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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 20 February 2020

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 19th March 2020 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20th February 2020.

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Cr Karin Day
Shire President

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.42pm.

A minute silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former resident who recently passed away:

- Val Criddle

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

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| Cr KM Day | President |
| Cr WJ Huxtable | Deputy President |
| Cr RS Corsini | |
| Cr JJ Jefferys | |
| Cr RA Della Bosca | |
| Cr DL Geier | |

Staff:

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. JC Criddle | Chief Executive Officer |
| Mr AW Price | Manager of Works |

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.45PM – 4.00PM)

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19th December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

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| Moved: | Cr Geier | Seconded: | Cr Della Bosca |
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| 01/02-20 | That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 th December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record. |
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CARRIED 6/0

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20th February 2020**.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Name/Position | Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer |
| Item No./Subject | 9.1.7 CEO Contract Renewal |
| Nature of interest | Officer in Question |
| Extent of Interest | Financial |

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person And Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20th February 2020**.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Name/Position | Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer |
| Item No./Subject | 9.1.8 Merredin & Districts Junior Football Assoc (Colts) |
| Nature of interest | CEO in President on Club |
| Extent of Interest | Impartiality |

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|---------------------------|--|
| Name/Position | Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer |
| Item No./Subject | 9.1.4 Request for Donation – Westonia CRC – Wessy Day on the Green |
| Nature of interest | CEO is CRC Board Member |
| Extent of Interest | Impartiality |

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|---------------------------|--|
| Name/Position | Cr Bill Huxtabler |
| Item No./Subject | 9.1.4 Request for Donation – Westonia CRC – Wessy Day on the Green |
| Nature of interest | CEO is CRC Board Member |
| Extent of Interest | Impartiality |

In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20th February 2020**.



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| Name/Position | |
| Item No./Subject | |
| Nature of interest | |
| Extent of Interest | |

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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|--------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | | |
| Author: | Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services | | |
| File Reference: | F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements | | |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil | | |
| Attachments: | Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts | | |
| Signature: | Officer | CEO | |

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of December 2019 & January 2020. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO **December 2019 \$4,638.29** associated with the purchase of Activ8inet Housing & Office, Fuel, Email Exchange Platform, Kay Retirement Dinner and Refreshments, IICase, Merredin Flowers, Council Ipad Recharge, JBL Speaker @ Pool & Purchase Interest

January 2020 \$1061.57 \$ associated with the purchase of Activ8inet Housing & Office, Fuel, Email Exchange Platform, Screen Display Ports, Industrial Fan Gym, Refreshments & Purchase Interest

Works Supervisor **December 2019 \$834.00** associated with the purchase Folder Tables at Stadium, Contractor Refreshments Xmas Dinner



January 2020 \$-397.92 associated with the purchase \$100 Gift Card, and Refund from Western Power.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.

Policy Implications

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

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|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | | |
| Author: | Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services | | |
| File Reference: | F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements | | |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil | | |
| Attachments: | Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity | | |
| Signature: | Officer | | CEO |
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending December 2019 & January 2020 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
3. Balance Sheet
4. Budget v Actuals Schedules

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2019/2020 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council's activities and financial performance during the reporting period.



Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

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|--------------------------------|---|------------|---|
| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | | |
| Author: | Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services | | |
| File Reference: | F1.4.4 Audit Report | | |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil | | |
| Attachments: | Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report | | |
| Signature: | Officer | CEO | |
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 30th November 2019 is provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regard to Goods and Services Tax.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which has an impact on Council's cash-flow.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$79,154.00 for the period ending December 2019 adopted.

That the GST Reconciliation totaling (Refund \$17,363.00) for the period ending January 2020 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

05/02-20

That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$79,154.00 for the period ending December 2019 adopted.

