



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2006

<b>DSS9</b>	<b>NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS &amp; TRANSPORT CONGRESS</b>
<b>FILE: 19</b>	<b>APV</b> {Folio No. * }

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the 7<sup>th</sup> National Local Roads & Transport Congress.



### **DESCRIPTION:**

The National Local Roads & Transport Congress is to be held in Alice Springs from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

Since its inception in 2002 in Moree, the Congress has played a central role in bringing Local Government together to help shape and define the case for better funding for and management of the roads that constitute the nation's local road network.

The Congress brings together over 400 elected council members, council officers, State and Federal Government senior executives from across Australia to discuss essential information on a wide range of local road issues, including policy, road use, maintenance and funding.

The Congress has rapidly grown into the main annual Local Government transport forum. The Congress was pivotal in the Australian Local Government Association's campaigns for greater road funding as a result of which two key road infrastructure initiatives – Roads to Recovery (R2R2) and Auslink – were announced by the Federal Government.

In the past Council has been represented by the Mayor and the Director Shire Services.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*There are no environmental, social, policy or statutory implications arising from this report.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The full registration cost is \$660 (early bird) or \$880 (standard) per delegate. Travel and accommodation costs are expected to be in the order of \$1,175 per delegate. However, in the case of the Mayor, because of other business commitments preceding the Congress in Sydney and the use of frequent flyer points, travel and accommodation costs will be reduced to \$890.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1 That the Mayor be Council's delegate to the ALGA National Local Roads & Transport Congress.
- 2 That Council determines whether other Councillors attend the ALGA National Local Roads & Transport Congress.

.....  
A P Vermeulen  
DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES