



The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP
Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water
Minister for Western New South Wales

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Councillor Ian Chaffey
Mayor
Tumbarumba Shire Council
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TUMBARUMBA NSW 2653

Dear Councillor *Ian,* Chaffey

Thank you for Council's letter concerning financial assistance for the design and construction of the Tumbarumba Sewerage Augmentation Scheme.

I am pleased to offer Council financial assistance of \$3,669,627 (being 41.7 per cent of \$8,800,064 excluding GST) under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program towards the cost of the design and construction for the Tumbarumba Sewerage Augmentation Scheme. A schedule of costs is attached.

Under the Program rules, there are no provisions for revised estimates or additional costs. The upper limit of financial assistance for this portion of this project is \$3,669,627.

The standard conditions that will apply to this financial assistance are attached in duplicate. Council is requested to return a signed original of these conditions to Mr Stephen Palmer, Acting Director, Urban Water, NSW Office of Water, at the new postal address of Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124. The attached conditions for the use of Government funds for the construction of water supply and sewerage scheme supersede all previously issued conditions.

This financial assistance is contingent on timely completion of all approved works. All payments should be claimed by 30 June 2017. Financial assistance will not be available after this deadline.

I note that Council has achieved full compliance with the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines, which were gazetted by the Government in May 2004 and revised in August 2007. I would like to congratulate Council on this achievement.

I have asked that Mr Peter Ledwos, Regional Manager South, Office of Water, Wollongong office, be available to discuss this matter further with you. Mr Ledwos may be contacted on 02 4224 9733.

Yours sincerely

13 FEB 2015

Kevin Humphries MP
Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water
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John Barilaro

Minister for Regional Development

Minister for Skills

Minister for Small Business

MEDIA RELEASE

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TUMBARUMBA TO ROSEWOOD RAIL TRAIL ON TRACK

A scenic 21km stretch of unused rail corridor from Tumbarumba to Rosewood in southern NSW could become a vibrant new tourism corridor after its selection for a pilot rail trail program.

Minister for Regional Development John Barilaro said the pilot project decision followed an independent assessment of 12 rail trail funding applications.

“Rail trails are popular for cycling, horse-riding and walking as they’re low impact, encourage healthy lifestyles and environmentally friendly,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Tumbarumba Shire Council put forward the strongest application which sought \$5 million for the Tumbarumba to Rosewood rail trail.

“The Government feels the Tumbarumba proposal is worthy of further investigation as we progress this pilot process.

“Council’s application demonstrated an effective plan for community consultation, a viable operating model and potential for the initiative to generate economic and tourism benefits for the region.

“Further work is required in order for the proposal to be fully developed and then further evaluated, but the proposed trail would potentially run through some of the most scenic countryside in NSW and help to link vineyards, a museum and other small businesses,” Mr Barilaro said.

In early 2015, the NSW Government sought expressions of interest (EOI) in a pilot process targeting organisations interested in creating rail trails along the Casino to Murwillumbah and Tumbarumba to Rosewood rail corridors.

The EOI process also generated six applications for projects along the Casino to Murwillumbah rail corridor and five from local councils outside these corridors.

“There was a wide range of proposals for projects along the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line but some differing views as to the best model and a range of views and options for investment. Further work will be necessary before we can progress proposals on that corridor,” Mr Barilaro said.

Tumbarumba Shire Council will now be invited to work on the development of the pilot project with other NSW Government agencies. For more information visit: www.trade.nsw.gov.au/rtif

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