

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 17th May 2022

18.1 STATE GRANTS COMMISSION ROAD PRESERVATION MODEL

Council have received an email from Pam Marriott the Principal Policy Analyst Project Officer for the Office of the State Grants Commission at the Department of Treasury and Finance regarding the road preservation model.

Mrs Marriott states that the State Grants Commission uses the Road Preservation Model to determine how it should allocate the road grant funding portion of the Local Government Financial Assistance Grants funding that the Australian Government provides Tasmania each year.

The State Grants Commission has been undertaking a Major Review of its RPM over the past months, having undertaken surveys and held virtual workshops with Tasmanian councils to gain council views and input early in this process.

The State Grants Commission is extremely pleased with the high level of engagement from councils to date, with 90 per cent of councils having provided input in some way, shape or form.

The work and contributions so far has now culminated in the attached State Grants Commission's Road Preservation Model Major Review Discussion Paper DP22-02 - Changing the underlying basis of the RPM. This paper provides both an update on the decisions that the State Grants Commission has made to date and discusses, in more detail, some further aspects of the Commission's methodology as a result of considering the feedback received and subsequent data sourcing and analysis work that has occurred since the Conversation Starter workshops.

The State Grants Commission is now seeking feedback from councils on the proposals proffered in this Discussion Paper. The closing date for written submissions is Wednesday, 8 June 2022. Submissions are to be sent to: sgc@treasury.tas.gov.au.

Whilst encouraging written feedback from councils on the proposals and options floated in this Discussion Paper, for those seeking to provide feedback via virtual means, a limited number of time slots in the week 23 to 27 May 2022 are being made available for this purpose.

Please note that a number of tables in the Discussion Paper currently reflect the best available road length and classification information as at the date of issue of the Discussion Paper. In the event that information subsequently becomes available that would result in major changes to the tables and appendices, the State Grants Commission will reissue the affected tables and appendices to councils as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATON

THAT Councillors provide their comments on the State Grants Commission's Road Preservation Model Major Review Discussion Paper DP22-02 - Changing the underlying basis of the RPM to the Deputy General Manager by Wednesday the 1 June 2022 so that Council can provide comments to the State Grants Commission.