



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ADVISORY PANEL

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<b>VENUE</b>	<b>LGA House Meeting Room 1 Level 1 16 Hutt St ADELAIDE</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Thursday 30 April 2009</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9am – 10.30am</b>

### **AGENDA**

The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate discussion and establishment of appropriate Special Local Road Program policy to assist with consideration of Regional LGA funding submissions.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Update on 2009/10 SLRP application process**
4. **Proposal to reduce the volume of copied applications provided to LGTAP members prior to LGTAP meetings:**
  - **It is proposed to only provide LGTAP members with a summary of the applications received with future agendas and have a complete set of applications available at the actual meeting for reference as required.**
5. **Report/update on the John Olson, HDS, project to**
  - **assess the feasibility of updating the roads data base or otherwise to assess financial sustainability of road funding applications**
  - **consider issues relating to limitation of administrative cost components that might be claimed in SLRP applications**

6. Consider implications of applications by Councils for budget over- runs on previously funded continuing projects.
  - Laura to Orroroo Road ( John Olson has been asked to provide a view on the costings )
  - Gawler/Murray Street
7. Considerations for next meeting 13 May 2009
8. Other business
9. Closure

## **General Back Ground on Agenda Items**

### 3. LGTAP Review by Janet Binder – Recommendations

1. Training and awareness sessions are provided to Councils and the regions on the overall LGTAP assessment process.
2. A review of the notification process be undertaken in order to make the process more efficient and effective for regions and Councils.
3. LGTAP as part of its assessment process visit Councils and the roads in question to get an understanding of the issues.
4. A policy position is determined with regard to the issue of maintenance versus construction particularly when considering the impact of financial sustainability on Councils.
5. Consideration is given to developing strategies to deal with what is seen as a process that disadvantages Councils with predominantly tourism roads, for example Councils such as Kangaroo Island Council.

### 4. Funding Submissions from Councils

The panel has previously resolved that:

4. a. Further work is required to develop guidelines for LGTAP and Councils on standard financial and project costs which could be included in the application details. This should particularly address the application of administration costs;

4.b Further consideration will also need to be given on the application of Financial Sustainability concepts around capacity of Councils to maintain funding and maintenance of long term projects; this might be achieved by finalising the “second half” or engineering component of the roads data base to assist with considering the funding applications. This component is not currently active within the data base process .

4. c. Only one application for any road will be considered and Councils must submit their funding applications to the “primary” region they are constituted to be a member of;

4.d. It is not appropriate to provide funding over extended time frames eg 10 years and where possible Councils will be encouraged to reduce funding requests to more appropriate time frames eg 3 to 5 years ; and

### 5. LGTAP Administration of applications

Currently LGTAP invites regional funding applications in February / March of each year. However regional LGA's generally commence their process with Councils in October/ November of the preceding year. This causes confusion with Councils when the LGTAp letter arrives and involves unnecessary administration procedures.

Additionally regional LGA transport committees have a rigorous assessment process which is duplicated at the LGTAP consideration process. Opportunity exists to reduce the supporting information to be supplied in submissions to LGTAP and the need for reproducing multiple copies of the information to the LGTAP members.