That the GST Reconciliation totaling **(Refund \$17,363.00)** for the period ending January 2020 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

2. ENHANCED SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WELL BEING

2.1 Facilitate the provision of recreational and leisure opportunities

2.2 Provide facilities and programs for health and well-being needs

2.3 Our children, youth, families and seniors are valued, involved and supported



Financial Implications

A Contribution of up to \$2,000 could be covered under Members Donations or Public Relations accounts.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agrees to contribute an amount of up to \$2,000 towards the Wessy Day on the Green event to be hosted in Westonia on the ANZAC weekend.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca


07/02-20 That Council agrees to contribute an amount of up to \$2,000 towards the Wessy Day on the Green event to be hosted in Westonia on the ANZAC weekend.

CARRIED 5/0

Jamie Criddle, CEO & Cr Bill Huxtable re-entered the meeting at 4.35pm.

9.1.5 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2019

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | |
| Author: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | |
| File Reference: | ES1.6.1 | |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil | |
| Attachments: | Nil | |
| Signature: | Officer | CEO |



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, a local government is required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1st January to 31st December each year against the requirements included in the Compliance Audit Return (CAR).

The completed CAR is required to be presented to Council for consideration and adoption, signed by the Shire President and CEO and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March.

Comment

The Compliance Audit Return has been a mandatory requirement since the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1999, were amended and made applicable from 1 January 2000.

All senior staff have been involved in the completion of the Compliance Audit Return, certifying their actions and that of the Council, relating to the return covering the 2019 calendar year.

Staff involved and included in the process included;

- Chief Executive Officer
- Manager Corporate Services
- Works Supervisor

The Return is to be jointly certified by the Shire President and the Chief Executive and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March.

Additionally, staffing levels in small local governments are such that we do not have the quantum or degree of specialisation available to larger local governments. Hence not every question in the CAR has been “fully” researched as to absolute accuracy. The responses are based on some research and memory and made in good faith.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 13, 14 & 15 – Compliance Audit Returns.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.

9.1.6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DROUGHT ASSISTANCE (DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM)

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO |
| Author: | Jamie Criddle, CEO |
| File Reference: | ES1.6.1 |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil |
| Attachments: | Nil |

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| Signature: | Officer | CEO |
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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

Executive summary

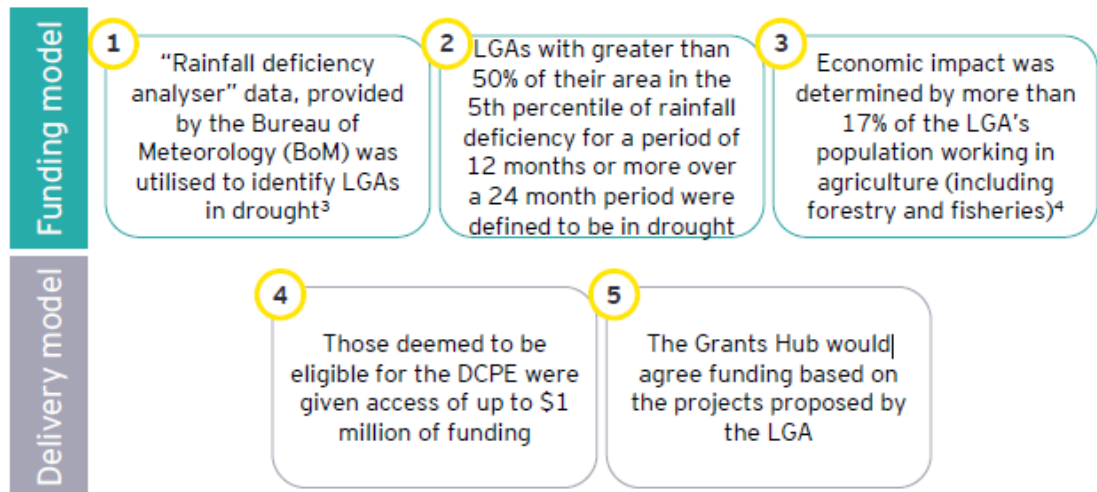
- Drought continues to be an enduring part of the Australian landscape with States and Territories around the country continuing to declare drought and request support, including from the Commonwealth Government
- On the 14th of November 2019 EY commenced a review of the Drought Communities Programme Extension (DCPE). The findings of this review indicated that the programme had many strengths including providing much needed rapid economic stimulus for communities affected by drought. The review also found a number of areas for improvement. Our recommendations included developing an interim funding model along with a broader refresh of the programme. These are detailed in our report titled *"How can the DCPE be designed to rapidly respond to the effects of drought through economic stimulus?"* from the 9th of January 2020
- This paper outlines the interim funding methodology, which has been developed to enable further immediate funding to be made available to Local Government Areas (LGAs) which are being economically impacted by drought. This recognises that a broader refresh of the program takes longer to complete
- To enable rapid stimulus, two options of interim funding methodology have been considered. One being simplified while the other is enhanced
- The simplified interim methodology:
 - Targets LGAs that have not received drought assistance funding under the DCPE
 - Uses a single time period of consecutive rainfall deficiency and uses a more widely used rainfall deficiency indicator
 - Expands and adjusts data sets to include downstream agricultural employment and focuses on hours worked in overall employment in the LGA
 - Uses a two tier system of funding to ensure adequate funding is supplied to LGAs based on size (as measured using population)
- The enhanced methodology:
 - Targets LGAs that have not received drought assistance funding under the DCPE
 - Multiple time periods are used and weighted to review rainfall deficiency, using a more widely used rainfall deficiency indicator
 - Increases the data sets used to include the absolute employment numbers in agricultural and downstream industries, weighted against the figures as a percentage of overall employment in the LGA. This is measured using hours worked in overall employment in the LGA

