

15) LATE ITEM REPORT – CENTROC WATER GRID PIPELINE PROJECT (WS.SP.4)

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IP&R Link: Strategic Priority 1 – Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply. Strategic Priority 3 – Regional leadership and collaboration – 3.1 – Regional collaboration and partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Endorse Central Tablelands Water's involvement in partnering with Parkes and Forbes Shire Councils in strengthening regional water security through the Centroc Water Grid Pipeline Project.

REPORT

In 2009 the Central NSW Councils (CENTROC) commissioned the CENTROC Water Security Study. The study assessed the water security of individual local government areas and provided a list of recommendations on how to strengthen and improve water security across the entire region.

One recommendation from the study was for various pipeline connections between Forbes, Parkes, Eugowra and Gooloogong to enhance water security by transferring water between the local water utilities of Forbes Shire Council, Parkes Shire Council and Central Tablelands Water (CTW). This concept is currently known as the CENTROC Water Grid Pipeline project.

Parkes Shire Council has approached CTW senior management regarding the project and advised of their recent success in securing grant funding from the NSW Government's Critical Drought Initiative program. This funding will enable the progression of a concept design and investigations into the CENTROC Water Grid Pipeline project as well as other Parkes Shire Council water security projects.

This project also includes the initial engineering and preliminary environmental studies for:

- 39km pipeline from Parkes Eugowra Road Pump Station to CTW's Gooloogong bore site;
- A pump station at the Eugowra Road Pump Station with two sets of pumps, one for transferring water to Forbes and the other to Gooloogong, and
- A pumping station at Gooloogong Bores site to transfer water to Parkes Eugowra Road Pump Station.

CTW's involvement with this project will enable the continuation of regional collaboration with its neighbouring councils with the objective of strengthening water security in the region.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil