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13/1/19

Greater Hume Council
39 Young Street
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Dear Building and Development Department,

Walla Motoring Club INC are submitting a development application for the addition of a verandah and deck to our clubhouse in Walla Walla.

We are a not for profit Community group so we would like to kindly ask if Council could waiver the fees normally associated with such an application.

Kind Regards

David Graham
Secretary
0411041602

Project: Glenellen Solar Farm
Phone: (02) 4013 4640
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17 October 2018

Steve Pinnuck and Colin Kane
Greater Hume Council
PO Box 99
Holbrook NSW 2644

Dear Steve and Colin,

RE: Glenellen Solar Farm Local Government Contributions

I write to you to outline the proposed contribution by the Glenellen Solar Farm to the Greater Hume Council. I have previously raised the concept of the local government contribution with yourselves in meetings and discussions during the early development phase (July-August 2018) and with the Greater Hume Council's Councillors during a workshop on 3 October 2018.

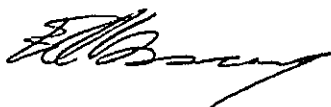
I understand the topic of development contributions for Major Projects defined by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (NSW) (EP&A Act) is one which the Greater Hume Council is currently discussing with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). I acknowledge in previous discussions we have presented our position that the Glenellen Solar Farm would be willing to negotiate entering into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with the Greater Hume Council, rather than being levied consistent with the Greater Hume Council's position of section 94a contributions under the EP&A Act (now section 7.11 of the renumbered EP&A Act).

Our proposal is that the Glenellen Solar Farm enter into a VPA with Greater Hume Council which:

- Would comprise an amount equal to 1% of the project's capital investment value;
- This amount would be funded over equal payments spread over ten years;
- Amounts over the initial period (term to be agreed with Council) would be specifically set aside as a contribution to the Jindera Multi-Purpose Centre capital works (similar to a 'Town Hall' type community space); with
- The balance of funding amounts to be allocated by Council across the LGA.

We look forward to discussing this further with you and the Greater Hume Council's Councillors.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Mounsey
Chief Operating Officer
CWP Renewables Pty Ltd


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FW: Glenellen Solar Farm - VPA Discussions

From : Steven Pinnuck (SPinnuck@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

To : Jeanette Ross

Sent : 11 April 2019 08:20:46

Inline Attachments :  image001.jpg (36KB)

Good morning Jeanette

Can you register this please and action to Colin.

Regards

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From: Matthew Flower [mailto:Matthew.Flower@cwprenewables.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 April 2019 9:33 PM

To: Steven Pinnuck; Colin Kane

Cc: Ed Mounsey; Thomas Behrendt

Subject: Glenellen Solar Farm - VPA Discussions

Dear Steve and Colin,

We refer to your email of 26 February 2019 in which you attached a letter informing us of the Council motion to accept in-principle a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) from Glenellen Solar Farm Pty Ltd, subject to project planning approval being received, and to the conditions we requested. In response to the letter, we provide the following points in response:

- We are aligned in the amount being 1% of Capital Investment Value (which we note has not yet been declared but will be as part of the Major Projects application process to NSW Department of Planning and Environment).
- The offer was for 10x equal payments, however we note that the Council has requested that \$500k is provided as the first year's initial payment, then residual spread across 9x equal payments indexed to CPI. We can meet this request on the condition that the first year's \$500k is directed to the purpose of the Jindera multi-purpose centre. We reiterate our commitment to the expenditure on this infrastructure as it is directed towards providing the residents of Jindera with a tangible community asset, rather than the money being diluted across the Council's general infrastructure commitments.

- CPI indexation could be contemplated in the VPA.
- We accept that the VPA is in lieu of a s94A contribution.
- Pending discussion and agreement on the above, we will discuss the further requests relating to writing to the Minister, and noting the VPA in the EIS.

We look forward to progressing discussions on this matter.

Matthew Flower

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Our Ref: CK:SG

Mr E Mounsey
Chief Operating Officer
CWP Renewables Pty Ltd
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NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Mr Mounsey

REQUEST BY CWP RENEWABLES FOR COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED GLENELLEN SOLAR FARM

I refer to your letter dated 17 October 2018 which offered to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Greater Hume Council under Part 7 Subdivision 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

A report on the offered VPA was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held in November 2018 where Council deferred consideration until the February 2019 Ordinary Meeting wherein the following resolution of Council was made:

5186 AMENDMENT

[Meyer/Osborne]

In the event that the Glenellen Solar Farm development is approved by NSW Planning and in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and to respond to the CWP Renewables request for Council to enter in a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), Council resolves the following:

- 1. Subject to negotiation of a suitable VPA with CWP Renewables, Council agrees to receive a 1% contribution of the capital investment value of the Glenellen Solar Farm under the following terms:*
 - The agreed initial payment will be \$500,000;*
 - The balance payable in equal proportions over nine consecutive payments, each payment indexed for CPI from the base year;*
 - The payment of the contribution to Council under VPA is made in lieu of a contribution under the Greater Hume Council S94A Levy Development Contributions Plan 2017.*
- 2. Council and CWP Renewables write to the Minister advising of the in principle VPA requesting in accordance with Section 7.7(3) of the EPA Act 1979 that the VPA be entered into as a condition of any subsequent development consent.*
- 3. CWP Renewable be requested to mention the existence of the in principle VPA as a commitment in a Statement of Commitments.*
- 4. It should be noted that the VPA will only come into effect should approval for the Glenellen Solar Farm be granted by the Department of Planning and Environment.*

ANNEXURE 2

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In consideration of Council's resolution, it is requested that CWP confirm that it intends to proceed with the Voluntary Planning Agreement as outlined above so that progressing the VPA further can be coordinated.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on 6044 8928 or via ckane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully



Colin Kane

Director Environment & Planning
GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL

26 February 2019



Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie

Deputy Leader of The Nationals
Minister for Regional Services
Minister for Sport
Minister for Local Government and Decentralisation
Senator for Victoria

Cr Heather Wilton
Mayor
Greater Hume Council
PO Box 99
HOLBROOK NSW 2644

Dear Mayor

Mobile Black Spot Program – Round 5 opened for applications

The Liberal and Nationals Government has opened the competitive assessment process for Round 5 of its Mobile Black Spot Program (the Program) and is calling for applications from Mobile Network Operators and Mobile Network Infrastructure Providers. The Greater Hume Council's region includes areas classified as non-Major Urban, which are eligible for consideration under the Program.

As you may be aware, the Liberal and Nationals Government has committed \$380 million to the Program to invest in telecommunications infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia. The Program is highly successful and is supported by co-contributions from state and local governments, Mobile Network operators (Optus, Telstra and Vodafone), businesses and local communities. Including co-investment, total Program funding to date is more than \$760 million.

This is delivering 1,047 base stations across the country. Currently, more than 680 base stations are on air, with all base stations expected to be delivered by 30 June 2020.

On 20 March 2019, I announced that an additional \$160 million had been allocated for Rounds 5 and 6 of the Program, with \$80 million allocated to Round 5. Round 5 will again target Public Interest Premises, including economic centres, emergency services facilities and educational facilities.

The Round 5 Program Guidelines were published on the Government's GrantConnect website on 5 April 2019. Applications are due by July 2019. As part of the application process, registered applicants will be provided with the National Mobile Black Spot Database (the Database) which was recently updated during Round 4. This will assist them to identify possible locations, however it is important to note that locations do not need to be registered in the Database to receive funding under the Program.

Past experience has shown that when a local council engages with Mobile Network Operators it increases the likelihood that a base station application will be put forward in its area.

I would encourage you to engage with the Mobile Network Operators to identify areas that would benefit from funded base stations.

A key success to this Program has been the funding co-contributions by state governments and third-parties. You may wish to consider whether the Greater Hume Council could offer a financial or in-kind contribution to encourage a proposal, though this is not a mandatory requirement of the Program.

Please contact the Department of Communications and the Arts if you require the appropriate Mobile Network Operator contact details for your area. The point of contact in the Department for further information on Round 5 is MBSRound5@communications.gov.au.

I look forward to your support for this important Program which is delivering improved mobile coverage to regional and remote Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bridget McKenzie', enclosed within a circular scribble.

BRIDGET MCKENZIE

RP-6 REROC MEMBERSHIP**General Manager:** Peter Thompson**Summary:**

Wagga Wagga City Council is currently a full member of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC). Council is also an associate member of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO). The REROC provides various operational forms of support to member Councils, however few of these provide any value to Council. This report reviews the benefit to Council accruing from its membership of REROC.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a discontinue its membership with the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) at the end of the 2018/19 Financial Year
- b provide written notice to REROC of this decision and thank them for their support over a long period of time
- c delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate an exit from REROC
- d approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

Report

Background

The Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) is a voluntary association of nine General Purpose Councils and two Water County Councils located in the eastern Riverina region of NSW.

REROC was formed over 20 years ago after a number of Councils operating in the region identified a need to work more closely together. The current members of REROC are the councils of: Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Greater Hume, Junee, Lockhart, Temora, Goldenfields Water and Riverina Water. Snowy Valleys has recently advised REROC that it will be leaving REROC at the end of this financial year.

