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made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)**The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:**

- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

**To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:**

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- accords with Council's accounting and other records.

**We are not aware of any matter that would render the Reports false or misleading in any way.**

**Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 11 August 2014.**

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**S J Ferguson**  
**MAYOR**

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**A J Ewin**  
**COUNCILLOR**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**C M Hodge**  
**RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

## Blayney Shire Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2014

#### Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

**The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:**

- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".
- The Division of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality".
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) Guidelines - "Best Practice Management of Water and Sewerage".

**To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:**

- Present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

**We are not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.**

**Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 11 August 2014.**

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**MAYOR**

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**A J Ewin**  
**COUNCILLOR**

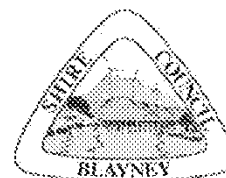
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**RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

# *Blayney Shire Council*



28 July 2014

The Hon Paul Toole MP  
Member for Bathurst  
PO Box 2237  
BATHURST NSW 2795

Dear Sir

**RE: Neville Road Blayney – Harvesting of Timber by NSW Forestry Corporation**

I would like to draw your attention to the harvesting works being undertaken by the NSW Forestry Corporation on Mount Macquarie at Carcoar and to the damage being done to the Neville Road.

Council has started to receive a number of complaints about the condition of this road due to the harvesting activities and road cartage of logs from the forest site on Mount Macquarie Road, along the Neville Road and then into Blayney. The volume of truck movements is destroying a local road.

Council's engineers have made an assessment of the damage and it is apparent that the Neville Road (sealed) will require millions of dollars spent on it to bring it back to the condition that it was at prior to the logging activities. As the Forestry Corporation is a State Owned Corporation and the forest is an approved activity, the State Government is not required to submit a development application or pay a contribution towards the road damage that is now very evident. As you would be aware Council also receives no rates income from these lands.

If this level of damage occurred through a natural disaster then Council could request assistance. As this damage is due to a State Owned Corporation undertaking the work and causing the damage Council has no ability to seek funding.

The cost of rebuilding this road to a sealed standard will again fall on the rate payers of this shire, whom have gained no benefit from the forestry harvesting, transport or profit being made from the sale of the timber.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
BE ADDRESSED TO:

GENERAL MANAGER  
BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL  
PO BOX 62  
BLAYNEY N.S.W. 2799

Council would like to request your assistance in raising this matter with the relevant Minister and also consulting with the Roads Minister to come forward with a solution to rebuild the Neville Road after the harvesting of timber from Mount Macquarie.


Council also seeks funding for the ongoing maintenance of the subject roads that are to be used to transport logs from the forest area for at least another 4-5 years based upon advice from NSW Forestry Corporation staff.

Council believes that the extent of damage caused will continue until harvesting is completed and that undertaking heavy patching works at this stage would waste money and cause further community dissatisfaction.

Your assistance in bring this matter to the Ministers attention and the resolution of a satisfactory community outcome is appreciated.

Should you require further information please contact Councils Director Infrastructure Services, Mr Grant Baker, on (02) 6368 2104.

Yours faithfully



Glenn Wilcox  
General Manager

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ATTN: Senior Town Planner

25 July 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**Development Application No. 69/2014 – Alterations to Commercial  
Premises – Lot 6 DP 171735, 105 Adelaide Street, Blayney**

We refer to your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 (Ref: IAPPD/9351) noting the omission of the land owner's consent to the above-mentioned Development Application.

We herewith supply an owner's consent form which we request Blayney Council complete and attach to the relevant Development Application.

Please contact this Project Office (0410 463 535) should you have any queries regarding this inspection.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Kerr".

Andrew Kerr  
Property Safety & Insurance Manager  
Group Property  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia

LOI250714 Letter on Council Consent to DA 69-2014

## OWNERS CONSENT

As the owner/(s) of the land specified below, I/ we hereby consent to the following:

I/we authorise Commonwealth Bank of Australia to make a Development Application (DA) with Blayney Shire Council for proposed development on the land described below.