- Allocates funding based on a matrix assessment of need, along with a three tiered assessment of funding using LGA size (as measured using population)
- While this interim methodology has been developed to improve the identification of drought conditions and the wider economic exposure to those conditions, it is limited to internal analysis performed by EY. It could be further developed and refined through consultation with relevant Government agencies and impacted regions. These limitations should be addressed in the broader programme refresh

The purpose of this engagement is to recommend interim adjustments to the current DCPE as a solution for allocating grants to drought-affected communities

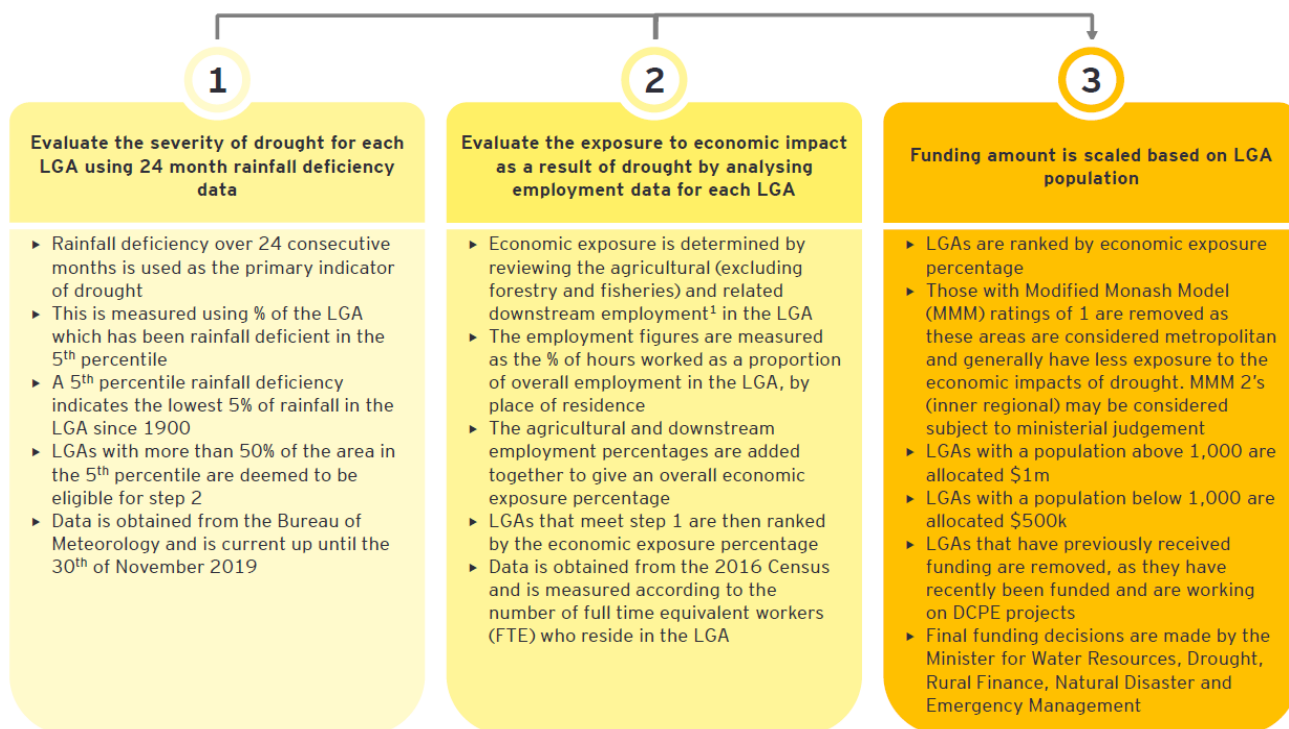
- Drought continues to be an enduring part of the Australian landscape with States and Territories continuing to declare drought and request support, including from the Commonwealth Government
- With 100% of NSW declared to be in drought or drought-affected¹, and another 67.4% of QLD being declared to be in drought on the 1st of December 2019², it is clear that economies impacted by the drought are still in need of rapid stimulus activity

