



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

18th July 2006

DCS4	SLIM DUSTY CENTRE FILE: 462	GBS
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on proposal for Council to provide financial assistance to the Slim Dusty Centre.



DESCRIPTION:

On 12th July 2006 Council resolved –

“That Kempsey Shire Council make a commitment to become a foundation donor of the Slim Dusty Centre to be built in Kempsey. Our commitment would be \$25,000 which can be paid over a five year period at \$5,000 per year subject to the receipt of an indemnity for the amounts donated.

That the proposal be advertised in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.”

Section 356(2) provides –

“Can a council financially assist others?”

(2) A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days’ public notice of the council’s proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.

The proposal was advertised, and no submissions were received.

Council has not as yet formally resolved to provide the financial assistance.

The General Manager, of Slim Dusty Foundation Ltd, has recently approached Council with regard to its commitment.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil.

- *Social*

The project involves the establishment of a major museum of national significance. The benefits to Kempsey Shire and surrounding areas include employment and economic opportunities, cultural development for musical artists and indigenous talent.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Provision for financial assistance of \$5,000 was provided for in the 2006/07 Budget and subsequent years.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil.

- *Director's Review*

As per Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Slim Dusty Foundation be provided with financial assistance of \$25,000 as Council's commitment to become a foundation donor of the Slim Dusty Centre, such amount to be payable by equal instalments of \$5,000 over the next 5 years subject to the Centre providing an indemnity to refund the amounts donated if the project does not proceed.

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