This consent is provided in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

### Details of Subject Building Proposal

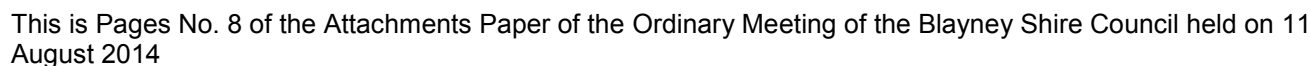
Land the subject of the DA for which owner's consent is sought	Council property being the footpath area in front of 105 Adelaide Street, Blayney as indicated in the attached plan
Council Area	Blayney Shire Council
Description of Building Proposal	Installation of an access ramp

### Signatures

This section must be signed by all owners of the property shown above. Please attach an additional page if there is sufficient space below.

	Name/Company	Signature	Date
Owner	Blayney Shire Council		

If the property is owned by a company, please detail the position of the signatory and ABN





**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10 JULY 2014  
AT THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Meeting commenced at 5.02pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Shane Oates, Chris Hodge, Cathy Griffiths, Bruce Gordon, Tim Weeks, Lesley Morris and Elizabeth Russ.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Kevin Radburn, Anton Franze, Rebecca Price.

**FORESHADOWED GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2014 be received and noted as a true and accurate record.  
(Bruce Gordon/Cathy Griffiths)

**SHIRE BRANDING**

- Presentation by Tim Weeks – New Shire branding logos.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the report be noted. (Elizabeth Russ/Cathy Griffiths)

**WORKSHOP ON STRATEGY OF EVENTS UPDATE**

- Update on workshop held to better identify and communicate up-coming events and activities.
- Update circularised to committee members.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the report be noted. (Bruce Gordon / Elizabeth Russ)

**SHIRE PROMOTION UPDATE – CENTRAL NSW TOURISM / TASTE  
ORANGE**

- Update on promotional material being developed by Orange City Council on regional tourism.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the report be noted. (Bruce Gordon / Lesley Morris)

**OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/15 ACTIONS**

- 2014/15 Operational Plan actions circularised to Committee Members.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for 2014/15 be circularised to Committee Members.

(Bruce Gordon / Elizabeth Russ)

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**DRAFT POLICY 19C PRIVATE FACILITIES ON COUNCIL FOOTPATHS**

- Draft policy 19c was circularised to Committee Members for discussion.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the draft policy on private facilities on council footpaths be circularised to all Committee Members. That Council be commended for being proactive in anticipation of the adoption of the policy encouraging outdoor eating areas. (Bruce Gordon / Elizabeth Russ)

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA REPORT – CENTRAL WEST**

- Report by A.P Sheere Consulting on 'Regional Development Australia – Central West Investment Opportunity Assessment August 2013' circularised to members.

**RECOMMENDED:** That report be circularised to all Committee Members to discuss at next meeting. That the ABS data website link be emailed to Members. (Bruce Gordon / Elizabeth Russ)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Discussion of Regional Development Australia Report.
- Timing of meetings – Quarterly meeting not regular enough.
- Invitation to industry leaders (Nestle CEO) to address the Committee.

**NEXT MEETING**

Suggested next meeting be 18 September 2014. Anton to review.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.



***WBC Alliance Report for Council meeting August 2014***

*(Prepared by the Executive Manager, WBC Alliance)*

e- Planning Tools to be developed:

Cabonne and Blayney are working with Tenterfield and Gilgandra Councils for the development and implementation of an electronic DA tracker and housing code portal. The councils have been working together to engage a software provider and last week agreed to engage IT Vision to undertake this work. The EHC should be completed around October and the tracker by the end of the year.

Department of Planning staff attended Blayney and Cabonne on 30<sup>th</sup> July to meet with the Directors and project team. The councils have received a combined \$120 000 to assist with this work.

Fleet Management:

This has been an area of interest for many years and recently Cabonne have taken further steps to enhance their fleet management processes and systems. They convened a meeting with Wellington and Blayney offering to provide a lead role in this area, including providing resource support to the other councils in system set up and data collection and cleansing. Bob Cohen and Mick Fitzgerald from Cabonne and I have subsequently met and currently scooping a project for the short term engagement of shared resource to complete data entry and cleansing. Blayney have made some early indications that they may consider using the resources at Cabonne to coordinate purchase and disposal of the light fleet. Wellington have vacancies in Fleet management positions and have indicated they may wish to leverage of support provided by Cabonne.

Service Delivery Review - Environmental Services:

Another area which remains as an opportunity to expand into shared services arrangements is in the delivery of environmental service functions. The work undertaken by KPMG as part

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of the Shared Services project identified this area as having a number of opportunities to think differently about how services are provided.

I have been compiling more data about the size, scope, service processes and deliverables for all three councils. A meeting was held with the Directors and HR Managers on 31 July which was aimed at reviewing the data and discussing the immediate issue of staff vacancies, specifically in Health and Building functions. (Cabonne has 2 long term vacancies and Wellington has one. Blayney currently enjoys the benefits of a full complement of staff) It was agreed that Wellington and Cabonne hold further discussions to design a shared position(s) that would allow the pooling of funds which may improve the chance of attracting and retaining staff in this area.

A copy of the data will be provided to the Directors and General Managers for their further consideration.

Wellington Key Projects:

I am providing high level project coordination and support to the General Manager and Directors for the three major projects underway there:

- Review of the Finance system
- Review of the Long Term Financial Plan
- Development of Asset management plans
- Review and improvement of the IPR framework and documentation

A very positive meeting was held on 9 July (which I facilitated) with the Finance System User Group and the IT and Finance staff. A number of improvement opportunities were identified and an action plan developed. This should improve the useability and reporting on financial management.

The Director Strategy and Planning and Executive Support Officer met with Cabonne Administration Manager in late July to view the software currently being implemented at Cabonne to support the tracking and reporting of IPR. I understand Wellington have subsequently purchase this software and Cabonne have offered ongoing support and help in implementation. At the same time they were also able to discuss the use of InfoCouncil

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with has been in place at Cabonne for some time and which Wellington has been trying to implement for some time.

Peer Exchange Program Development Workshop:

I have been nominated by Graham Sansom and Lillian Tiddy from LG NSW to participate in a workshop to discuss the design of a program promoting learning through *Peer Exchange*. It would offer new capacity-building opportunities for councils and professional staff to seek out good practice and lessons learned in order to design their own responses to emerging issues. I was proud to have been offered this opportunity. The workshop is in Sydney on 18<sup>th</sup> August. This shows the regard in which the work we are doing here in the Alliance is recognised in the wider sector.

Annual General Meeting of Alliance:

The AGM is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10am in the Cabonne Council Chambers. A new 2014/16 Delivery Plan will be presented. All Councillors are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you intend participating by email to [donna.galvin@cabonne.nsw.gov.au](mailto:donna.galvin@cabonne.nsw.gov.au). The General Managers of Wellington and Cabonne are currently considering which council will assume the Chair and Secretariat role for 2015.

Acknowledgement of Tony Perry and Glenn Wilcox:

Both Tony Perry (GM CTW) and Glenn Wilcox (GM Blayney) will finish in their roles on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Tony is retiring after a long and distinguished career in local government and Glenn is taking up the General Manager role for Armidale Council. I would like to officially acknowledge their support and leadership of the Alliance. They have both been advocates of shared services and reforming the way we operate in local government. On a personal level they have been a great support to me and I appreciate the professional relationships that have developed over my time with the Alliance. I wish them both all the best in this new phase in their lives.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

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