

REPORT TITLE:	1. LATE REPORT - MOREE INTERNET PROJECT
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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SUMMARY:

It is proposed that the Community Development and Community Services Committee receive an update on the Moree Internet Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Development and Services Committee resolve into workshop mode to receive an update on the Moree Internet Project

REPORT

BACKGROUND:

Consideration has been given to a "Smart Cities" grant application. Due to conflicting advice from the Commonwealth regarding the terms of the grant, including local contributions, it is considered that Council should not apply at this time. Future rounds are expected, and the private proponent is still able to apply with Council support.

Consideration is still being given to the form of a joint arrangement moving forward, and advice is still required from the Office of Local Government.

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

The Moree Internet Project 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

The Moree Internet Project 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 need to be matched by funding from the private sector, unless and until Council indicates a willingness to supply matching cash funding.