



## **BUSINESS PAPER**

# **Supplementary Reports Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 8 February 2023**

**Date: Wednesday, 8 February 2023**

**Time: 4.30 pm**

**Location: Shire Chamber  
Coonamble**

**Ross Earl  
Acting General Manager**

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## 10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 10.1 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY GRANT

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**Annexures:** Nil

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To support impacted communities, the NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Government has announced significant recovery funding to assist disaster declared councils. This funding is provided under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) – Category D. The grant guideline has been previously forwarded to Councillors for their information.

The upper limit of funding is one million dollars, Infrastructure will be preparing a grant application for infrastructure betterment in addition to an area that has been affected from the ARGN 1034 event.

#### BACKGROUND

During the November / December 2021 flood event and the September 2022 event a 1.5-kilometre section of Pilliga Road approximately 2.0 kilometres past the Floodenfield Road intersection has been constantly inundated with flood waters and high velocity overland flow.

This section of road has been under constant traffic management or road closures for over a year due to the condition of the pavement and level of flood waters.

#### COMMENTARY

Council will lodge a project outline to the Office of Local Government, detailing a proposal to remove the causeways along the above-mentioned section of Pilliga Road (MR383) and replace them with culverts. The project would require a detailed civil design and hydrology study to be completed.

The resultant works will allow access to Pilliga and further to Narrabri to be maintained during protracted rain events.

The funding allows for **betterment** of the asset. The amount provided to Council through our application can be complimented with our recent flood relief grant funding which only allows for like for like rehabilitation of existing road infrastructure.

#### (a) Social Implications

The project will allow access to the towns of Pilliga and Narrabri to be maintained during extended wet weather events. This will also allow for the supply of food to Pilliga to be ensured as local suppliers within Coonamble supply foods to the Pilliga township for retail sale.

**(b) Environmental Implications**

The design and sizing of the proposed infrastructure will ensure the capacity and velocity of overland flow is not interrupted and no damming effects are created from the project allowing the current flora, fauna and primary production land is not negatively affected.

**CONCLUSION**

The project submission if successful will deliver a project that will enhance the access to surrounding communities, including the access to and from the Coonamble during inclement weather events.

Council for some sought funding for betterment and this project when completed should clearly demonstrate the benefits

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the information be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council endorse the betterment programme as detailed for submission to the Office of Local Government under the NSW Local Government Recovery Grant.**