 865            JM            {Folio No. \* }**

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the reallocation of funds voted to accommodate the Gladstone State Emergency Services Unit to the construction of the proposed Kempsey State Emergency Services (SES) Headquarters Building.



Tender 865 was called for the lump sum supply of all labour, materials, onsite supervision and commissioning needed to construct the new Kempsey SES Headquarters building. At the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006 it was reported that sufficient funds were not available to construct the State Emergency Services Headquarters Building. Council resolved:

- 1        *That the tenders received for the construction of the State Emergency Services Headquarters Building not be accepted.*
- 2        *That new tenders be called for the construction of the State Emergency Services Headquarters building when confirmation of additional funding has been received.*

In 2003, Council considered a request to upgrade the facilities of the Gladstone SES unit. A number of options and alternative sites were considered but a decision regarding a suitable location for the unit was never determined. In 2004/2005 funding in the amount of \$60,000 was provided from loan funds for the Gladstone SES building. The funds were never expended and funding was revoked in 2005/2006. These funds are currently still available.

Currently there are two members of the SES that are based at the Gladstone site however these volunteers regularly come to Kempsey to train.

In a letter dated 25 August 2006 (refer [Appendix K](#)) the SES Regional Controller (Oxley Region) Mr Peter Floyd advised Council that:

*"the SES, from a regional perspective have no intentions in the short term to pursue a new building on the lower Macleay and believe that as priority that this (\$60,000) funding should be moved across to support the funding of the new Kempsey SES Headquarters."*

The SES further advised that no additional contributions are available from State Headquarters for the construction of the building.

It is recommended that Council is asked to support the request to re-allocate \$60,000 from funding set aside for Gladstone SES unit to support the new Kempsey SES Headquarters.

If Council were to re-allocate the funding from the Gladstone SES project to the Kempsey SES Headquarters building project, a total amount of \$255,000 would be available for the project.

Previously it was reported to Council that the estimated total cost of the project was \$295,000. This included an amount of \$40,000 for landscaping, furnishings and installation of communication equipment. The SES have verbally advised that they would be able to provide for these items.

Based on tenders previously received for the building, it is considered that the amount of \$255,000 would be sufficient to construct the new headquarters building.

#### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*Nil.*

- ***Social***

***The transfer of funding will enable the construction of the new SES Headquarters to be completed this financial year.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***With the inclusion of additional funds in the amount of \$60,000 re-allocated from the Gladstone SES, an amount of \$255,000 would be available for the construction of the new building.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*There are no Policy or Statutory implications arising from this report.*

- *Director's Review*

*Sufficient funding would be available to allow the construction of the new headquarters building based on previous tender submissions.*

## RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That the amount of \$60,000 for the Gladstone SES unit be re-allocated to the new Kempsey SES Headquarters building.
- 2 That new tenders be called for the construction of the SES Headquarters building.

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