

BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Submission for Ordinary Meeting held on 30th June 2011

TITLE:	Lachlan Regional Transport Committee	DOC REF: Item 11
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ATTACHMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the July 2008 council meeting, Council resolved that;

1. A letter be written stating Council's strong objections to the disposal or sale by the State Government of any rail infrastructure or rail corridors.
2. The matter be referred to J Division & Western Division
July 2008

At the October 2008 Council meeting, Council was addressed by Craig Davies and associate from "Davies Agricultural Services Pty Ltd" attended the meeting.

Mr Davies put forward a case to remove rail line between Byrock and Brewarrina as this line is obsolete, the gauge is too light and the line is unsuitable for trains operating today (line is sixty pound rail line in 170kg, 6 metre lengths).

Davies Agricultural Services Pty Ltd had lodged a project application with the State Government to remove and recycle the railway line material and was seeking Council's (along with Bourke and Bogan Shire Councils) support for the project.

If the project was approved, Mr Davies would use local labour and plant and the project would spend in excess of \$850K over at least a 12 month period.

Council, at the meeting, resolved to (351/08) to support Davis Agricultural Services Pty Ltd by "writing a letter to the Ministry for Transport advising that Council had no objection to the proposal put by Davies Agricultural Services Ltd, to the Minister, to remove and re-process unusable and obsolete rail line situated in the rail corridor between Brewarrina Town and Byrock".

CURRENT SITUATION

Davis Agricultural Services Pty Ltd has contacted Council and advised the project did not proceed in 2008 with the then NSW State Government, however, with a change of Government, Mr Davis intends to re-lodge the project with the current NSW Government.

Mr Davis seeks confirmation that Council still supports the original project to remove and recycle obsolete railway line materials on the Byrock/Brewarrina line and requests that Council confirm this support with the current NSW Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian MP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

Council resolves to;

- a) Support Davis Agricultural Services Pty Ltd's project to remove and recycle obsolete railway line materials on the Byrock/Brewarrina line
- b) Council will write a letter of support for the project to NSW Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian MP.

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