

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members  
**Date:** 30 June 2017  
**Topic:** Memorandum of Understanding  
**Report No:** Late 7-62017

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**PROPOSAL:**

That the EPLGA Board signs the memorandum of understanding between the Commissioner of Highways and the Eyre Peninsula Local, Government Association for the purpose of working together to explore opportunities and collaborating in the area of road maintenance delivery.

**BACKGROUND:**

The EPLGA working group (Executive Officer, Damian Windsor, Phil Cameron and Arthur Johnstone) and RDAWEP staff originally met with representatives from DPTI on 9 February 2016 to further the shared services project. It was a tangible, positive and open discussion on possible opportunities for collaboration on road maintenance activities on the Eyre Peninsula. DPTI is keen to work together to develop positive outcomes for the Eyre Peninsula and for DPTI and their clients.

Further to what was discussed at the meeting there was a consensus that Councils would need to consider the types of maintenance and scope of possible activities that could be undertaken in a collaborative manner with DPTI and a head contractor. This would allow us to consider possible procurement models and develop a way forward through an MOU.

From that meeting and other phone meetings the following motion was passed at the February 2017 EPLGA Board Meeting.

*547/17:MOU with the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure*

*Moved: Mayor Telfer*

*Seconded: Mayor Scholz*

*That the EPLGA authorise the Executive Officer assist with development of a draft MOU and a special meeting be called via teleconference to agree and finalise the MOU*

- 1. That the EPLGA constituent Councils authorize the EPLGA President and/or Executive Officer signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DPTI on behalf of all its members to advance the shared services project, following agreement by Member Councils.*
- 2. That the EPLGA tasks the Engineering and Works Committee plus the Shared Services Working Group with providing all the consolidated information and data to DPTI to assist in advancing the shared service project.*

**CARRIED**

**DETAIL:**

The draft MOU is now available for signing and is included with this report for your information. The Commissioner for Highways will be at the EPLGA Board Meeting and the MOU can be signed at the meeting.

**STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

**EPLGA Corporate Plan 2016 – 19**

**1.0 Goal Areas**

- **Advocacy and Representation** - *EPLGA as the principal regional local government advocate*
- **Governance** - *conducting business in accordance with the law and proper standards*

**Objectives**

- Strategic and focused planning and services provision
- Demonstrable unity in collective decision making

## **Goal Area 1.1 Advocacies and Representation**

### ***Core Activities***

- Represent members and regional objectives in engagement and liaison with key stakeholder agencies – e.g. LGA, DPTI, PIRSA
- Provide a lobbying platform to promote the interests and issues of member Councils to other levels of government

### ***Strategic Actions***

- Develop effective working relationships between the EPLGA and member Councils and external stakeholder agencies and organisations
- Develop key EPLGA messages to demonstrate maximum alignment to the State Strategic Plan and Economic Priorities, in particular economic reform and jobs, climate change and renewable energy
- Develop the understanding of and commitment to mutuality of interests to optimise benefit for member Councils across the region from advocacy and partnerships

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## **Goal Area 1.2 Governance**

### ***Core Activities***

- Comply with legislative requirements

### ***Strategic Actions***

- Develop and manage formal alliance and partnership arrangements with partner agencies and entities
- Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies

## **The EPLGA Board Charter states:-**

### **PURPOSE OF THE EPLGA**

- To identify available resources within the region and to co-ordinate or assist in co-ordinating the management of these resources for the betterment of the region's community.
- To encourage, assist, seek out, determine, assess and respond to the needs and aspirations of the region's constituents.
- To develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and co-operation between local government authorities, State and Commonwealth Governments and their instrumentalities.
- To develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain the financial and economic wellbeing and advancement of the region and if desirable for such purpose to undertake, establish, acquire, conduct or dispose of any business, enterprise, undertaking or venture which in the opinion of the EPLGA is necessary, desirable or convenient.
- To effectively liaise and work with the State and Commonwealth Governments and their instrumentalities on a regional basis for the general enhancement of the region.

## **LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

### **The EPLGA Charter states:-**

#### **POWERS**

The EPLGA will have the following powers (in addition to and without prejudice to any other powers herein expressed or implied or by virtue of any other legislation applicable):

- To enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that is incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the EPLGA.
- To enter into any kind of contract or arrangement.
- To delegate any function or duty except for any of the powers set out in Section 44 of the Act (where such powers are applicable to a subsidiary).

## **BUDGET REFERENCE:**

N.A.

## **RISKS:**

Minimal risk is associated with the signing of the MOU.

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

MOU is for a period of three years unless mutually terminated prior to this period ending.

**RECOMENDATION(S):**

*That the EPLGA Board pursuant to resolution No. 514/17 (EPLGA Board Meeting February 2017) notes the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioner of Highways and the EPLGA for the purpose of working together to explore opportunities and collaborating in the area of road maintenance delivery.*

Enclosures:

MOU between Commissioner of Highways & the EPLGA