

Notes from the LGTAP meeting Thursday 30 April 2009

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate discussion and establishment of appropriate Special Local Road Program policy to assist with consideration of regional LGA 2009/10 funding submissions.

Present

- Mr. Brian Hurn (Mayor of Barossa Council) as chair and a member from a country Council,
- Mr. Kym McHugh (Mayor of Alexandrina Council) as a member of the LGA State Executive Committee
- Mr. Wally Iasiello (Director of Technical Services, City of Port Adelaide Enfield) and as a member from a metropolitan Council
- Mr. David Hitchcock as delegate of the Executive Director of the LGA;
- Ms. Jane Gascoigne as nominee of the Minister for State/Local Government Relations;
- Mr. Mark Elford as nominee of the Minister for Transport; and
- Mr. Peter Illie, Executive Officer, SA Local Government Grants Commission as observer

The Chair Mayor Brian Hurn welcomed Mr Peter Illie, Executive Officer of the SA Local Government Grants Commission as a participating and continuing observer to the panel.

Mr David Hitchcock, LGTAP Executive Officer, advised that all regional LGAs had provided advice of regional SLRP funding priority submissions. Final deliberation on the applications will be considered at the next meeting scheduled 13 May 2009.

The LGTAP then discussed the following issues

Application details to LGTAP members

It was resolved that LGTAP members would receive the first 4 formal application pages of road funding applications plus a location map of the road, rather than a complete copy of everything received.

Mark Elford and Jane Gascoigne to be provided with a complete copy of all applications

A complete copy of all applications will be provided at the LGTAP meetings for reference as required from time to time

Assessing the Financial Sustainability of road funding applications

The meeting received copies of correspondence from John Olsen of HDS which provided comment on possible options how LGTAP might require Councils to:

1. Indicate how whole of life costs of proposed projects have been incorporated in Council infrastructure and asset management plans.
2. Detail and limit the level of administrative components that might be claimed in SLRP funding applications.

Budget overruns on previously funded projects.

It has been LGTAP policy, subject to regional LGA support, to support applications for budget overruns on previously funded projects. However a number of recent applications have requested material increases.

Recent roads requiring further consideration by LGTAP include the Laura to Orroroo Road and Ferris Mc Donald road.

The panel considered and discussed correspondence from John Olsen HDS which provided analysis of the projected cost over runs on the Laura to Orroroo Road.

It was agreed that further work be undertaken to facilitate development of a suite of new documents to ensure transparency and probity of the SLRP funding process. In particular status reports, verification of project cost estimates and acquittal reports

Heritage Drive

It was noted that Heritage Drive, Copper Coast had inadvertently missed the regional LGA submission process. The panel also noted that it was a continuing project. It was decided that direction would be taken from the Central Regional LGA on the suitability of including the application in the 2009/10 process.

Berri Barmera Council

The Berri Barmera Council had requested opportunity to meet with LGTAP to advise of required alterations to a previously funded project to seek approval for modification to overcome current difficulties. The panel requested more information for the next meeting to enable further consideration.

Metropolitan Transport Strategy

The panel noted that the Metropolitan Transport Strategy had not yet been completed and Mr Barry Parsons, Executive Office, Metropolitan Local Government Group (MLGG) was invited to attend the next meeting to present an update on the status of the project.

2009/10 SLRP Applications

Preliminary consideration was given to the 2009/10 SLRP applications. It was noted that 52 applications seeking funds of \$21million had been received. The amount of funding available from the 2009/10 SLRP is not yet known. \$10.6 million was available in 2008/09. Determination of 2009/10 recommendations will be undertaken at the 13 May 2009 LGTAP meeting.

Date of next meeting 2.30 pm 13 May 2009

| Action Items Meeting 30 April 2009 | Status |
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| Application details to LGTAP members | Will be available for next meeting |
| Assessing the Financial Sustainability of road funding applications | Requires further discussion at next meeting |
| Budget overruns on previously funded projects | Requires further discussion at next meeting |
| Status reports, verification of project cost estimates and acquittal reports | Have contacted HDS to ascertain if they can develop the documents required. |
| Heritage Drive | Central LGA confirms support as continuing project. Copper Coast Council will provide 2009/10 application for the next meeting |
| Berri Baramba Council | Emailed Berri Baramba for more details of proposal to be considered at next meeting |
| Metropolitan Transport Strategy | Mr Barry Parsons has confirmed attendance at the next meeting |
| 2009/10 SLRP Applications | For consideration at next meeting |