



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

12th June 2007

NOM1	REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION
FILE: 135	CLR JACH {Folio No. *}

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday 12th June 2007.

"1. That a report be prepared indicating the benefits of Kempsey Shire Council being a member of the Regional Tourism Organisation and in the event that the outcome is negative, alternative arrangements be put forward for discussion.

2. That the Mid North Coast Group of Councils be requested to include on their next agenda, the relative merits of belonging to the Regional Tourism Organisation and recommend possible alternative arrangements."

NOTE:

Our membership of this organisation has been fraught with problems for many years. It is questionable as to what benefits local government areas, particularly the smaller LAs, derive from this membership.

Some years ago the RTO included Port Stephens in the group which tended to stretch the region almost as far south as Newcastle. Our membership comes at a cost of \$5,000 per annum with the budget for the 07 / 08 being \$6,000.

From time to time there are requests for further funding for particular projects, with the latest being for \$10,000 for inclusion in a food and wine publication. Our official representative, Kathy Oliver, declined the request, indicating that the return to this council area was minimal. There has also been a request for an additional \$500 towards a training day for Tourism Research, which Port Stephens is organising. It is proposed that this day be held at Raymond Terrace.

Meetings are held monthly at Port Macquarie and takes Kathy Oliver out of the office for 7 to 8 hours.

I am the alternative delegate.

Councillors would recall that the structure of the board was altered last year, removing elected members from the board and essentially establishing a board made up of tourism officers / community / industry representatives plus an official member of Tourism NSW.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

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COUNCILLOR J A C HAYES