



## DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

<b>DCCS5</b>	<b>VANDALISM IN KEMPSEY SHIRE – RESPONSE FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE FILE: 657 (340717) MLB {Folio No. *}</b>
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### SUMMARY:

To advise Council of the response received from the Department of Juvenile Justice to vandalism incidents in Kempsey Shire.

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### DESCRIPTION:

In September 2006 Council was presented with a report detailing the vandalism incidents that occurred in the Shire during the 2005-2006 financial year.

Council resolved that the details be forwarded to the Minister for Police, the Attorney General and Minister for Juvenile Justice.

Responses were received from the Attorney General and Minister for Juvenile Justice and a report on these responses was submitted to the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 Council meeting. A further response was received from the Parliamentary Secretary for Police on behalf of the Minister for Police and was submitted to the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 Council meeting.

At the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 Council requested

*"That Council obtain a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NSW Police and the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice."*

A copy of this response is attached at [\(Appendix C – Page J3\)](#).

Whilst the Department of Juvenile Justice has indicated that they are unable to provide a copy of the MOU, they have advised that the MOU provides for an exchange of information about juveniles on a case-by-case basis.

It should also be noted that Juvenile Justice's cliental does not include all juvenile offenders that come in front of the court system. Their cliental is restricted to those juveniles that have been assigned by the court system to Juvenile Justice. Therefore, it is only these offenders that are covered by the MOU.

To form stronger connections between Council and the Department of Juvenile Justice, an invitation has been extended to Tamara Saunders,

Assistant Manager Juvenile Justice Kempsey to participate on Council's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

It is hoped that with the representation from Juvenile Justice on this working party that a more holistic approach can be achieved to reduce the incident of vandalism and anti-social behaviour within the Kempsey Shire.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*There are no environmental implications arising from this report.*

- *Social*

*Vandalism and crime in general has a significant affect on the social well being of the residents of Kempsey Shire and any efforts to improve this situation should be considered.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The report in September detailed costs of vandalism for the last financial year at approximately \$32,000.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Council's policy C21:18 Rewards – Vandalism, provides for rewards of up to \$1,500 for information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for vandalism to Council property. This policy is periodically advertised.*

- *Director's Review*

*The Memorandum of Understanding is considered to be an "internal working document" between two (2) State Government Departments. However, it is clear that it relies upon the Police to activate the exchange of information on a case-by case basis.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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