



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

3rd February 2009

MM9	AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT "CLOSING THE GAP" FILE: 579 CC:88 MAYOR (NRN) {Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on progress in respect to Council's resolution to facilitate a meeting with representations of Aboriginal organisations

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DESCRIPTION:

On Friday 16th January 2009, Cr Liz Campbell and I met with Mr Mark Hewitt, Indigenous Coordination Centre, Ms Denise Karpny and Robyn McCarter.

Mr Hewitt has proposed that a preliminary meeting be arranged with:

- Council
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- Premier's Department
- Mr P Milner, Regional Development Australia
- Mr W Calcutt, Department of State and Regional Development

to consider how the matter can be advanced for the benefit of the community.

This meeting will be arranged for early February.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The potential benefits for our community particularly the indigenous community will hopefully be significant.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Support of the Federal Government through the Australian Council of Local Government with some of the targets – health, education, employment and housing could be significant.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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J H Howell
MAYOR