



DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DCCS12 DRAFT COMMUNITY DELIVERY PROGRAM
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Draft Community Delivery Program 2010/2015 for Council's consideration.

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In accordance with the Local Government (General) Amendment 1998, (Community and Social Plans), Council is required to develop a Social Plan. Council's existing Social Plan expires in 2009. Notwithstanding the new Regulatory Framework recently announced, Council, whilst in transition into Integrated Reporting is still required to submit a Social Plan to the Department.

In September 2009 the Minister for Local Government, Barbara Perry MP announced The Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009.

"Under the new Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Councils will develop:

- A 10 Year **Community Strategic Plan** outlining local priorities and future aspirations.
- A **Resourcing Strategy**, including asset management planning, a workforce management strategy and long term financial planning.
- A **Delivery Program** every four years. This 'action plan' shows how projects and programs are going to be delivered during Councils term of office."

Council in 2007 developed the Community Strategic Plan – Our 20 year Vision, which documented the goals and aspirations of the community, these are:

- Our Ecological and Economic Sustainability;
- Our Social, Cultural and Community Relations;
- Our Infrastructure;
- Our Relationships; and
- Our Effectiveness, Efficiency and Accountability

The primary focus of the *Community Delivery Program 2010-2015* is on Goal 2 – Our Social, Cultural and Community Relations. This document is a supporting document that will link into council's implementation of a full Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Council is requested to review and adopt the draft Kempsey Shire Council *Community Delivery Program 2010 – 2015* ([Appendix H – Page CCS29, Part 2 - Page CCS39, Part 3 - Page CCS49](#)), after which it will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. The draft *Community Delivery Program* recognises and builds on the many existing Council efforts to promote the wellbeing of their community members and meeting their needs through social planning. The *Program* outlines the strategic direction Council will take over the next four years to address the key social challenges, opportunities and aspirations of the Macleay Valley.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

The Plan will guide Council in identifying and implementing community development programs and activities. Such actions will be integrated into the Management Plan over the next four years.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The Kempsey Shire Council Community Delivery Program 2010-15 has been developed in accordance with the Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Regulation 1998.

After the 28 public exhibition period the program will be submitted for Council consideration after which it will be lodged with the Department of Local Government before the due date of 30 November.

- ***Director's Review***

The Community Delivery Program is a strategic council document outlining Council's engagement methodology in seeking to improve the wellbeing of our residents and providing platforms for community capacity building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the draft Community Delivery Program 2010–2015 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for the required 28 days.

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