

REPORT TITLE:	2. LATE REPORT - INTERMODAL TERMINAL WORKSHOP
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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SUMMARY:

An opportunity has arisen for significant funding to progress planning for an intermodal terminal. Accordingly a workshop is proposed to advise Councillors of the opportunity and to seek Councillor input into the funding application.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Development and Services Committee resolve into workshop mode to consider planning for an intermodal terminal

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BACKGROUND:

With the recent announcement of funding for the Inland Rail, it is critical that Council be well-prepared for the advent of Inland Rail. In particular, Council needs to have a clear "blueprint" around both intermodal terminal development and also critical access improvements required to service both existing and proposed terminal opportunities.

The workshop would outline current staff thinking around an intermodal terminal, and also highlight current access issues which need to be addressed, planned and costed.

In addition, it is recommended that Council adopt a high profile position regarding Inland Rail and the associated infrastructure.

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have a positive impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

S2. Our community is inclusive, connected and collaborative

Inland rail offers the opportunity for increased collaboration in delivering economic benefits to the Shire.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have a positive impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

Ec1. Our Shire is a place that attracts and retains new businesses and residents

Ec2. Our Shire has the infrastructure we need to support our economy

Ec3. Our Shire supports existing businesses

Inland rail, together with the associated business opportunities represent the largest potential economic boost to the shire that is on the horizon. This would benefit both existing and new businesses.

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS:

No significant environmental implications have been identified

LEADERSHIP/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have a positive impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

L1. Our leaders speak out for the good of our community

L2L3. We are engaged and well informed

L4. We collaborate to achieve outcomes

Being on “the front foot” is an opportunity to exercise regional leadership.

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

Any grant would be matched by existing budget allocations for the “Local Transport Study”. The proposal would provide substantial additional leverage and ensure that Council had “shovel ready” costed projects to take advantage of “poles and wires” money.

APPENDIX X

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