Figure 3: Previous DCPE methodology

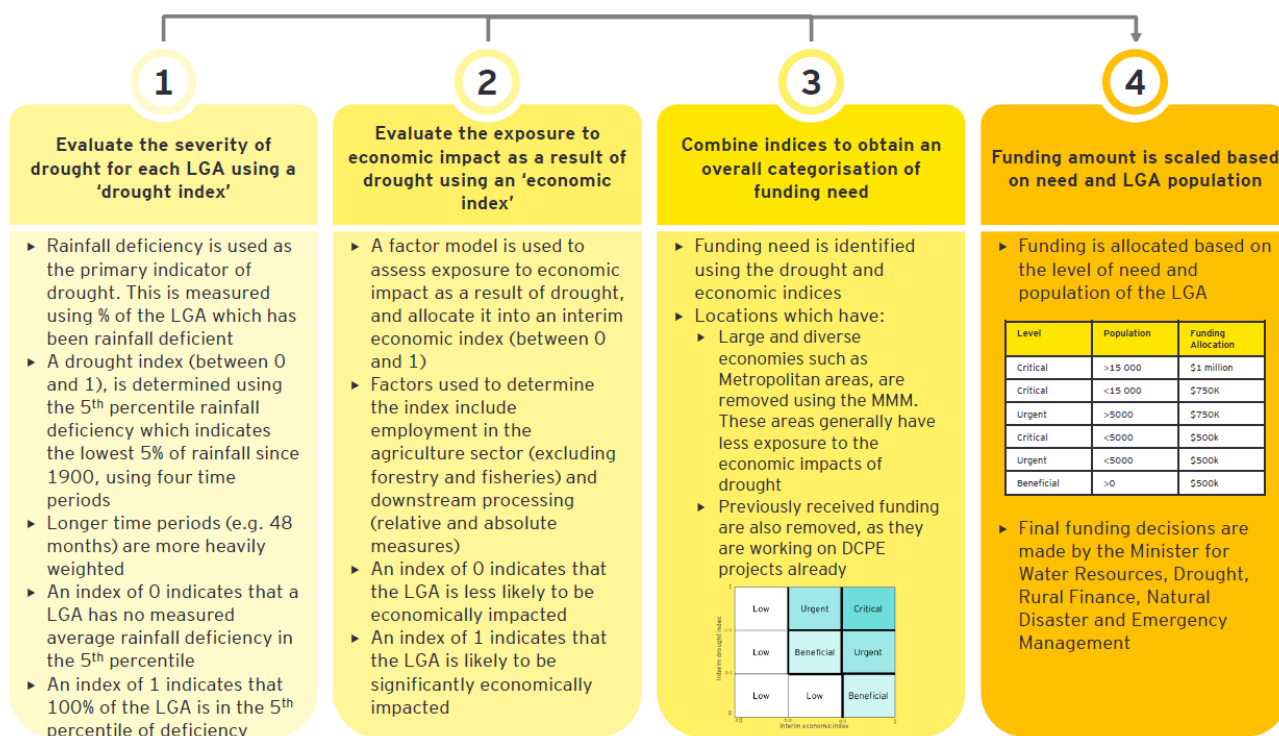


- The review titled "How can the DCPE be designed to rapidly respond to the effects of drought through economic stimulus?", identified that the current DCPE had many strengths including providing much needed rapid economic stimulus for communities affected by drought. However, there has been several opportunities for improvement identified
- The purpose of this programme remains to provide rapid economic stimulus to communities that are impacted by drought. As identified in our previous report, a range of other programs are targeting other stakeholders (such as farmers) that are also impacted by drought
- While the Government considers the review and any subsequent actions, this interim funding methodology has been developed to inform the allocation of further immediate funding to LGAs which are being impacted by drought. The focus of this interim model is on the funding model as shown in Figure 3, with the delivery model to remain unchanged
- The interim funding model was developed in a three-week period in close liaison with the Department
- This report provides an overview of the interim methodology developed

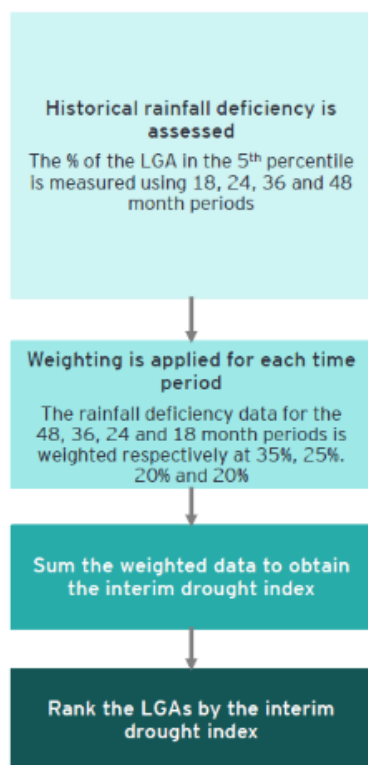
The simplified interim funding model involves three stages to identify funding for eligible communities



The enhanced interim funding model involves four stages to identify funding for eligible communities



Evaluating the severity of drought for each LGA is based primarily on rainfall deficiency

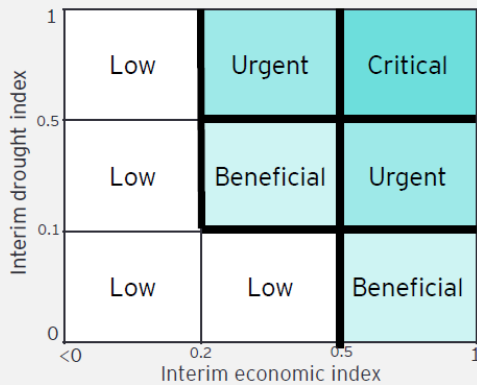


- The BoM designates rainfall totals significantly lower than the average (over the record from 1900) for a given period at a given location as a rainfall deficiency. A percentile is a value where a certain percentage of observations fall below that value. Therefore, the 5th percentile is defined as the lowest 5% of rainfall totals since circa 1900 for a particular location (e.g. LGA) over a particular time period (e.g. 24 months)
- 5th percentile data is used. This therefore captures the LGAs suffering the most extreme rainfall deficiency relative to other percentiles for each respective period
- A prolonged duration of rainfall deficiency is best measured by longer time periods. We have therefore selected 48, 36, 24 and 18 month periods to indicate drought
- As 12 months is not a clear indicator of a prolonged deficiency, we have used 18 months as the minimum period duration
- In order to capture the regions experiencing drought for a significant period of time, whilst still being in immediate need, we have selected periods from 18 to 48 months
- In line with the prolonged duration of drought, longer time periods are weighted more heavily than that of the shorter time periods
- As such, regions experiencing drought for a significant period of time are identified as being in greater need than that of regions only recently suffering from drought
- 5th percentile data is extracted for each of the identified time periods (48, 36, 24 and 18 months)
- The total interim drought index is calculated by summing the weighted rainfall deficiency percentage
- The index ranges between 0 and 1
- An index of 0 indicates that a LGA has no measured average rainfall deficiency at the 5th percentile
- An index of 1 indicates that 100% of the LGA is in the 5th percentile of deficiency over each time period
- All LGAs in Australia are ranked

Funding is allocated according to the assessed level of funding need and the size of the LGA

Assessed level of funding need

- ▶ LGAs are allocated into defined levels of need based on their interim drought and economic indices
- ▶ Each level determines the maximum funding that can be received by each LGA
- ▶ The eligibility calculation therefore weights drought and economics together. This ensures the key purpose of the DCPE is being met, assisting communities that are economically impacted by the effects of drought
- ▶ Thresholds have been determined based on their correlation to the purpose of the DCPE
- ▶ LGAs that have a MMM score of 1 or 2 do not meet eligibility criteria and are removed. Unincorporated areas should be separately listed for consideration by the Minister



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LGA size

- ▶ Allocation of funding is then apportioned based on the size of the LGA, measured in terms of set population thresholds
- ▶ This is intended to provide an appropriate level of funding to LGAs with an assessed funding need, with the size of the community being considered

| Level | Population | Funding Allocation |
|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Critical | >15 000 | \$1 million |
| Critical | <15 000 | \$750K |
| Urgent | >5000 | \$750K |
| Critical | <5000 | \$500k |
| Urgent | <5000 | \$500k |
| Beneficial | >0 | \$500k |
| Low | >0 | Not Eligible |

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Ranking within levels

- ▶ LGAs within each level are ranked using the interim economic index. This is because the purpose of the DCPE is to assist communities economically affected by drought

We applied key findings from our review of the existing DCPE programme, applying thresholds for more flexible decision-making

- The review of the current DCPE indicated that metrics were used too rigidly to account for the complex nature of communities economically impacted by drought. This resulted in some LGAs not being considered for the DCPE despite potentially being in need
- In response to this limitation, thresholds have been applied across the interim model, enabling increased flexibility for both the eligibility of LGAs for the DCPE and the amount of funding which is provided
- Eligibility of LGAs and funding provided within the thresholds is at the discretion of the Minister

| Metric | Threshold | Rationale |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Drought index | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ When categorising LGAs to levels of assessed need based on the process outlined on page 8, the following thresholds are applied to the drought and economic index factors respectively: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Drought Index threshold: 0.1, 0.5 ▶ Economic Index threshold: 0.2, 0.5 |
| Economic index | 10% | |
| Population | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ By applying a discretionary threshold, LGAs with drought or economic indexes within 10% of these thresholds may be considered eligible to ensure LGAs do not miss out based on marginal factors ▶ The 10% threshold applied to the population thresholds impacts the scalability of funding ▶ The maximum funding available to LGAs is determined by their assessed level of need, scaled by population ▶ Therefore, by applying a 10% variance to this factor, LGAs with populations within the applicable ranges may be eligible for increased funding |
| Modified Monash Model | Change rating 2 to be eligible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ To ensure that funding is allocated to regional LGAs experiencing drought and the associated economic impacts on drought, funding to LGAs with Modified Monash Model (MMM) ratings of 1 or 2 are excluded ▶ Ministerial judgment may be applied to consider any LGAs with MMM ratings of 2, making these LGAs eligible for funding allocation where they meet the drought and economic index factors |
| Short-term deficiency and actual rainfall consideration | 6 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The following rainfall data can also be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 6 month rainfall deficiency in the 10th percentile ▶ 6 month actual rainfall (absolute measure) ▶ Although this data is not an input within the model itself, the inclusion of this data as a consideration for the application of Ministerial judgment could ensure that LGAs impacted by drought, with the greatest assessed need, receive funding by identifying LGAs that may have received significant rainfall in the last 6 months |

