

CORRECTION TO ITEM 9.1 BURRA SUBMISSION

Please replace the paragraph on Page 4, immediately above the heading 4 (b) Community if Interest and Geographic Cohesion with the following:

The rates and charges collected from the area will total \$571k in 2007/2008, or \$519k excluding the General Waster Charge. The average expenditure across the shire is \$1,993 per capita. With the population of the targeted area estimated to be 750 the total expenditure in the area could be estimated to be \$1,494,557. However this analysis is flawed as any financial analysis is likely to be.

Any erosion of the revenue base will increase the per capita costs for providing services to the whole, even with staff reductions (not possible under employee protection legislation) and a diminution of services. It is also difficult to argue that the retention or otherwise of any community (particularly small populations in a rural environment) on its own can be substantiated purely on financial grounds. The whole tenet of a taxation system (be it property based or income derived) is the benefit for the greater whole. It may be that the expenditure in B/U/R area today is disproportionate to the revenue generated but next year it may be reversed. This will always be the position for any or all local communities