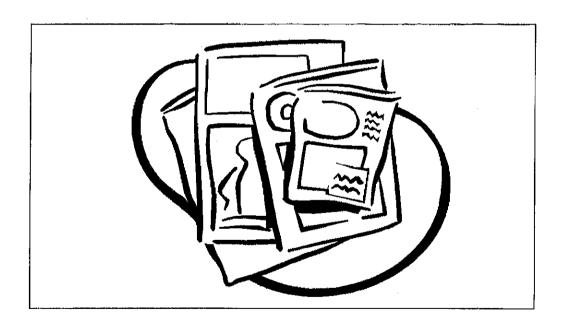


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10.1.1

Change of Purpose of Reserve 26576



REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN SERVICES

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Your ref: reserve 26576

Our ref: 02574/1961 (Job No 142828)
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Shire of Dundas PO Box 163 NORSEMAN WA 6443

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF RESERVE 26576 FROM "RECREATION" TO "DEPOT SITE" - NORSEMAN

Please refer to my letter dated 09 December 2014 regarding the above.

I enquire whether you are now in a position to confirm if the Shire has undertaken a community consultation process in regards to the change of purpose of Reserve 26576 which would include but not limited to a local newspaper advertisement and a letter drop to the surrounding residence to gauge the level of support for the proposed change of reserve purpose or otherwise.

Your early reply would be much appreciated.

Please contact this office quoting the above reference and job number, should you require further information or if you wish to discuss this matter.

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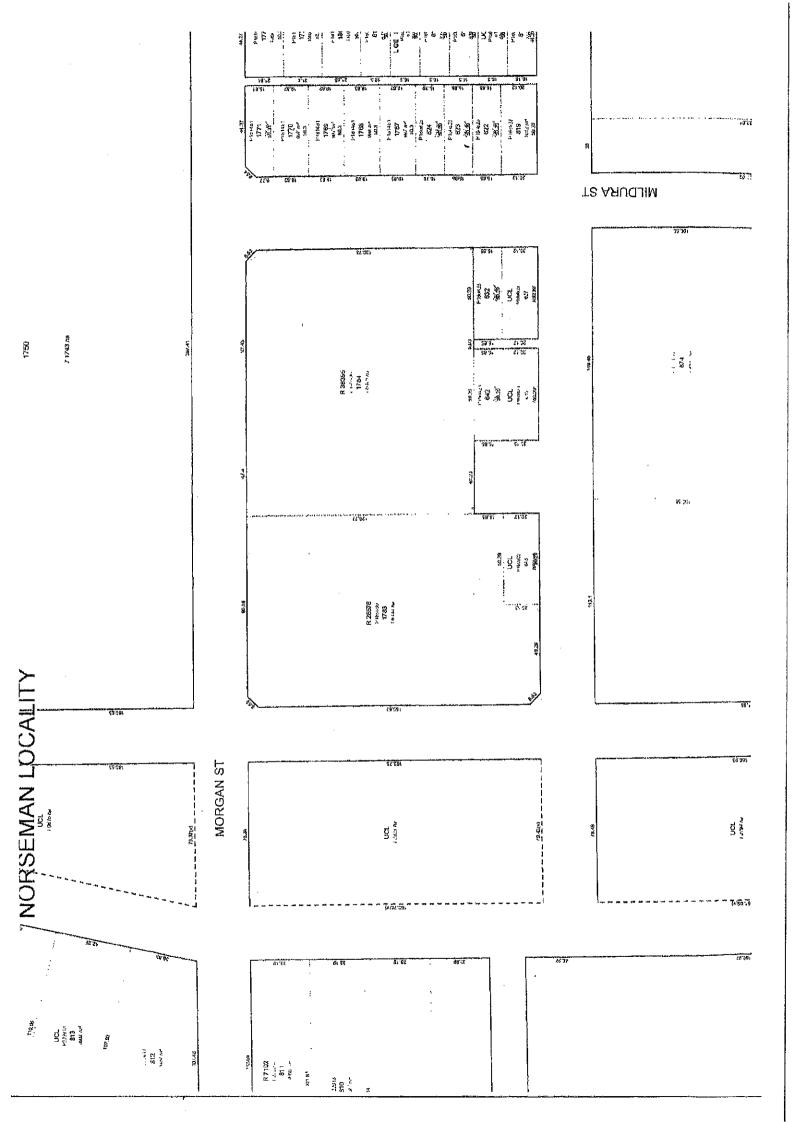
Yours sincerely

HORACE GRAHAM STATE LAND OFFICER

GOLDFIELDS, ESPERANCE AND WHEATBELT REGION

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Voluntary Site Nominations



RICK WILSON MP





4 March 2015

Mr Richard Brookes Chief Executive Officer Shire of Dundas PO Box 163 NORSEMAN WA 6443 PLE
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Dear Mr Brookes

Further to my correspondence on 9 September 2014, the Australian Government has opened the process for voluntary site nominations for a national radioactive waste management facility.

