## ADDITIONAL ITEM

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Director's Report
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Department

# 5.6 Update on the Provision of Project Management Services for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project

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#### **SUMMARY**

Update on the Provision of Project Management Services for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council note the information contained in this report on the reduction of "Body Hire" staff on the project management team for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project.
- 2 That Council approve the extension of engagement of the current Project Property Manager, under the existing arrangements, until 31 August 2011.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 11 May Council resolved the Provision of Project Management Services for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project as follows:

"RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor GRAHAM:

- That Council note the information contained in this report on the reduction of "Body Hire" staff on the project management team for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project.
- 2 That Council endorse the extension of engagement of the current Project Manager and Project Property Manager, under the existing arrangements, until 30 June 2011.
- 3 That Council endorse the extension of engagement of the current Landholder Liaison Manager on a part time basis only until 30 June 2011.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL"

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress made in complying with Resolution No. 2 and to recommend the retention of a "Body Hire" person to progress with Property Management after the scheduled engagement completion date of 30 June, 2011.

## **PRESENT STATUS**

- The "Body Hire" services of the Project Manager will be terminated on 30 June, 2011. The Project Manager's duties are being undertaken by permanent Council staff;
- 2 Project restoration has been significantly delayed due to the recent wet weather;
- 3 Due to the restrictions in finalising property matters & lack of internal resources it is recommended the incumbent Property Manager remain on a part time basis until 31 August, 2011

## CONCLUSION

With restoration still progressing on a number of the properties in the Yarramalong Valley due to wet weather delays, it is essential to maintain a degree of continuity with landholders especially during the critical period of easement release sign off by the landowners. Council also does not have the necessary staff to carry out this fieldwork.

As such the retention of the Property Manager is recommended on a part time basis (up to 32 hours per week) until 31 August 2011 when this fieldwork should be completed and remaining duties can be undertaken by permanent Council staff after this time.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.