

## Late Addendum Report

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### REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

### REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

### a25 [E-CM] Kennedy Drive Stage 3 Funding

**SUBMITTED BY:** Roads and Stormwater

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## Supporting Community Life

### LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 2 Supporting Community Life
  - 2.4 An integrated transport system that services local and regional needs
  - 2.4.1 Provide a safe and efficient network of arterial roads connecting neighbourhoods to town centres, employment, shopping, health, commercial and education facilities
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### SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received advice from Roads and Maritime Services that the NSW Government will allocate up to \$3.6 million under the Traffic Efficiency Improvements Program towards the upgrading of Kennedy Drive to four lanes.

This funding will allow Council to complete the third and final stage of the road upgrade project, from Limosa Road to the Cobaki Creek bridge, over two financial years commencing in late 2015/2016.

The works will provide two travel lanes in each direction and include installing new water mains, stormwater drainage, kerb and guttering, road pavement, footpaths, access driveways and roadside furniture.

The upgrade is being undertaken to increase road safety, reduce incidents of contact with overhead power poles, reduce the impact of high water levels during minor rainfall events and reduce road noise.

The approximate \$9 million upgrade has been jointly funded by Tweed Shire Council, the Australian Government and the NSW Government and has been delivered in stages to reduce the impact on residents and motorists in this highly constrained work environment.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council accepts the Project Funding Offer of \$3.6 million (consisting of \$600,000 in 2015/2106 and \$3 million in 2016/2017) from the New South Wales Government towards Stage 3 of the Kennedy Drive upgrade.**

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### REPORT:

On 11 November 2015, Council received advice from Roads and Maritime Services that the New South Wales (NSW) Government will provide up to \$3.6 million allocation under the Traffic Efficiency Improvements Program towards the upgrading of Kennedy Drive to four lanes. \$600,000 has been allocated in 2015/16, and the remaining \$3 million in 2016/17.

This funding will allow Council to complete the third and final stage of the road upgrade project, from Limosa Road to the Cobaki Creek bridge, over the two financial years, with commencement in late 2015/2016.

The works will provide two travel lanes in each direction and include installing new water mains, stormwater drainage, kerb and guttering, road pavement, footpaths, access driveways and roadside furniture.

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Stage 1 of the project began in 2011 with upgrade works from Gray Street to Limosa Road, at a cost of \$2.8 million.

Stage 2 from Gray Street to the Pacific Motorway, began in October 2014 and was completed in April 2015, at a cost of \$2.6 million.

### OPTIONS:

1. To accept the project funding offer.
2. To reject the project funding offer.

Option 1 is the recommendation of the report, allowing completion of this essential road upgrade project.

### CONCLUSION:

This announcement of NSW Government funding for Stage 3 of the Kennedy Drive upgrade is welcome and will allow Council to complete this important project for Tweed Heads West and Bilambil Heights.

### COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

- a. **Policy:**  
Corporate Policy Not Applicable.

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**b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:**

Any costs incurred in excess of the \$3.6 million project funding offer will be drawn from Section 94 Plan No.4 Tweed Road Contribution Plan (TRCP). There are adequate TRCP funds available to cover such contingencies.

**c. Legal:**

Not Applicable.

**d. Communication/Engagement:**

**Inform** - We will keep you informed.

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Attachment 1. Roads and Maritime Services Letter of Offer (ECM 3859826).

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