

CLAUSE 15A – MATTER OF URGENCY - AFFIXING OF SEAL TO DEEDS OF AGREEMENT – FIXING COUNTRY ROADS – ACRES BILLABONG AND WHITBARROW WAY

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Purpose

To provide an urgent report to Council requesting authorisation for the execution of documentation for Fixing Country Roads Grants under Council's Common Seal.

Background

Recently, submissions were made for grants for funding under the *Fixing Country Roads* Program for:

- Acres Billabong Tilpa – Construction of Culverts; and
- Whitbarrow Way, Kangaroo Springs – Road Construction.

On 24 February 2015 The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC wrote to Council advising that both grants had been approved, in the order of:

- Acres Billabong – Culvert Reconstruction: Grant of \$319,900 with a Council contribution of \$100,000; and
- Whitbarrow Way – Road Reconstruction: Grant of \$700,000 with a Council contribution of \$100,000.

Restart NSW, the dedicated Infrastructure Fund seeks execution of Deeds of Agreement for both funding grants as soon as possible.

In order for these to be finalised, it will be necessary for the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deeds of Agreement under Council's Common Seal.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve execution of the Fixing Country Roads Deeds of Agreement; Acres Billabong – Culvert Reconstruction: Grant of \$319,900 with a Council contribution of \$100,000 (Regional Block Grant) and Whitbarrow Way– Road Reconstruction: Grant of \$700,000 with a Council contribution of \$100,000 (Hera Mine - \$63,700, Regional Roads Block Grant, \$36,300) under Council's Common Seal.



The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC
Minister for Roads and Freight
Minister for the North Coast
Leader of the Government
Legislative Council

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Tuesday, 24 February 2015

Clr Lilliane Brady
Mayor
Cobar Shire Council
PO Box 223
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Dear Clr Brady

I'm pleased to advise you the following two projects submitted by Cobar Shire Council under *Fixing Country Roads* will receive funding from the state's dedicated infrastructure fund, *Restart NSW*.

Project	Project Cost (\$)	Fixing Country Roads Funding (\$)	Council Contribution (\$)	Infrastructure NSW qualification
Acres Billabong Tilpa – construction of culverts.	419,900	319,900	100,000	None
Whitbarrow Way, Kangaroo Springs Road reconstruction	800,000	700,000	100,000	Subject to confirmation of co-funding and associated Hera Mine industry contribution for other Shire roads.

Fixing Country Roads was introduced by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to ensure our local and regional road network supports regional producers, growers and businesses. I congratulate Cobar Shire Council for working closely with the local community, industry and the NSW Government.

Under the inaugural round of the NSW Government's \$42.85 million *Fixing Country Roads* program, 77 projects on council-owned roads will be largely funded from

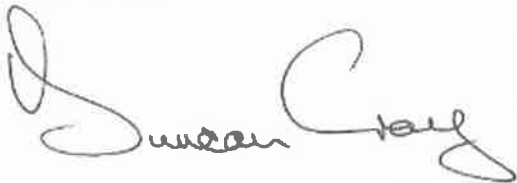
Restart NSW, with co-funding also from regional councils and in many other instances from the Commonwealth.

The NSW Government recognises a strong regional economy is important for a strong NSW and we're committed to supporting regional infrastructure projects which help get goods from 'paddock to port' more efficiently.

Transport for NSW's Freight and Regional Development Division invites two delegates from Cobar Shire Council to attend a *Fixing Country Roads Grants* Information Briefing, during which councils with successful projects will receive important information about the payment of the grants and project management.

Further details about meeting times and locations, and the registration process for these briefings can be found in the enclosed schedule.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duncan Gay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'G'.

The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC
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Enclosed: Grants Information Briefing Schedule for Successful Fixing Country Roads Projects 2014/15