



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATE'S REPORT

14th November 2006

DR3	NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE – MOBILE ASSETS
	FILE: 441 TLH {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a meeting held with Rural Fire Service Captains on the proposal to transfer mobile fire assets to the Rural Fire Service.



DESCRIPTION:

At Council's meeting on 10 October 2006, it was resolved:

- "1. That council advise the LGSA NSW that it supports the proposal to transfer ownership of mobile Fire assets and which has financial implications for council's with regard to potential increased contribution including the percentage and quantum.*
- 2. Council organizes a meeting of Fire Captains to discuss this matter within the next 10 days."*

On 18 October 2006, a meeting of Rural Fire Services Captains was arranged to advise them of the proposal to transfer to RFS Headquarters all mobile assets which were under the nominal control and ownership of KSC.

The current system was outlined whereby the RFS and KSC agree on a budget for the operations of the 15 brigades in Kempsey Shire. This includes any vehicle purchases. Of the budget which is then approved by SES Headquarters and advised to KSC, KSC pay a contribution of 13.3% of the total.

The captains understood the position and were assured that their operations would not be altered if the proposal were to proceed. The main change would be that ownership would transfer to the RFS.

If the transfer proceeds, KSC may save the insurance on the 32 vehicles it owns. At \$200 per vehicle this amounts to \$6,400. I believe that KSC may incur an additional overhead charge from the RFS to cover their increased costs.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil.

- *Social*

Nil.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR TERRY L HUNT