The interim methodology has several key limitations - these should be considered in the programme refresh

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| Previously funded LGAs are excluded | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ LGAs that have previously received funding under the DCPE are not considered for the interim methodology as they recently received funding and are working on DCPE projects. While many LGAs may have sufficient funding, and some may have limited capacity for further immediate stimulus, some may warrant additional funds. This has not been investigated as part of this engagement |
| Time limitation on interim method development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The current effects of drought require a rapid allocation of funds to enable economic stimulus. This has impacted the ability to investigate all data options to include in the methodology. It could be further developed and refined through consultation with relevant government agencies and impacted regions |
| LGA and other stakeholder engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ No LGA engagement activity has been conducted beyond the Department providing insight on their experiences. This is due to time constraints and the nature of developing this methodology as an interim approach for DCPE |
| Eligibility and capped funding allocation is the focus of this engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The methodology developed covers the identification of LGAs available for funding only, it does not include changes to the mode of delivery ▶ As there is no universal definition of drought, Federal and State declarations of drought-affected areas may vary and therefore, may not be accurately identified ▶ The amount of funding able to be allocated is capped at the current \$50 million of DCPE funds available ▶ Thresholds applied may need to be re-configured for subsequent iterations of this interim model |
| Data from external sources is relied upon | <p>Data relied on is provided by¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Department of Health ▶ The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) ▶ The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) |
| Data analysis limitations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ By utilising only historical rainfall data, forecasted rainfall is not considered and therefore any fluctuations in future rainfall patterns are not accounted for ▶ As rainfall deficiency data is derived on an individual LGA basis, relative to that LGA's historical rainfall deficiency, prolonged drought may not be identified ▶ Census data used to determine the economic impacts of drought is dated 2016 and therefore may not be an accurate reflection of the current economic climate. Additionally, the nature of data collection for transient workforces in the Census notes their place of residence and their location on the day of the Census ▶ The model focuses on the impacts of drought on an LGA boundary basis, therefore, cross-LGA downstream impacts may not be identified (for example, an LGA not in drought but being impacted as a result of downstream processing activity) ▶ The determination of a "drought-affected area" is based on rainfall deficiency in the 5th percentile. It does not include other environmental factors such as soil moisture, temperature and whether the rainfall detected was during a beneficial period. The implications of onset desertification have not been considered and individual local conditions are not reflected |

Comment

It is clear that the Federal Governments Methodology implemented for this current round of Drought Communities Program is flawed in relation to communities that already have an existing low rainfall which is why communities such as Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Albany and Busselton are eligible.

Statutory Environment

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.

Strategic Implications

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Direction is Sought

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

NIL

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL

Comment

Up to 6 kids located in and around the Westonia district as well as several "Burracoppin Football Club" kids would be catching the bus on these occasions.

The main reason for requiring the bus is due to the large amount of disadvantage kids in the Merredin & surrounding area from broken homes etc that may not be able to play football without such transport. There is also a large portion of the families still involved with either local senior football (Burracoppin & Nukarni) or local netball, Hockey (senior & junior) who need a parent to follow either sport.

The MDJFA (Colts) are currently actively pursuing a sponsor (Liberty Fuels) for the fuel side of the project to help keep the overall cost to nil.

The MDJFA (Colts) would not utilise this bus or any other if it was required to pay a rate per kilometre and another alternative would need to be sourced.

If Council were to approve the request, the MDJFA (Colts) would promote the Shire of Westonia as a major sponsor of the association.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Delegation MISC 1 – Donations allows the CEO to approve requests for donation of monies up to the value of \$100.00

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Council would not be receiving the fee for the bus hire @ .88c/km and would still be liable for maintenance costs such as tyres & servicing.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves the request of the Merredin & Districts Junior Football Association (Colts) for the use of the Westonia Community Bus to travel to six (6) away games in the towns of Northam, Toodyay and York at no charge other than fuel.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Jefferys

14/02-20

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12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on 19th March 2020 commencing at 3.30pm

13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 5.22pm