Landholders in all states and territories can nominate land for a facility to safely store Australia's intermediate level waste and dispose of low level waste, under the National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012.

Australia has 4,248 cubic metres of low level and 656 cubic metres of intermediate level waste in temporary storage. The government is committed to taking responsibility for this waste, which is a by-product of world leading medical, research and industrial processes that benefit all Australians.

An Independent Advisory Panel has been established to assist with assessing nominations and advising the Government on which sites may be suitable for a facility.

Sites will be assessed against important criteria and objectives including community well-being; stable environment; environmental protection; health, safety and security; and economic viability.

Extensive public consultation will be undertaken during every stage of the project. Once the nomination and the preferred site identification are complete, the government intends to negotiate with the landholder of the selected site.



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The government will also engage with the community in closest proximity to the selected site and will discuss a package of benefits in recognition of the potential construction and operational requirements of the facility.

For information on how to lodge a nomination and to download the nomination guidelines please visit http://www.radioactivewaste.gov.au/how-lodge-nomination.

Site nominations close at 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Tuesday 5 May 2015;

Yours sincerely

RICK WILSON MP

Federal Member for O'Connor



10.2.1

R4R Norseman Airfield Upgrade Business Case



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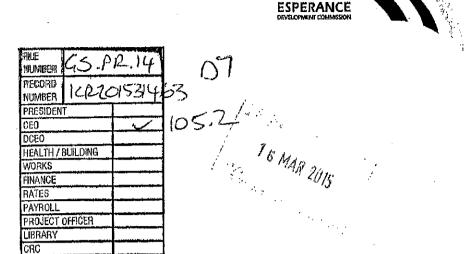
Our Ref. Contact:

04/415/28/09 Janice Kendall

12 March 2015

Mr Richard Brookes Chief Executive Officer Shire of Dundas PO Box 163 NORSEMAN WA 6443

Dear Richard,



GOLDFIELD!

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS - SHIRE OF DUNDAS - DUE DILIGENCE ASSESSMENT - NORSEMAN AIRFIELD UPGRADE

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I refer to the business case submitted to the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) on 13 October 2014 by the Shire of Dundas, for preliminary assessment on a request for funding under the Royalties for Regions (RfR) Goldfields Esperance Revitalisation (GER) Fund.

The Department of Regional Development (DRD) and the GEDC have completed an initial due diligence assessment and the attached document details the areas that require further consideration and attention.

The business case is generally well presented, however, we note the significant scope and budget changes from the Project Summary proposal assessed by the GEDC Board and subsequently supported as a priority. As you are aware, the GEDC requested explanations for these changes, which were duly provided and submitted to the Board for their consideration.

The Board has resolved to agree to the proposed changes. Accordingly, you are invited to submit a revised final business case, addressing the issues raised in the report. The revised business case must be lodged with the GEDC by 30 June 2015 at the latest. The assessment will then be finalised for consideration by the GEDC Board and the GER Advisory Group.

For further inquiries please contact Janice Kendall, Manager of Projects and Policies on telephone 9080 5009.

Yours faithfully

Shayne Flanagan

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Subject: Royalties for Regions Due Diligence Assessment of the Norseman Airfield Upgrade (Shire of Dundas)

Overall comments:

- 1. The budget needs to be clear on the level of mining company contribution. Has any been confirmed? The Business Case would be strengthened by further demonstration of utilisation of the airstrip by mining companies, as this would assist in demonstrating long term operational sustainability.
- 2. Evidence to support that the leveraged funding indicated in the business case is confirmed.

The Shire of Dundas has applied for \$300,000 under the Regional Airport Development Scheme 2015-2017. Records indicate that the Shire also was successful in three applications totalling \$71,102 in the 2013-2015 funding round (for 3 associated upgrade works to the Norseman airfields) yet to be acquitted. This needs to be clarified. Are these funds included in the figures mentioned in the budget and fund mix?

- 3. Are any geotechnical surveys included in the costings, as this can significantly impact on the project budget, and will be a project requirement?
- 4. Evidence to support whether there is Federal funding available to support the project.

Further considerations:

- 1. The timeframe needs to include a contingency for weather, labour/supply shortages and for full tender processes for design and construction to be undertaken.
- 2. The outputs and outcomes need to include base line data to evaluate how the improvements will be measured.
- 3. The project budget needs to be clear on which components are to be funded from which sources. Also, when the grant funding is required would be helpful.

Detail on items requiring consideration and attention where appropriate:

1. Alignment with RfR Policies, Strategies & Objectives

Business case refers to all RfR objectives, but they are not evidence backed.

A revised business case should:

• Improve evidence on how the project achieves RfR objectives. One of the Examples provided under the Growing Prosperity Principle is: 'Induced economic effects from income and employment generated by successful mining operations in the region, which in part depend on the efficiency of the transport infrastructure servicing the mine sites' can this statement be substantiated. Is there base line date to indicate how these economic benefits will be measured?

2. Alignment with Regional WA Policies, Strategies & Objectives

A revised business case should:

Address alignment to Regional Development Trust themes – for example: 'business and industry innovation support'

3. Outcomes & Benefits

A revised business case should:

- Better define or quantify the outcomes and benefits of completing this project. Base line data needs to be included in order to evaluate how improvements will be measured.
- Better outlined how the outcomes relate to the overall project need and what gap will be filled by completing the project.

8. Funding Requirements

The business case sets out proposed funding for the project, with and without mining company contributions, including and excluding contingencies, and with various RADS grant amounts.

A revised business case should bring clarity on exactly what amount of funding is requested and:

- Confirm if and from where the mining company investment will be sourced and how this
 will be offset against the project cost.
- Clarify the RADS contribution. There is evidence that the Shire has applied for \$300,000 RADS 2015-2017. Evidence of this approval is required to ensure that this funding is available and secured. However according to the Department of Transport, Norseman has also been the recipient of the following funds:

1) Upgrade the airstrip signal area to become more distinctive for arriving aircraft (\$3,602)

2) Feasibility and engineering study for the runway, taxiway and apron areas (\$27,500) and

3) Install solar lighting for the runway, taxiway and apron areas (\$40,000).

Total value for the 3 projects (\$71,102).

The amount indicated in the project budget is not consistent with these approval amounts and there is no record of any other funding being received for the project in previous years.

- Indicate if a Federal funding contribution was explored.
- · Clarify if project is ready to proceed if funding approved.

9. Other Relevant Considerations

- Aboriginal Participation will Aboriginal Participation be addressed through the Shire's procurement strategy/local contracting arrangements?
- Capability can evidence be provided to support that the Shire has the skills, experience and capability to undertake this project.
- Sign off the business case requires appropriate Shire sign off.

END



10.4.4

Norseman Today request for Additional Funding

NORSEMAN TODAY NEWSPAPER GROUPLING

PO BOX 22

The Chief Executive Officer Shire of Dundas PO Box 163 Norseman 1st March 2015

Dear Mr Brookes

Norseman, WA, 6443 FILE cs 5p.16 NUMBER ECORD NC 220153161 W.BER 72.3 -Fresident CEO 存在TH 'BUILDAYS li Alvič

At present our community newspaper, Norseman Today, is partially subsidised by the Shire who carry our printing costs up to an amount of \$8,000 per annum. We have now exhausted that kitty and will have to bear the printing costs to the rest of the financial

Our printing costs appear to be excessive when compared to neighbouring shire's costs.

Our managing committee has recently undertaken a survey of how local community papers operate. The survey results are attached for your information. Out of the 38 shires responding, we are the only incorporated body who have reserve funds of their own.

Norseman Today is also the only newspaper not fully funded by their Shire / Community Resource Centre.

We are a community newspaper and as such, we should be supporting the community in whatever way possible. The Norseman community is a divided one, divided not only by culture but also economically, educationally, age, the list could go on and on. This is no different to any other isolated country town and provides us with an opportunity to become a caring community entity.

Our management committee would like to propose the following to Council and would appreciate your input:

- The shire absorbs all our printing costs
- Norseman Today retains whatever income is generated from advertising, subscriptions, collections and donations.
- A percentage of our reserves and income is set aside into a "Community Trust" account and is used to offset genuine community hardship. This could take the form of educational scholarships to cover school fees or course fees to cater for learning skills for the aged or others, suitable seasonal clothing, food and shelter
- Norseman Today would create a separate committee to make recommendations on community assistance.

Our giving would be discreet and we would not advertise the financial support
aspect but would seek out the needy and research the matter fully before making
an approach to assist.

It does appear from survey results that Norseman Today is in a unique position in to achieve the above role as a true community paper, being able to give something back to the community.

Norseman Today has a monthly distribution of 450 papers which are distributed throughout the Shire including the Eyre Highway. The 450 issues are distributed with very few, if any, returns. We receive ongoing compliments on the standard and quality of the publication and our advertising revenue is growing.

The paper has become more than just a local rag and is doing great things in advertising the town as a good place to visit and stop over.

We believe that we may be in a position to act in areas where the Shire may have difficulty in doing so. Our managing committee includes at least 1 councillor, the Shire's Deputy CEO, the editor and a member of the local community who is on the staff of Norseman District High School as well as local business people.

Our committee estimates that at the present cost of printing, our annual print cost, allowing for 2 special additions should be of the order of \$15,000.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely

Trudi Smith

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On behalf of the Management Committee. NORSEMAN TODAY NEWSPAPER GROUP INC.

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