



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

13th June 2006

DCS7	GOODS AND SERVICES TAX
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Department of Local Government requirements in respect of Council's Goods and Services Tax (GST) compliance.



DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Local Government requires Council's to provide a certificate of confirmation in respect of its compliance with the Goods and Services Tax Legislation (GST).

Prior to 30th June 2004 Councils were required to have an independent GST review undertaken, Council engaged its auditors Price Waterhouse Coopers to prepare the report at a cost of \$3,750 p.a.

The Department varied the procedures from 1st July 2004 so as to allow Council to supply a certificate confirming that:

- Voluntary GST has been paid by the Council
- Council's management systems enable the management of Council's GST liability and recoupment of GST input tax credits
- No GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified by or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.

Council has continued to comply with the requirements of the GST legislation including the submission of monthly Business Activity Statements during the 2005/06 year and no matters have been raised by the Taxation Office.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

As per report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide a Goods and Services Tax Certificate certifying compliance with the requirements of the GST Legislation for the 2005/06 year.

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES