



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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DSDS7	KEMPSEY SHIRE ESD STRATEGY
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SUMMARY:

Reporting to Council on the progress of implementation of actions listed in the Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy for the period July to December 2008.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy proposes actions over a 5 year planning horizon with a number of actions requiring implementation within each of those 5 years. Implementation of high priority actions commenced immediately following Council's adoption of the Strategy in July 2007. Two previous reports detailing progress on implementation have been provided to Council in January and July 2008, covering the first 6 and 12 months of implementation respectively. During the past 6 months, work has commenced on a number of 'Year 2' actions listed in the Strategy, as well as continuing progress on some actions that commenced in Year 1 (07/08) which have continued into Year 2 (08/09).

Year 2 actions that have commenced during the reporting period (July to December 2008) include:

- Community Environmental Survey.
- Production of environmental education material (brochures).
- Waterwatch Program for Primary Schools.
- Potable water leak detection / prevention program.
- Preparations for development of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan as per Milestone 2 of Cities for Climate Protection Program.
- Drafting of revised Cultural Plan.
- Drafting of Cycleway Plan.
- Drafting of Indigenous Employment Program.

A number of Year 2 actions that have continued from initial work commenced in Year 1 include:

- Drafting of Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management, following on from the koala study that commenced in 07/08
- Completion of Milestone 1 (Greenhouse gas inventory for Council operations & community contribution) and adoption of emissions reduction goals.

- Progression of studies required for the Korogoro Creek and Macleay Estuary Management Plans.
- Residential Land Release Strategy.
- Water saving activities at caravan parks and Councils reserves.
- Implementation of Waste Management Strategy.
- Continued waste education programs.
- Further follow-up rounds of environmental reviews of South Kempsey industrial premises.
- Implementation of key actions of Crime Prevention Plan

A full list of the current status of all actions implemented during the first half of 2008/09, plus those undertaken during 2007/08 are shown in [\(Appendix U – Page G294, Part 2 – Page G298\)](#).

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Implementation of a number of high priority environmental projects as recommended in the Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy are providing for positive environmental outcomes.

- ***Social***

Implementation of a number of high priority social projects as recommended in the Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy are providing for positive social outcomes.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Implementation of a number of high priority economic projects as recommended in the Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy are providing for positive economic outcomes.

Continued allocation of approximately \$15,000 per annum for ESD Implementation over the 5 year planning horizon is recommended to cover the cost of some of the smaller projects, including development of educational material and subscription to support programs such as the Cities for Climate Protection Program.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

There are a number of legal requirements for implementing the principles of ESD. The Local Government Act (1993) and Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979) are the main pieces of legislation driving ESD.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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