

ADDENDUM REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY COMPLEX, LIBRARY LANE HOLBROOK ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2021

OFFICER'S REPORT – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

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ENGINEERING

1. FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 3

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REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to prioritise road projects for future rounds of the Fixing Local Roads program

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective Our development and maintenance is sustainable, environmentally responsible, accessible and enjoyed by our community.

Outcome 4.1 Infrastructure and facilities meets the needs of our communities.

DISCUSSION

Council has been advised that a further round of the Fixing Local Roads Program will open shortly with a possibility of a further two rounds to follow.

Fixing Local Roads is a program funded by the NSW Government to support councils in the repair and maintenance of local roads.

Program guidelines have previously stated that a 25% co-contribution from Council is required for all projects.

Council has been successful so far in obtaining the following funding under the program:

Round 1

- Cummings Road 6km Reconstruction and widening -Grant \$1,667,683 + Council Contribution \$555,985 – Total Project \$2,223,578 – Recently completed
- Fellow Hills Road 4km Reconstruction and widening – Grant \$1,044,849 + Council Contribution \$348,284 – Total Project \$1,393,133 – to commence in July 2021

Round 2

- Gerogery Road 4.5km Reconstruction and widening – Grant \$1,959,911 +Council Contribution \$653,304 – Total Project \$2,613,215 – to commence in 2021/22.

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FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 3 [CONT'D]

Council also submitted unsuccessful grant applications in Round 2 for:

- Henty Cookardina Road Reconstruct and Widen 6km - Grant \$2,192,271 + Council Contribution \$730,757 – Total Project \$2,923,028
- Brocklesby – Balldale Road Construct and Seal 7.25km - Grant \$2,814,735 + Council Contribution \$938,245 – Total Project \$3,752,980

Management has previously prioritised roads for this program that are included in Council's Delivery Program or highlighted in Council's Road Strategy for upgrading.

When submitting multiple projects in funding programs the NSW Government is now also requesting Council prioritise projects in order of importance.

Apart from the two projects that were unsuccessful in Round 2, it is considered by management that along with these projects that a further three projects be submitted for consideration as part of future Fixing Local Road programs.

The three further projects to be submitted are:

- Benambra Road 5.5km Reconstruction/Construction and Sealing from Weeamera Road to Cummings Road Approx Cost \$3.1m
- Burrumbuttock – Walla Walla Road 12.6km Widening from Burrumbuttock to Walla Walla Approx Cost \$1.9m
- Bungowannah Road 9.9km Reconstruction and Widening from Jelbart Road to Ferguson Road Approx Cost \$5.4m

Management considers priority for Council projects are:

1. Henty Cookardina 6km Road Reconstruct and Widen \$2.9m
2. Brocklesby – Balldale Road 7.25km Construct and Seal unsealed section \$3.8m
3. Benambra Road Reconstruction/Construction and Sealing 5.5km from Weeamera Road to Cummings Road \$3.1m
4. Burrumbuttock – Walla Walla Road 12.6km Widening from Burrumbuttock to Walla Walla \$1.9m
5. Bungowannah Road 9.9km Reconstruction and Widening from Jelbart Road to Ferguson Road \$5.4m

BUDGET IMPLICATION

As stated a 25% contribution is considered a requirement under the guidelines and must be committed with any project submissions. As the Fixing Road Program is likely to require projects to be completed in a short time frame, Council's future roads program will likely have to be altered to accommodate successful projects

CONCLUSION

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Following the completion of this report the Fixing Local Road Round 3 Program was opened.

In the guidelines was a new requirement that a maximum limit of \$3 million of state contribution per council per application (for an individual road project).

Due to this requirement the author has now split up some of projects to meet the requirements but have kept the priority list the same. See below.

1. Henty Cookardinia Road 4km (Third Avenue to Woods Road) Reconstruct and Widen including floodway \$2.0m
2. Henty Cookardinia Road 3.5km (Woods Road to HFD Eastern Carpark Entrance) Reconstruct and Widen \$1.5m
3. Brocklesby – Balldale Road 4km Construct and Seal unsealed section (0-4km) \$2.0m
4. Brocklesby – Balldale Road 3.25km Construct and Seal unsealed section (4km - 7.25km) \$1.6m
5. Benambra Road Construction and Sealing 3.2km from Weeamera Road to 3.2km west towards Cummings Road \$2.1m
6. Benambra Road Reconstruction 2.2km from 3.2km west of Weeamera Road to Cummings Road \$1.0m
7. Burrumbuttock – Walla Walla Road 12.6km Widening from Burrumbuttock to Walla Walla \$1.9m
8. Bungowannah Road 3.3km Reconstruction and Widening from Jelbart Road to 3.3km west of Jelbart Road \$1.8m
9. Bungowannah Road 3.3km Reconstruction and Widening from 3.3km west of Jelbart Road to 6.6km west of Jelbart Road \$1.8m
10. Bungowannah Road 6.6km Reconstruction and Widening from 6.6km west of Jelbart Road to Ferguson Road \$1.8m

The Henty Cookardinia Project was also lengthened following a review of the scope of the project extending the roadworks from the western carpark entrance to the Henty Field day's site to the eastern entrance to the site (additional 1.5km).

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Due to the need to split the projects this has created an extended list of projects and it is highly unlikely that any more than one project will be approved. It is therefore recommended by the author that only the first four projects be considered for funding under the program due to the extensive work required to submit each application.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following projects be lodged in Fixing Local Roads Program Round 3 in the priority of:

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