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Michael Deegan
National Infrastructure Co-ordinator
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Dear Mr Deegan

REVIEW OF REGIONAL TOWNS WATER QUALITY AND SECURITY

Council would like to thank Infrastructure Australia for the opportunity to respond to the above report prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in October 2010.

Council currently provides water and wastewater services to approximately 8,500 consumers in the Shire at three towns and villages and has an annual turnover of \$4,000,000.

Council vigorously support the submissions put forward to Infrastructure Australia by both the NSW Local Government and Shires Association and the NSW Water Directorate.

In Councils specific case to demonstrate to you that smaller regional Councils have the ability to deliver at the highest standards I can advise that the following strategic and operational planning has been completed and guides Councils Service delivery.

- Water & Wastewater Strategic Business Plans
- Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation Study
- Demand Management & Water Conservation Plan
- Drought Management Plan
- Water Quality Management Plan\
- Business Continuity Plan
- Developer Servicing Plans
- Asset Management Strategies

This Strategic Planning complies and exceeds with the NSW Office of Water Best Practice requirements and assists in delivering efficient and relevant water and wastewater services to our residents.

Council is also a participant of the NSW Water Loss Management Program being delivered by the NSW LGSA and Water Directorate.

Council provides data on its performance to the NSW Office of Water on an annual basis and its supplies are regularly tested by NSW Health for water quality compliance.

This Council has a well established record of providing high quality water and wastewater services to its community in conjunction with other local government functions in a way that effectively interlinks planning, resource and environmental management.

The implementation of transferring ownership and management of these services to State Owned Corporations would have a devastating impact on our regional community.

If you require further information please contact Councils Director of Engineering Services, Mr David Byrne, on 02 6455 1800.

Yours sincerely



JOHN VUCIC
GENERAL MANAGER