



BUSINESS PAPER

LATE REPORT

Thursday 17 December 2020
9:00AM
Council Chambers Crookwell

TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL'S VISION

To build and maintain sustainable communities while retaining the region's natural beauty.

COUNCIL'S MISSION

To provide services and facilities to enhance the quality of life and economic viability within the Council area.

COUNCIL'S AIMS

To perform services in a cost efficient, effective and friendly manner in order to achieve Council's Mission in meeting the annual objectives and performance targets of the principal activities Council undertakes on behalf of the community.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation, and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

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General Manager - 17 December 2020

ITEM 14.1 **Taralga Water Filtration Plant Replacement**

FILE REFERENCE **I20/574**

AUTHOR **General Manager**

ISSUE

This report is providing information regarding the fire which destroyed the Taralga Water Filtration Plant and the next steps to the purchase of a replacement plant.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council receive and notes the report as information.
2. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to approve the purchase of a replacement Water Filtration Plant for Taralga water supply without a tender in accordance with *Section 55 (3) (k), of the Local Government Act 1993 - Exemption from Tendering*.

BACKGROUND

On Tuesday, 8 December 2020, the chemical dosing, flocculation, ultra-filtration system and electrical control systems were completely destroyed by an Electrical Fault fire. Without a Water Treatment Plant Council cannot treat the potable water for the township of Taralga and from 9 December 2020 Council is supplying Crookwell Potable (drinking) Water by tanker to the Taralga Water Reservoir to provide the Taralga village with potable water. This is supplied with limited financial assistance from DPIE. Council is attempting to resource a temporary refurbished plant to continue to supply potable drinking water to Taralga.

REPORT

Council has investigated hire or purchase of a replacement plant for the destroyed plant at Taralga. Conversation with hire companies have indicated two issues, most hire plants are for mining water or industrial water, which do not meet the Public Health regulations for supply of potable water. The hire costs for a Council for potable water, with plant establishment and disestablishment fees and the cost of hire for six to eight months would be similar to the purchase price of a replacement plant.

The hire period according to DPIE could be greater than two years, making the cost of hire prohibitive. The plant that was at Taralga is no longer available (to hire or purchase) and any new plant would require alterations to Councils entire plumbing and electrical system to align with the new plant. Council is attempting to purchase a refurbished plant or a new plant based on availability and costs and Council is also investigating any other viable alternative.

General Manager

TARALGA WATER FILTRATION PLANT REPLACEMENT cont'd

Due to the unknown cost and the need to expedite this matter it is requested that Council delegate the General Manager under *Section 55 (3) (k), of the Local Government Act 1993*, the authority to purchase a replacement water filtration plant for Taralga. This authority under the Act allows a contract to be made by Council with a supplier in a case of emergency without being subject to tendering requirements.

POLICY IMPACT

Nil

OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The financial impact of this recommendation cannot be quantified at the time of writing this report. There are many variables or scenarios that require investigation including:-

1. Financial assistance from NSW Government for subsidising water cartage costs and emergency assistance towards funding part of the water plant replacement costs.
2. Insurance value determinations by Council insurance agent - Statewide Mutual Ltd. A property loss adjustor has been appointed and visited Taralga site and inspected the damage on 9 December 2020. Council has lodged a property protection insurance claim.
3. Availability of government grants and council contribution to the cost of replacement of the water plant are unable to be quantified at this time. Council will continue to investigate all avenues of financial assistance that may be available.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil