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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 195 GM - 2008 National Awards for Local Government - (83080, 109138, 79351)

REPORT:

Each year the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government conducts the National Awards for Local Government.

As stated by the Minister in his recent Press Release, *"the ongoing theme of the Awards is "Local Government - working hard for Australians" and it showcases the resourcefulness and innovation of Australia's hard working councils in improving services to their communities."*

In 2008, 71 councils took part in the Awards, submitting 114 entries from across Australia. The Department's website describes these Awards as follows:

"The National Awards for Local Government were created to identify local government projects that are first rate or show new ways of dealing with the challenges a council faces. The National Awards promote these projects and councils so that other local government bodies can learn from the winning councils' projects and their experiences and not have to 'reinvent the wheel'.

The 2008 Category and Commendation winners were announced by Ministerial Press Release and on the Department's website on 4 September 2008 and I am pleased to advise Council that for the **Innovation in Regional Development** Category Hawkesbury City Council has been announced as the category winner for its entry in respect of *"Peppercorn Services Inc; A model for Social Entrepreneurship in Local Government"*.

This is a very pleasing result of which the Council, and staff concerned, can be justifiably proud, and recognizes the innovative approach that the Council has taken in establishing the "Peppercorn Services Inc." model.

Additional information about the Awards can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx>

The next step is for all category winners to present their entries to a national judging panel at the end of this month and arrangements will be made for Council to be represented by the Executive Manager - Community Partnerships. National winners will ultimately announced at a Presentation Dinner, which is usually held in November.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: Investigating and planning the City's future in consultation with our community, and co-ordinating human and financial resources to achieve this future."

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Funding

Funding implication not applicable in this instance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning the announcement of Council as the Category Winner in the 2008 National Awards for Local Government conducted by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in respect of the "Innovation in Regional Development" Category be noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 196 **IS - Tender No. 012/FY05 - Provision of a Septic Tank & Collection Well Effluent Removal Service - (79357) CONFIDENTIAL**

Previous Item: 134, Ordinary (10 July 2007)
 160, Ordinary (14 August 2007)

Reason for Confidentiality

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act, 1993, and the matters dealt with in this report are to be considered while the meeting is closed to the press and the public.*

Specifically, the matter is to be dealt with pursuant to Section 10A(2)(c) of the Act as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to this matter are to be withheld from the press and public.

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