



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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| DSS1 | ALDAVILLA SEWERAGE SYSTEM FILE: 223 GTS {Folio No. *} } |
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Meeting held with Sherwood Road property owners.

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DESCRIPTION:

At its Ordinary Meeting of 12 December 2006, Council resolved that a meeting be held with Sherwood Road property owners to discuss the options and costs to provide a sewerage service to these properties and that the feedback from the meeting be tabled at a future Council meeting to assist in adopting a suitable option.

REPORT:

The meeting with property owners was held at the Civic Centre on 21 February 2007 between the hours of 5.00 and 6.30pm.

Around 30 residents of the 33 invitees attended the meeting.

A copy of the departmental notes taken at the meeting and forwarded to the invitees is tabled. Some of the residents' questions were answered during the meeting whilst others were "to be advised".

The residents unanimously rejected pump-outs and supported a conventional sewerage system. The residents believed that they should not have to contribute to the additional capital costs to provide a sewerage system to their area. Options for the need to contribute \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$1,000 per year were rejected. This is consistent with their position that such a sewerage system should be part of the shire-wide system at the adopted shire-wide sewerage rate.

In general discussion, the residents vigorously called for the investigation and consideration of alternative septic systems without summarily dismissing such options. An undertaking was given to further investigate this.

General discussion also addressed the potential utilisation of the allotment to the rear of the affected properties, utilisation of the corrective services systems, effluent disposal at the airport and other matters.

Departmental consideration has recently been given to non-conventional sewerage management options that rely on reduced stormwater infiltrations to very small precincts and further progress has been made in the assessment of its feasibility.

It is anticipated that completion of investigations into alternative and non-conventional systems / schemes can be achieved within two months along with detailed estimates of costs for any viable options that are identified on top of those previously reported. In this context, it is further anticipated that a preferred option or a very limited range of options will evolve.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Further investigations within an expanded scope of concern and consistent with the intent of Council's draft ESD policy will assist the underwriting of high levels of environmental protection currently not provided by certain non-compliant septic systems.

- ***Social***

Further investigations will address outstanding community concerns in a consultative way.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Whilst not assured, there is a potential for a lower-cost solution to evolve from consideration of alternative and non-conventional systems / schemes.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Options are assessed in terms of relevant Council policies and Agencies' compliance obligations

- ***Director's Review***

The residents have indicated their rejection of pump-out systems as an option. Further investigations will now be undertaken into alternative septic systems or a low cost sewerage system in order to reduce the capital cost required to provide a reticulated sewerage system to this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That alternative septic system and non-conventional sewerage system options be further investigated.
- 2 That the outcome of further investigations be reported to the May meeting of Council.

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