



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th February 2006

**DSS14 ROAD TO HUNGRY HILL, HAT HEAD
FILE: * MGR**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the results of enquiries with Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) with regard to the maintenance of the road to Hungry Head at Hat Head.



DESCRIPTION:

A report [Appendix C](#) was submitted to Council at its meeting of 13 September 2005 where it was resolved:

- 1 "That the information be noted.
- 2 That Council make enquires with Coffs Harbour City Council regarding the establishment of a Regional Park north of Coffs Harbour."

Council staff spoke with Coffs Harbour City Council staff who advised that there was a "State" park that incorporated two (2) Caravan Parks operated by Coffs Harbour City Council. They advised that the access road to these caravan parks was funded from caravan park income and council funds.

NPWS was contacted and they advised that a Regional Park had a different status to the standard park. The Regional Park allows more activities to occur within the park, eg the walking of dogs, horse riding and four wheel driving through certain sections of the park. Generally there is more latitude with what the public can do.

On the matter of funding road maintenance there is no difference between the different park status. NPWS advised that they cannot spend money off the reserve. It is the Minister's decision to allow any variation to this.

NPWS advised that they are aware of only one (1) precedence where this has occurred and this is in the Coolah Tops National Park where \$50,000 was spent on road maintenance and construction. They advised that such expenditure would be unlikely to occur in this area.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

▪ ***Environmental***

There are no environmental implications from this report.

▪ ***Social***

There are no social implications from this report.

▪ ***Economic (Financial)***

The financial implications from this report are that Council would be unlikely to receive funding from NPWS for the road to Hungry Head.

▪ ***Policy or Statutory***

There are no policy or statutory implications from this report.

▪ ***Director's Review***

Discussions are continuing with NPWS with respect to the land used for road access to Hungry Head.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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