



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th February 2006

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Interim Report of NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 4.



DESCRIPTION:

Council has received an Interim Report of NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 4, "PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES – Ewingsdale – Tintenbar and Ballina – Woodburn".

On the 5 October 2005 Council was advised that the Committee resolved to undertake an additional Inquiry into the Coffs Harbour Region.

Council at its meeting on 12 July 2005 resolved:

That the State Government be requested to hold an inquiry into Pacific Highway upgrades within the area – Port Macquarie to Woolgoolga with similar terms of reference to that of the General Purpose Standing Committee No 4.

That Hastings, Nambucca, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour Councils be invited to support the proposal.

That the members of State Parliament, Messrs Rob Oakeshott, Andrew Stoner and Andrew Fraser be requested to support the proposal."

That the NRMA Motoring and Services Division be requested to advise:-

a) the Terms of Reference, and

- b) *the representation from Local Government, in respect to the Better Roads Panel established to cover the Mid North Coast Region.*

That this matter be raised at the next Mid North Coast Group of Council's meeting and the State and Federal Members be invited to attend this meeting and the Mayor of Coffs Harbour Keith Rhoades be asked to approach the State Minister for Roads to attend.

Letters were sent to parliamentary representatives, The Staysafe Committee, NRMA, MIDGOC, and two submissions were made to the NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 4. Replies were received to the letters and submissions were acknowledged.

The Interim Report has not extended the inquiry to include the area from Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour. The only mention is made of Kempsey's submission is an acknowledgement of the two submissions in Appendix 4 of the document.

The report will be tabled at the Council meeting.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental Implications*

There are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- *Social Implications*

There are no social implications from the report.

- *Economic (Financial) Implications*

- *There are no financial implications from the report.*

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

There are no policy or statutory implications from the report.

- *Director's Review*

As per the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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