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**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 2015**

The Ordinary Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council will be held in the on
Friday, 10 April 2015 at 9:00am.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT



ITEM NUMBER S.1
TITLE Work for the Dole Scheme Changes
REFERENCE \COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES\2015\2015 - 2
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 10 APRIL
ATITJERE - 266209
AUTHOR John Gaynor, Director Community Services

DUE DATE April, 2015

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Social and Cultural

Goal 03: Economy

Goal 04: Environment

Goal 05: Management and Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council writes to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the NT Chief Minister, LGANT and neighbouring Municipal and Regional Councils raising its concern that the mutual obligation policy difference between the reformed RJCP “*Work for the Dole Scheme*” and those for the “*Jobactive*” program may result in a mass exodus from remote communities to urban settings such as Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine.

SUMMARY: Changes to employment services policy for people living in remote communities compared to those announced for people living in urban areas will encourage people to leave remote communities and relocate to urban settings.

BACKGROUND

Under new rules announced by the Commonwealth Government for RJCP reforms, participants aged between 18 & 49 years who are living in remote communities will be required to participate in a work for the dole program for 25 hours per week for 52 weeks per year.

In contrast, new rules for job seekers living in urban areas under the newly announced “*jobactive*” program will require participants to enter into a work for the dole program for only 6 months per year. In addition, only participants aged under 30 will be required to work for 25 hours per week, the remainder will be required to undertake no more than 15 hours per week

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES AND OPTIONS

The comparative difference in these policies will encourage those people living in remote communities to relocate to urban settings where the mutual obligation rules to receive Centrelink benefits are less onerous.

This will disrupt remote community business and interfere with school and work attendance as more and more people leave the communities.

In addition, services in the NT urban settings such a police, ambulance, fire and emergency services, hospitals, schools, justice and correctional services will be placed under additional pressure to manage the influx of people from remote communities and the inevitable increase in anti social behavior. There will be a corresponding increase in overcrowding of public housing, placing families and children at risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A reduction in the population of our remote communities will influence the funding provided through the Grants Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

WORKS REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER S.2
TITLE Flood Damage Report
REFERENCE \COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES\2015\2015 - 2
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 10 APRIL
ATITJERE - 266208
AUTHOR Glenn Marshall, Director Works

DUE DATE April, 2015

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 02: Physical Assets

Goal 03: Economy

Goal 04: Environment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the Roads Flood Damage Report submitted to Northern Territory Government seeking \$5,376,368 repair funds through the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) fund.

SUMMARY: Large rains in January 2015 caused widespread damage to Council's road network.

The Northern Territory Government provides access to a Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) fund to assist repairs.

A Flood Damage Report is attached detailing damage to Council roads, and the cost of repairs.

An NDRRA application was submitted 20 February 2015 and resubmitted 7 April 2015 with additional information requested by NTG.

Council is awaiting a decision on the level of funding that NTG will offer.

BACKGROUND

As above.

See tabled Flood Damage Report for details.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES AND OPTIONS**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council does not have adequate internal funds to fix roads damaged by the floods. Internal funds:

FAA Roads grant 2014/15:	\$449,165 (after admin fees)
Roads to Recovery 2014/15:	\$352,000 (\$1.76 over 5 years)

ATTACHMENTS: