From: Gary Barnes (DPC) Sarah Cruickshank To: Cc: Chris Hanger

Subject: RE: wagga clay pidgeons

Date: Wednesday, 10 May 2017 10:31:00 AM

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Thanks mate: I will keep you updated



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Hi Gary – thanks for the updates on the pigeons (!) – the Premier has signed the funds documentation last night and I told Fiona this morning.

As per our more general discussion last Monday, the Premier is keen that worthy projects that could potentially be diverted to other funds, rather than us just giving a flat refusal based on adherence to a strict set of guidelines, is definitely the preference. Just so we don't waste the time and efforts of local organisations in preparing documentation etc. So if your view is pigeons falls into this category, I can't see any problem with the approach you suggest.... S

From: Gary Barnes [mailto:Gary.Barnes@dpc.nsw.gov.au]

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Hey Sarah: As you might have heard, the initial BCR on this project came back well shy of 1.0 which presents a problem as decision was to carve out of restart. Chris Hanger has asked for further info from GDH and they have now provided so we are having economists do another updated CBA.

Back-up position will be to take from the new Local Infrastructure fund (think it's now called Stronger Country Communities) which comes from Confund so won't require BCR in assessment criteria.

I believe Treasurer signed the out of session "delegated" decision yesterday that gives effect to the new regional infrastructure funds and \$s and should be making way to your office. When this is signed let me know and I will advance a request for reservation from this new fund to DP so we can have this as a back-up in case BCR remains below the magic mark.

Have briefed Fiona around the this back-up plan

Cheers Gary



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