



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATES REPORT

16th January 2007

**DR1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S
REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM AND
RELEASE OF STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT (SOR)
FILE: 210 CLR JACH {Folio No. *}**

SUMMARY:

On Monday November 27th, 2006, I attended the above forum on behalf of Kempsey Shire Council.

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DESCRIPTION:

Overall, consensus was that numbers were down, even though I consider this forum the most informative and worthwhile part of the ALGA's National Congress. It is historically held on the Monday prior to the Congress' proceedings which begin on the Tuesday.

My report follows [\(Appendix A\)](#), and the full State of the Regions Report (1 copy) is available for perusal by councillors. I strongly recommend borrowing the report and digesting and taking advantage of its findings.

In my evaluation of the forum, I recommended that more focus be placed on the SOR given that it is, in my opinion, one of the most important documents produced which comments on our society.

I thank Council for allowing me to attend this forum it was most rewarding and enlightening.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Council will be well informed of the implications of the S.O.R. report to not only Kempsey but the entire Mid North Coast.

- *Economic (Financial)*

The cost of sending representatives to the forum.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Access to this vital information will assist Council in formulating future policies.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That an elected representative(s) attends the Regional Co-operation and Development Forum each year.
2. That the General Manager be requested give consideration to either himself or his representative attending the Regional Co-operation and Development Forum each year.

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COUNCILLOR J A C HAYES