

7. Assistance for land development program

The Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council have requested assistance from Council in the preparation of a feasibility study for development of industrial land at Eden.

Group Manager, Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

10 Council staff have met with representatives of the Eden Local Aboriginal Lands Council (ELALC) to discuss development of land owned by the Lands Council generally and in particular industrial sites in Eden. The land is on two sites in Wirriga and Hopkins Streets and is capable of development for industrial purposes.

The intention of the ELALC is to establish a fund for future development of other land owned by the ELALC as well as providing a basis for work generating opportunities and other opportunities for their community. It is seen as a means of generating greater economic and social prosperity for the community.

The ELALC have a planner undertaking work and the request is for assistance mainly in Engineering to finalise the feasibility study. It is estimated that approximately three to four days of staff time would be involved. Plans of the two sites are attached to the report. It is anticipated that one of the two sites would proceed to development initially.

20 The ELALC is not proposing to ask for any further assistance but has expressed an interest in a partnership with Council for the development. If this is to happen it will be the subject of a future report to Council for consideration.

ISSUES

Social / Cultural

The relative small amount of assistance requested could lead to a significant benefit to the local Aboriginal community.

Financial

The staff time involved would amount to around \$1,000 in cost to Council.

Resources (including staff)

30 There would some interruption to staff schedules but it is considered that the additional work could be completed with current resources.

Operational Plan

Consistent with the overall aims of the Operational Plan.

CONCLUSION

The request from the ELALC is considered worthy of support and would demonstrate Council's commitment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Aboriginal community. Further discussions will be held to assess the extent of benefits in a development partnership with ELALC.

RECOMMENDATION

40 That staff assistance be provided to the Eden Local Aboriginal Lands Council in the preparation of a feasibility study for the development of land in Wirriga Street and Hopkins Street, Eden.



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