

14.1: MOTION WITH NOTICE BY COUNCILLOR WOLFE – ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

ITEM 14.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WOLFE

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, writes to the Federal Government and relevant State and Federal parliamentarians to:

- 1. Recognise the successful delivery of the Roads to Recovery Programme by local government since 2000;**
- 2. Continue the Roads to Recovery Programme on a permanent basis to assist local government meet its responsibilities of providing access for its communities;**
- 3. Continue the Roads to Recovery Programme with the current administrative arrangements;**
- 4. Provide an increased level of funding under a future roads to Recovery Programme that recognises the shortfall of funding on local roads of \$1.2 billion annually.**

Councillor's Reason:

The current Roads to Recovery Programme will cease in June 2014. This is an important and popular Federal programme that provides funding directly to local government to address the road infrastructure backlog on local roads and has been very gratefully received by local government and local communities.

Local government's analysis shows that the backlog of needs on local roads remains high and is now about \$1.2 million annually. The size of this backlog means that there is no possibility of local government being able to address the roads needs with their limited funding base.

It is critical to secure the future of the programme to safeguard Councils' ability to maintain their road networks.

The Australian Local Government Association will be launching local government roads to Recovery campaign at the 2011 National Local roads and Transport Congress being held in November 2011.

This campaign needs the support of every Council prior to the launch.

Responsible Officer's Comment (F James)

Councillor Wolfe's motion is supported by the Chief Executive Officer.