

## DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

11<sup>th</sup> May 2004

### DCCS9 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR FEES FILE: C18-16 PJH

#### SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determinations for the 2004/2005 year.



The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal sets the maximum increase in fees for all Councillors in the state each year, after consultation with Councils and the Local Government and Shires Association.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004 the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Tony Kelly MLC announced the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determinations for the 2004/2005 year. The minimum/maximum fees in the relative categories have been increased by 3% for both Councillors fees and mayoral fees.

Kempsey Shire Council is classified as a Category 3 for remuneration purposes along with Councils such as Coffs Harbour, Hastings, Greater Taree and Great Lakes.

A full copy of the Remuneration Tribunal's report will be forwarded to each Councillor as soon as available.

The determination for Category 3 Councils for 2004/2005 is as follows:-

<b>Councillor</b>		<b>Mayor</b>	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$5,875	\$12,925	\$12,490	\$28,215

The Mayoral fee is paid in addition to the Councillor fee.

Council resolved for the 2003/2004 year that the fees payable be the maximum in its category as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

The Draft 2004/2005 budget allows for total Councillors allowances of \$117,500 for the year and a Mayoral allowance of \$28,500. Adoption of the maximum fees in the category 3 will result in Councillors allowances of \$116,325 and a Mayoral allowance of \$28,215. The net affect on the draft budget would be a reduction in expenses of \$1,460.

***Financial Implications***

***Adoption of the following recommendation will provide for total Councillors allowances in 2004/2005 of \$116,325 (draft budget reduced by \$1175) and a Mayoral allowance of \$28,215 (draft budget reduced by \$285).***

***There are no policy or statutory implications arising from this report.***

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That fees payable in the 2004/2005 year for the Mayor and Councillors be the maximum allowed in category 3 as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.**

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**DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**