



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

<b>DSDS1</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY ALLOCATION &amp; NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS</b>
<b>FILE: 563 RFK</b>	<b>{ Folio No. * }</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the use of the Environmental Levy allocations to attract external funding and undertake Natural Resource Management projects and programs within the Shire.



The following table outlines projects initiated and implemented in Kempsey Shire developed through the Macleay River Floodplain Project and other associated Natural Resource Management programs. The table also provides information on where Environmental Levy allocations have been used to undertake Natural Resource Management projects and amounts of external grant funds attracted.

Please note: the information provided in the following table is in addition to projects and programs detailed in April 2006 Report to Council.

Since the commencement of the Environmental Levy allocations approximately \$195,000 of the levy allocations has been used to undertake natural resource management programs. This allocation has attracted a further \$195,000 of grants funds to assist Council in its natural resource management program. It should also be noted that Council's commitment to funding environmental projects has been instrumental in Council being successful in attracting other funding that has not been required to be matched totalling almost \$1.1 million since 2000.

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Environmental Levy Allocation</b>	<b>Attracted Funds</b>
Killick Creek Estuary Management Plan	2004	Estuary management	30,000	30,000 (DLWC Estuary Program)
Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan	2004	Estuary management	30,000	30,000 (DLWC Estuary Program)
Macleay River Floodplain Project	2006	Floodplain & wet land rehabilitation	35,000	20,000 (NRCMA)
Macleay River Floodplain	2006	Boyers Lane Vegetation		5,000 (NRCMA)

Project		Buffer		
Macleay River Floodplain Project	2006/07	Smithtown Park River Bank Restoration		20,000 (Nestle - pending)
Acid Sulfate Soils Officer	2005/06	ASS remediation	34,000	90,000 (NRCMA)
Beachwatch	2004/06	Water quality monitoring and reporting	66,000	

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*There are significant positive environmental impacts arising from the floodplain projects. The above projects and programs have been developed, implemented and managed for improved environmental outcomes.*

- ***Social***

*There have been no significant social impacts arising from any of the above projects and programs.*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*There have been no significant economic impacts on Council or the floodplain or broader community of the Shire arising from any of the projects described above. Many of the projects have resulted in improved farmland productivity and general social economic gains.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*The Macleay River Floodplain Project, the ASS hotspot Program and all over floodplain projects have been undertaken in accordance with:*

1. *The Lower Macleay Floodplain Management Plan (Aug 1999)*
2. *The Upper Belmore River Floodplain Strategy (July 2000)*
3. *The Macleay Wetlands Management Plan (Mar 1999); and*
4. *All other sites specific Floodgate & Drain Management Plans*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be received.

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