Wagga Wagga City Council is still a member of REROC, but is not a member of the recently proclaimed Riverina JO (RJO) which is a separate entity. Council is an associate member of the Canberra Region (CRJO) as per the resolution in November 2019.

REROC and the Riverina Joint Organisation

The REROC Board at its February 2018 meeting resolved to form the RJO and adopted a model that allowed for the continued operation of REROC, in its current structure side-by-side with the new Joint Organisation. Council's preference was for a stand-alone JO as per the resolution from the 26 February 2018 Ordinary Council meeting.

The RJO was proclaimed in May 2018 with the following member Councils:

Bland	Coolamon	Cootamundra-Gundagai	Greater Hume
Junee	Lockhart	Temora	

With REROC continuing to provide operational activities to member Councils, it is timely for Council to consider what benefits arise from ongoing membership given the cost of that membership. Below is a breakdown of the general activities of REROC:

- Operational committees / working groups
- Conferences and training
- Campaigns e.g. waste
- Externally funded resources e.g. biodiversity officer
- Specific projects e.g. Southern Lights
- Joint procurement activities

Council staff hold the view that there is little, if any value to Wagga Wagga City Council from these activities. Wagga Wagga City Council resolves its operational issues and demands using resources internally or by direct funding from other levels of government.

Review of Operations of both REROC and the RJO

It is proposed that there will be a review of the operation of the two entities. This review will be by an independent consultant. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to both the REROC and the RJO Boards in early June 2020 after which time the members will determine the future operations of both organisations.

Canberra Region JO (CRJO)

The Canberra region has strong strategic linkages for Wagga Wagga including commerce, transport (particularly airport), tourism and sport. The member councils involved in the CRJO include:

Bega Valley	Hilltops	Upper Lachlan	Eurobodalla
Queanbeyan-Palerang	Goulburn Mulwaree	Snowy Monaro	Yass Valley
ACT Government	Snowy Valleys		

Wagga Wagga is ideally located and is only a two and a half hours drive from Canberra. The broader Canberra Region also offers a dynamic and diverse range of industries running from the Alpine, through the Tablelands and down to the Coast, contributing to an increasingly influential regional economy.

While we are not a full member of a JO, (and do not seek to be a full member) the CRJO associate membership has provided Wagga Wagga with access to JO discussions and initiatives which are offering value. The CRJO have provided invaluable support and connections since our participation, including advocacy for priority projects and setting up meetings with Ministers and key staff.

Recommendation

Staff have conducted an analysis of the benefit to Council from the REROC programs. The conclusion from this review is that Wagga Wagga derives little benefit from the REROC programs, one exception to this statement is the Southern Lights Project however there remains no outcome from this project.

It is recommended that Council discontinue its membership with REROC at the end of the 2018/19 Financial Year and continue to pursue strategic opportunities through the CRJO.

It is also recommended that the Mayor and General Manager continue to negotiate the option of joining the RJO as a full member provided the fees for membership are not increased without the agreement of Council.

Financial Implications

The REROC Contribution fee for 2018/19 was \$60,995 (including GST) which has also been budgeted for in future financial years.

If Council's membership with REROC is discontinued, then it is recommended that the budget allocation is set aside for an RJO membership (if required) and a fund for strategic initiatives by Council.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Act 2017 No 65

Whilst the choice to join a JO is voluntary, the NSW Government has supported JO's that comprise membership from councils within the mandated State Planning Regions.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We have leaders that represent us

Risk Management Issues for Council

It is anticipated that the impact on Council operations as a result of leaving REROC will be minimal. Council has the resources at its disposal internally and through the CRJO to cover the functions under the auspice of REROC. There are a number of activities that are not restricted to REROC members which we may opt into and Council is already working in partnership with the CRJO and RAMJO on other projects.

If Council is not part of the RJO there is a risk that the city of Wagga Wagga will be included in strategic plans and discussions that Council has no involvement in.

Internal / External Consultation

Council has participated in numerous meetings with the CRJO and have held various discussions with REROC member councils and councils in the greater Riverina Murray

Planning area regarding JO's. Various workshops have also been held with Councillors over the past 12 months.

Internal stakeholders were consulted and feedback was sought on the level of engagement Council currently has with REROC.

K Pascoe
D Tout

RP-6 REROC MEMBERSHIP

19/108 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Tout and D Hayes

That Council:

- a** discontinue its membership with the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) at the end of the 2018/19 Financial Year
- b** provide written notice to REROC of this decision and thank them for their support over a long period of time
- c** delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate an exit from REROC
- d** provide in principle support in becoming a full member of the Riverina Joint Organisation
 - i** delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to finalise negotiations with the Riverina Joint Organisation with the intent of becoming a full member
- e** approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
P Funnell
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

