



EPLGA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting held at **Wudinna Community Club** on **Friday 4th December 2015**

LGA President & CEO in Attendance

LGA of SA President, Mr Dave Burgess and CEO, Mr Matt Pinnegar were in attendance at the EPLGA Board meeting. Local Government reform was high on the discussion list. Issues around council collaboration and sharing services were topics of discussion.

Emergency Management Plans

This EPLGA Project is now complete from a regional perspective and it is now for all member Councils to complete their Emergency Management Plans. The Board of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association noted the completion of Emergency Management Planning regional project addressing the development of individual Council Emergency Management Plans and encouraged all Councils to complete their input of data and ultimately finalise their Emergency Management Plan to assist the Eyre & Western Zone Emergency Management Committee and emergency services in mitigating the associated high and extreme risks in the region.

Royalty on Council raised rubble

The LGA Secretariat in consultation with the regional LGA's has achieved the best available outcome for Councils, with the following being agreed on:

- › Councils with a general operating revenue of less than \$5 million will be exempt from royalty payment (this picks up the 9 smallest and most isolated Councils), creating a statewide saving of approximately \$300,000; and
- › all other Councils pay the 55c per tonne royalty on the basis that the State only retains 25% of payments and 75% goes into LGA R&D fund to be redistributed back via the Scheme's objectives. Based on a million dollar cost (revenue) this means the State keeps \$175,000 and the LGA R&D receives \$525,000, which provides a total Local Government claw back of \$825,000 from the anticipated \$1 million royalty collected.

The LGA also requested that the legislation include annual indexation to keep pace with inflation. While the LGA accepts that this will still impact on Council Members, it is the best the LGA has been able to achieve on your behalf.

Below is list of Eyre Peninsula Councils who will be exempt.

Councils with Revenue under \$5m

Council Name	New State Govt cost per council	Rateable props. as at Jan 2015	Impact per rateable property	2014-15 Budget (Income)
Franklin Harbour	\$13,133	1,153	\$11.39	\$ 2,820,778.00
Wudinna	\$44,550	1,054	\$42.27	\$ 3,366,815.00
Elliston	\$22,000	1,270	\$17.32	\$ 3,961,000.00
Kimba	\$23,650	884	\$26.75	\$ 4,224,835.00
Cleve District	\$38,929	1,503	\$25.90	\$ 4,668,341.00

The estimated impact of the new rubble royalty regime that will be felt by the EPLGA Region is indicated in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Region	Self-reported estimated impact on Councils	Percentage of total LGA impact
Eyre Peninsula LGA (4 Councils affected)	\$141,406	14.9%

Registration of Council Heavy Plant & Equipment

The LGA was previously advised by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) that some oversize vehicles (2.50 mtr+ in width) were processed/approved for registration without provision of the required permit to operate “under permit” on the road network.

A permit (in addition to registration) is required if an oversize vehicle travels on a road, i.e. as a “patrol” grader or “construction” grader or front end loader driven on the road to and from jobs. A permit is not required if the oversize vehicle is operated within a worksite only or “floated” to the worksite.

Any oversize plant registered under the category ‘worksite only’ cannot be driven on the road network, unless a permit is obtained. If operating within a designated worksite then these vehicles are exempt from mass and dimension requirements and the fitting of lighting equipment, rear vision mirrors, horn and other equipment providing they are being floated to and from the worksite.

A permit is required if:

- › travelling on the road network;
- › the overall width exceeds 2.50m.

Following a number of further discussions with the Vehicle Permits Section, Operational Services, DPTI, the LGA contacted all Councils to advise of this development to implement a suitable mechanism to ensure in the short term that any oversize Council plant being driven on the road network is legally permitted to do so.

2015 Regional Transport Strategy

The regions CEO’s will meet to discuss the EP Regional Transport Strategy draft progress. It has become urgent for this plan to be completed and adopted so it can be integrated into State-wide planning strategies.

EPLGA Corporate Plan

A draft copy prepared from the Councils survey and an Executive Committee workshop facilitated by Mr Bob Ramsay of the RDAWEP will be soon distributed to member Councils for comment. This will need to be adopted for commencement from 1 July 2016.

Engineering & Works Manager's Sub - Committee

At a recent meeting of the region's Works Managers, Engineers and other operational staff, the matter was raised regarding the possibility of the group becoming a sub-committee of the EPLGA Board.

The group is undertaking some extensive and effective regional tasks and work well as a team, conducting honest and forthright meetings. Their main task of late has been working on the regional Transport Strategy, Railway Interface Agreements, regional procurement opportunities, CWMS Management, native vegetation issues, heavy vehicles and Council roads, Council heavy equipment permits/ licensing etc.

It is suggested that this committee could operate along similar lines as the CEO's Sub-committee. The EPLGA Board endorsed the establishment of the Engineering & Works Sub-committee.

Special Local Roads Grant Applications 2016 - 17

All applications are to be forwarded to the EPLGA Executive Officer by **COB Friday 19 February 2016** to allow Snowy Mountain Engineering Company (SMEC) plenty of time to run the applications through the prioritization process and prepare the LGTAP Regional Application as per the previous year.

Obviously the EPLGA Transport Plan will establish the region's road priorities when adopted. As this has not been adopted, we will be following the process of the last 4 - 5 years where independents are engaged to submit applications through the prioritisation tool. SMEC have been chosen again due to their involvement in the development of the Regional Transport Plan and previous experience in undertaking the prioritisation. It is anticipated that SMEC will have a report to the EPLGA Board for the March 2016 meeting and following adoption, the regional Special Local Roads Program application will be lodged with the LGA Transport Advisory Panel for assessment and recommendation. All relevant Council staff have been reminded of the process and the deadline for applications to be submitted for forwarding to SMEC for prioritisation.

Eyre Peninsula Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce

The EPLGA Board resolved that in support of expanding and improving the industrial base and the potential economic benefits that may flow to the Eyre Peninsula region, the Eyre Peninsula Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce be directed to provide submissions to the:

1. Department of State Development, supporting the application by Iron Road Mining Operations Pty Ltd to be granted a Mineral Lease in the Hundred of Warramboe for the recovery of iron ore, and
2. the Development Assessment Commission in support of the Iron Road Limited application to develop a sea port at Cape Hardy, an infrastructure corridor linking the port and mine, a bore field and workers' villages at Cape Hardy and Wudinna respectively.

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association also requests the Eyre Peninsula Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce to include in their report a commitment from the State Government to provide the necessary items of infrastructure in line with the direction of the Central Eyre Iron project (Iron Road) mining lease application.

CEO Committee Meeting

On Thursday 3rd Sept 2015 the regional Chief Executive Officers met and discussed a number of issues being:-

1. RDAWEP Report – Bob Ramsay Update
2. TAFE Report – Richard Horgan - Update
3. EPNRM Report – Jono Clarke - Update
4. Zone Emergency Management Committee & LG Emergency Management Planning Update
5. Special Local Roads Program applications – road priorities for EP and application deadlines and process.
6. EP Transport Strategy – draft plan progress discussion and future actions that are required.
7. 2016 Ceduna EPLGA Conference – CEO Geoff Moffatt gave an update on progress
8. Barnjala Native Title – Indigenous Land Use Agreement – the way forward.
9. Presentations were given by :

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EPLGA BOARD NEXT MEETING

Monday 29th February 2016 at Ceduna

REGIONAL CEO'S MEETING

Thursday 23rd June 2016 at Wudinna

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