

5. PROPOSED UPGRADE OF SHEPPERSONS LANE, KIN KIN

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Index	ECM / Subject / 26.07 - Funding - Capital Works ECM / Property /150 Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin (property no 152121)
Attachments	Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report from the Coordinator, Assets and Investigations to the Infrastructure and Services Committee Meeting dated 25 March 2014 and:

- A. Resolve not to proceed with any further planning activities for the upgrade of Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin to a bitumen surface; and
 - B. Continue to monitor the condition and usage of Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin as part of the ongoing management of the Noosa Council gravel road network.
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REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the proposal for the sealing of Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin by Noosa Council.

An existing section of gravel laneway was proposed to be upgraded and sealed with a bitumen surface to facilitate the operation of the Kin Kin Quarry located at Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin based on an offer for cost sharing by the the quarry operator, Neilsens Quality Gravels Pty Ltd (Neilsens). The proposed upgrade of the road was designed by Sunshine Coast Council and resulted in approximately 1545 metres of an 8 metre wide sealed bitumen road formation from the Kin Kin road intersection to the Kin Kin Quarry gate entrance. The works were estimated at the time to be \$1 million.

The offer from the quarry operator to Sunshine Coast Council was to share the costs of the works equally on the basis that council covers the bitumen sealing costs and that the quarry supplies the necessary road base materials at its own cost, with all other costs being shared equally. The decision to accept this offer by Sunshine Coast Council was deferred pending the establishment of the new Noosa Council in January 2014. As a result of this decision the quarry operator, Neilsens, withdrew their offer to share costs of the Sheppersons Lane upgrade.

With the Sunshine Coast Council deferring their decision on proceeding with the project until the new Noosa Council was established, and the withdrawal of cost sharing by Neilsens, the Sheppersons Lane upgrade project was removed from the Sunshine Coast Council capital works program based on the project only being viable with the equal cost sharing from Neilsens.

This project is considered a low priority project and has not been included for consideration for the future capital works program based on the following:

- There is no offer of cost share from Neilsens to proceed with the upgrade of Sheppersons Lane;
- The Kin Kin quarry has not commenced any full time operations;
- Neilsens advised in their decision to withdraw cost sharing with Sunshine Coast Council that they would operate with Sheppersons Lane in its current state;
- The current operating conditions for the quarry operator require “*performance of regular maintenance of roadworks within Sheppersons Lane, including the removal of any materials which may fall from vehicles transporting quarry materials*”;
- Sheppersons lane has very low traffic volumes to be considered a high priority against other gravel roads maintained by Noosa Council; and
- The overall financial commitment by Noosa Council to upgrade Sheppersons Lane, even with equal cost sharing, is not considered financially viable.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil.

Finance & Risk

There are no financial implications to be considered by not proceeding with this project. Council officers will regularly monitor the road condition and usage of Sheppersons Lane Kin Kin to identify any potential risks to road users in the future.

CONSULTATION

External Consultation - Community & Stakeholder

Nil.

Internal Consultation

Departments/Sections Consulted:

Community Infrastructure
Asset Planning & Delivery

Community & Development
Planning & Development

Executive Office
Communications & Governance
Human Resources
De-amalgamation Coordination

Organisational Services
Financial Services
ICT
Property & Contracts