

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ADVISORY PANEL

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**To: All Local Government Transport Advisory Panel Members (LGTAP)**

This document contains supporting information to assist with the assessment process for the Special Local Roads Program applications conducted by the LGTAP

Contents:

1. Meeting Agenda for 9:30am, Monday 12 May 2008
2. LGTAP Terms of Reference
3. SLRP Overview and Funding Criteria
4. Summary of applications received (spreadsheets), including criteria achievement
5. Copies of applications received

A light lunch will be provided.



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<b>VENUE</b>	<b>LGA House Meeting Room Level 1 (directly in front of Reception) 16 Hutt Street, ADELAIDE</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Monday, 12 May 2008</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>9:30am - 12noon (light lunch provided)</b>

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## AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Executive Report to the meeting**
- 4. Consideration of applications received**
- 5. Considerations for next meeting**
- 6. Closure**

# Local Government Transport Advisory Panel

## Executive Report to the meeting 12 May 2008

### Independent review of the LGTAP process

The LGA recently undertook an independent review of the LGTAP membership and terms of reference. A copy of the review report and recommendations has previously been provided to the LGA State Executive Committee, each Regional LGA and the Metropolitan Local Government Group.

The LGTAP has resolved the following key outcomes in relation to the report recommendations:

1. Regional Training and Awareness of LGTAP Processes  
The LGTAP welcomes invitations from Regional LGA's (or where appropriate the regional transport committee) to attend and provide presentation on the SLRP funding application process and the LGTAP committee recommendation process.
2. Notification of SLRP Funding Submission Outcomes  
The LGTAP acknowledges that there is considerable time delay between recommendations for SLRP funding and subsequent announcement by the respective State and Australian Government Ministers. While it is not appropriate to pre-empt the Ministers' announcements the LGTAP Chairperson will provide all regional LGA's and the Metropolitan Local Government Group with a verbal indication of the final LGTAP recommendations. It is envisaged this notification will be provided annually in early June.
3. Visitation to Councils and Inspection of Roads  
The LGTAP is unable to undertake visitation and inspection of all roads submitted for funding. It is considered that the regional LGA prioritisation process provides appropriate indication of local importance. However the LGTAP will consider inspection of specific roads on a "case by case process".
4. Funding of Road Maintenance Applications versus Road Construction Applications  
The current LGTAP policy for funding of SLRP applications has been focussed on construction and sealing of new roads, as opposed to maintaining (resealing) existing roads. This policy will be reviewed in accordance with new approaches to financial sustainability principles in time for the 2009-10 application process.
5. Strategies to Deal with Councils Unfairly Disadvantaged by the Focus on Freight  
Regional LGA's and the Metropolitan Local Government Group are to be requested to separately identify the priority rating for each regional road funding application within each specific category (Freight, Tourism, Social).

### LGTAP

2007/2008 has been somewhat busier than in recent years, due in part to a review of the Panel process and increased interest by Regional LGAs to understand the administrative process of assessment of SLRP submissions. This has included inspection of Bald Hills and Bower Boundary Roads. The Chairman Mayor Brian Hurn and David Hitchcock have also attended regional transport committee meetings to explain the SLRP process.

A letter advising of the call for submissions was previously sent to all Regional LGA's, all Councils and the Metropolitan Local Government Group (MLGG). The letter outlined the requirement for Councils to submit SLRP applications to their respective Regional LGA, or the MLGG for metropolitan Councils, to enable determination of regional strategic priorities.

Applications for the Regional Local Government funding submissions for the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) for 2008-09 closed 28 April 2008. 52 submissions were received which are seeking funding of \$17.6 million. The quantum of funds available for 200/09 will not be known until the Federal Budget is announced sometime around 15 May 2008.

10.3 million was available for allocation in the 2007/08 SLRP.

The LGTAP is required to provide advice of its recommendations to the SA Local Government Grants Commission and subsequently the Federal Minister for Transport by the end of June 2008

### **Assessment of Submissions**

Submissions are to be assessed utilising the Roads Infrastructure Database which includes assessment of the primary purpose of the road and priority with other roads as identified by respective Regional LGAs. Primary purposes include the categories of Freight, Tourism, and Social.

As in previous years the panel will be required to recommend funding allocations to the submissions received. A summary spreadsheet which includes criteria achievement has been prepared to assist in the assessment process. See attached

In considering the submissions the Panel has historically noted the following policies:

- Continuing projects will receive priority for funding;
- Funding shall only be recommended for on road outcomes not design concepts;
- Councils are to financially contribute to the projects on the basis of 50% Metropolitan and 33% Rural;
- Councils that have not previously expended previous SLRP funding allocations are to make deductions of interest earned from the unspent monies from any future submissions.