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Dear David

Yancoal Stratford Extension Project

I refer to your e-mail of 9 October 2014 requesting further information and clarification in regards to the Yancoal Stratford extension project application.

I have sought further information from council officers and provide that to you in accordance with the numbered questions of your email.

2. The costs supplied to the Department on the project as quoted from page 60 of the submission utilises early estimate numbers from SMEC consultants, who were at the time preparing design works for pavement renewal of The Bucketts Way. These works are part of the \$17 million Federal grant shared equally between GSC and GTCC for the renewal of sections of The Bucketts Way. A final draft of those design estimates by SMEC was used in Council's submission to the PAC.

A table containing the pre-tender estimates (containing slight revisions due to minor redesigns) are attached to this letter. Council called tenders on one of sections contained in estimate and the tender prices received are also shown in the table. It should be noted that these estimates (and tenders) do not include on-costs such as survey, design and supervision or variations claimed by the contractor, the total of which could be as high as 20% on top of the tender price.

3. The Roadnet Pty Ltd study of The Bucketts Way is still utilised for prioritising works on the road with allowance made for renewal works already completed.
4. The costs contained in Council's estimates are for renewal works only.

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5. The Bucketts Way is classed by the RMS as a Regional Road. Council's local road network is grossly underfunded to the tune of \$8M backlog of urgent works. Council is not in a position, and it would be considered grossly negligent, to expend ratepayers' funds on what has been classified as a Road of National Importance (RONI).

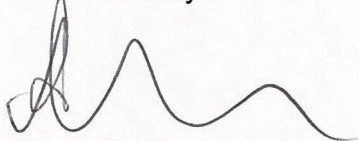
Council does however acknowledge the importance of the The Bucketts Way to Gloucester and the local economy. To this end, Council has attracted Commonwealth and State grants to address some of the major deficits on this road. For example, Gloucester Shire Council championed a joint submission for the general upgrade of The Bucketts Way with its neighbouring LGA's (Greater Taree City Council and Great Lakes Council). This has resulted in some \$20M being spent on upgrades to The Bucketts Way in the three LGA's in the last 12 years.

More recently, Great Taree City Council and Gloucester Shire Council have managed to attract a further \$16M in Federal grants, recognising the poor condition but importance of The Bucketts Way. These funds are to be spent between Gloucester southern boundary and Taree.

6. To allocate ratepayer funds to the renewal or repair of The Bucketts Way would require this Council to seek an SRV in the order of 36% increase annually, over the next 10 years! Obviously this is "pie in the sky" and would be totally (and rightly) rejected by the Department of Local Government.

I trust the forgoing clarifies these points sufficiently for you. Should you require further information please contact me.

Yours faithfully



Danny Green
GENERAL MANAGER

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General Location	Craven Village	Craven Flat	Piggery		Stratford Coal to Stratford	Stratford & Underpass	Broad Gully to Faulkland Road	Forbesdale	Hospital	Church St		Gangat RFS to Merewether Rd	Wallanbah Rd to rest area			
Contract No.	Package #1					Part Package #4?		Part Package #4?	Package #1	Package #1		Package #3	Package #2			
Project No.	80	81	82		83	84	71	72	88	85		86	87 (rev)			
Length (m)	360	1428.027	641.379		1533.259	2760.541	2972.316	3250	338	985.995		2550	2897.288			
General	\$27,380	\$105,050	\$62,060		\$114,220	\$197,690	\$221,600	\$237,040	\$27,880	\$65,560		\$148,250	\$217,630			
Clearing & Demolition	\$24,421	\$14,387	\$12,076		\$5,565	\$119,176	\$12,756	\$13,091	\$19,890	\$79,179		\$5,624	\$32,188			
Bulk Earthworks	\$16,396	\$1,470	\$5,332		\$824	\$20,574	\$2,704	\$3,912	\$10,822	\$29,891		\$2,795	\$8,563			
Fill	\$180	\$69,228	\$5,355		\$53,848	\$15,780	\$115,568	\$174,293	\$0	\$8		\$52,225	\$38,790			
Drainage	\$11,605	\$26,870	\$5,691		\$18,065	\$224,338	\$56,433	\$137,210	\$0	\$0		\$6,000	\$178,058			
Pavement	\$354,007	\$657,251	\$455,779		\$772,682	\$1,340,227	\$1,533,085	\$2,295,361	\$228,810	\$754,802		\$961,418	\$993,574			
Concrete Works	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$37,911		\$0	\$0			
Gutters & Kerbs	\$2,190	\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$31,450			
Subsoil Drainage	\$78,542	\$1,193	\$3,876		\$1,213	\$11,338	\$1,641	\$3,426	\$28,385	\$52,070		\$1,213	\$2,426			
Revegetation	\$2,072	\$58,224	\$20,100		\$44,078	\$66,549	\$93,518	\$107,793		\$4,510		\$72,758	\$78,723			
Signage & Linemarking	\$8,830	\$25,898	\$18,325		\$33,257	\$52,561	\$66,121	\$67,412	\$5,736	\$17,805		\$94,267	\$73,516			
Traffic Barriers	\$0	\$78,400	\$57,550		\$230,800	\$266,200	\$71,300	\$173,950				\$269,550	\$339,650			
Sediment & Erosion Control	\$160	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Provisional Items	\$15,500	\$8,400	\$4,500		\$10,500	\$10,500	\$7,500	\$33,300	\$10,500	\$30,000		\$13,500	\$14,500			
Total	\$541,283	\$1,046,371	\$650,644		\$1,285,052	\$2,324,933	\$2,182,226	\$3,246,788	\$332,023	\$1,071,736		\$1,627,600	\$2,009,068			
Add Excluded Items:																
Water connection relocation																
Telstra relocation	\$0								\$1,500							
Stormwater relocation	\$1,500															
Erosion & sedimentation control	\$500															
Disposal of VENM/ENM to tip																
Sub-total:	\$2,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Total Estimated Cost:	\$543,283	\$1,046,371	\$650,644		\$1,285,052	\$2,324,933	\$2,182,226	\$3,246,788	\$333,523	\$1,071,736		\$1,627,600	\$2,009,068	Tender 1	Tender 2	Tender 3
Cost per Km:	\$1,509,119	\$732,739	\$1,014,445		\$838,118	\$842,202	\$734,184	\$999,012	\$986,754	\$1,086,959		\$638,275	\$693,431	\$1,967,559	\$2,052,825	1,997,104
Average Cost /Km	\$1,085,435				\$914,538											