



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

<b>DSS7</b>	<b>RURAL FIRE SERVICE – SERVICE AGREEMENT</b>
<b>FILE: 207 APV</b>	<b>{ Folio No. * }</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the proposal to renew the Service Agreement with the Rural Fire Service for the Lower North Coast Zone

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

In November 2006 the three year term of the existing Twin Rivers Rural Fire Zone Service Agreement between the RFS and Kempsey and Nambucca Councils was extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and is now due for renewal.

The draft new three year agreement was tabled and discussed at the Bushfire Zone Liaison Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Several minor amendments were made to the agreement as a result of those discussions.

Clauses in Section 10 of the agreement relating to cross indemnity have been amended to capture the indemnity concerns raised by councils through the Local Government and Shires Association which has been agreed to by both parties.

A copy of the proposed Lower North Coast District Service Agreement will be tabled at the Council meeting.

As part of the requirements of the Service Agreement, a Bushfire Zone Liaison Committee has been established for the Lower North Coast Zone which covers the Kempsey and Nambucca Council areas.

The Liaison Committee is not a committee of Council or of the Service. The Liaison Committee will:

- (a) monitor and periodically review the performance of the Service Agreement by the Councils and the Service;
- (b) review the following documents prepared by the Fire Control Officer prior to submission and consideration by the Councils:

- (i) the annual budget and business plan; and
- (ii) the quarterly financial and performance reports.

Council is asked to determine its Councillor delegate on this committee. Kempsey Council is currently represented on this committee by Councillor Hunt and by the Director Shire Services.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***Nil***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***There are no financial implications from this report.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1 That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Lower North Coast District Service Agreement.**
- 2 That Council's seal be affixed to the Service Agreement.**
- 3 That the Councillor delegate to the Lower North Coast Zone Liaison Committee be determined.**

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**DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**