



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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DSDS6	KEMPSEY SHIRE ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) STRATEGY	{Folio No. * }
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SUMMARY:

Reporting that following the outcome of budget deliberations, the final Kempsey Shire Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Strategy (June 07) has been prepared for Council's adoption.

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DESCRIPTION

The Kempsey Shire Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy was reported to Council for adoption in March 2007. The Strategy was adopted 'in principle' by Council, pending the outcome of budget deliberations in the ensuing months. Following Council's finalisation of the 2007/08 budget and Management Plan, the Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy has been reviewed with the required amendments listed below.

Page No.	Action	Priority	Comment
Not Funded But Still High Priority			
25	2.1.1 Undertake a comprehensive land degradation assessment in the Kempsey Shire.	High	Unfunded action. Estimated funding required approximately \$50,000 over 3 years. Delete from current strategy.
33	3.1.2 Prioritise Recommendations and seek matching funding prior to implementing recommendations outlined in those Estuary Management Plans already prepared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killick Creek Estuary Management Plan; and • Saltwater Creek and Lagoon Estuary Management Plan. 	High	Implementation of Recommended actions in both Estuary Management Plans (EMP) are unfunded. The Estuary Management Plans were prepared as a basis for seeking grant funding for the Identified works.
87	2.1.2 Prepare energy and	High	Unfunded action.

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	water saving action plan for Council.		Estimated funding required approximately \$40,000 over 2 years. Delete from current strategy.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

The Kempsey Shire Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy provides an action plan for protecting, restoring and managing the natural environment in the Kempsey Shire.

- *Social*

The Strategy has been prepared for Council and the broader community of the Kempsey Shire. A successful Ecologically Sustainable Development strategy is one whereby the community embraces and takes ownership of the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development. A community that is fully aware and embraces Ecologically Sustainable Development principles is likely to live more harmoniously and sustainably within the Shire.

- *Economic (Financial)*

The Strategy aims to identify the type of business and industry the Shire wishes to attract for a sustainable future.

- *Policy or Statutory*

There are a number of legal requirements for implementing the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development. The Local Government Act (1993) and Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979) are the main segments of legislation driving Ecologically Sustainable Development.

- *General Managers or Directors Review*

Whilst there is no specific allocations for the Land Degradation Assessment and Water/Energy saving plan, these issues will be addressed indirectly through other planned programs. Upon review of the current plan in 2012, Council's priorities are likely to have altered and, if considered to be a priority at that time, these programs could be reincluded.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council formally adopt the final Kempsey Shire Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy in full.

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