



NOTICE OF MOTION

13 October 2009

NOM6	SALEYARDS AUDIT
FILE: 255	SJR (NRN) {Folio No. *}

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2009.

That council engage a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and an audit of the Kempsey Shire Council Saleyards to determine if the complex returns a reasonable income from the monies allocated to its operation.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

Nil

- **Social**

Nil

- **Economic (Financial)**

The budget estimates for years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 show a total loss of approximately \$350,000 for this complex. These funds will be from rates and general revenue.

Council cannot continue to support a business that has not made a profit for at least nine years.

On contacting the following saleyards, Wingecarribbee Council, Singleton Council and Wauchope, which is privately owned, found that all of these return a profit. An audit of our saleyard operations may show where we are going wrong.

- **Policy or Statutory**

If council is looking to acquire funds from relevant government departments an audit and business plan would assist in accessing this type of funding.

General Manager's Note:

Funding is not allowed for in the current budget and the source of funding would need to be identified. It is anticipated that the cost could not be at the higher end of consultancy fees, most likely less than \$10,000.

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COUNCILLOR J C GRIBBIN