



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS1 ROADS TO RECOVERY
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Roads to Recovery Program 2005/2006.



Council at its meeting on the 12th July 2005 adopted a program of works under the Roads to Recovery Program.

\$80,000 was allocated for the reconstruction of Queen Street, Kempsey, from Nicholson Street to Middleton Street. The work included kerb and gutter replacement, drainage and road rehabilitation.

The existing road pavement, kerb and gutter is badly deformed and is in need of reconstruction. This road forms part of a School Bus Route.

A detailed geotechnical investigation have been carried out which has revealed that significant remedial works will need to be carried out to stabilise the poor subgrade for the pavement. This additional remedial work will require a greater injection of funds than was previously thought. The cost of the project is now estimated to cost \$150,000.

It is recommended that \$75,000 allocated to reconstruct Vernon Street be reallocated to Queen Street to cover the total cost of reconstruction. It is also recommended that the reconstruction of Vernon Street, subject to a detailed design and estimate, be deferred to be considered in 2006 / 07 under the Roads to Recovery Program.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental Implications***

The are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- ***Social Implications***

The social implications from the following recommendation are that reconstruction of the road pavement will improve safety for motorists and for children travelling on School Buses.

- ***Economic (Financial) Implications***

The financial implications from the following recommendation are that \$75,000 provided for Vernon Street project will be transferred to Queen Street project.

- ***Policy or Statutory Implications***

There are no policy or statutory implications.

- ***Acting Director's Review***

The correct reconstruction of Queen Street, including the pavement works, will ensure a more effective resolution, particularly as this street forms part of a school bus route.

The recommendation is supported; however, Council must recognise that such action will defer the proposed reconstruction of Vernon Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That \$75,000 allocated to reconstruct Vernon Street be reallocated to Queen Street to cover the total cost of reconstruction.
2. That the reconstruction of Vernon Street, subject to a detailed design and estimate, be deferred for consideration in 2006 / 07 under the Roads to Recovery Program.

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