The following has been released in relation to a request for information relating to Jefferys Track Feasibility Study.

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Sent:

Thursday, 15 August 2019 8:14 AM

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Subject:

RE: Jefferys Track Feasibility Study (and upgrade works) - Arve Road Variation

Hi Tim:

I will attend the key stakeholder meeting on the 4th.

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Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2019 12:14 PM

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Subject: Jefferys Track Feasibility Study (and upgrade works) - Arve Road Variation

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I am not sure who you would like as a point of contact for this project but I will be coordinating for Huon Valley Council. If you could forward this to the relevant person that would be much appreciated.

Huon Valley Council would like to invite a representative of State Growth to a key stakeholder meeting regarding the Jefferys Track Feasibility Study and upgrade works recently funded by State Growth. This will be held at the Huon Valley Council Chambers at 1:30pm on 4th September 2019.

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The aim is to bring together key stakeholders to discuss the feasibility EOI, funding, potential upgrade works (to get a sense of what can be achieved with the funds available), timelines plus any permits/restrictions and anything else you would like to discuss.

After which Council can make any amendments to the feasibility EOI brief, draft a scope for upgrade works and advertise for submissions.

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If you would like to be involved that would be great.

Also, invited are representatives of Derwent Valley Council, Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service, Tasmanian Fire Service, Wellington Park Management Trust, and Norske Skog.

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Thanks,

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Jefferys Track EOI

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Thank you for attending the stakeholders meeting for the Jefferys Track feasibility study. As discussed then, here is the final draft of the EOI brief for final comment by key stakeholders prior to being advertised.?? Feedback from the meeting has been added as well as observations from a recent drive over the track with PWS.

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If you would like to add anything or have any comments then please return to me by COB this Friday (27th September).

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Many thanks,

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Huon Valley Council Jefferys Track Development Feasibility Study BRIEF October 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

Jefferys Track links the Derwent and Huon Valleys, running north-south across the Wellington Range from Lachlan in the Derwent Valley to Crabtree in the Huon Valley. While discussions to link the two valleys have taken place since at least 1866, it was in 2011, that the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley Councils met on a more formal basis in the hope of identifying a way forward with this project. This led to the *Southern Explorer Feasibility Study* in March 2015. The report found that the Plenty Link Road (of some 40kms) was not feasible based on a cost-benefit analysis of current demand set against other issues to be resolved.

This led to further discussions about the possibility of upgrading Jefferys Track as a shorter route (approximately 14kms) with better existing connecting roads within the valleys. There is also potentially less issues than the proposed Plenty Link Road regarding lack of mobile coverage and unsafe interaction between heavy forestry vehicles and light residential / tourist traffic. Council roads in both valleys connect to the track which also passes over land managed by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, Wellington Park Management Trust and Norske Skog, as well as a handful of private owners. However, after previous consultation, concerns remain regarding the appropriateness of Jefferys Track; especially for key industries due to the road's topography, cost to upgrade to an appropriate Category, ongoing safety concerns, and whether it would actually improve times between producers and previously identified strategic destinations (such as the Bridgewater Bridge). Therefore it is likely that any upgrade to a road would primarily be used by tourists and residential/commuter traffic. However, levels of local resident support and whether the route could aid in alleviating Hobart's traffic congestion also need examining.

Current use includes some rural recreational activity such as legitimate 4WD off-road driving, horse riding, cycling and bush walking while also being used for strategic fire-fighting and land management access. The Track also though attracts undesirable and criminal activity, such as wood 'hooking', burnt out stolen vehicles, and from a particular cohort of 4WD/off-road vehicle users (such as the creation of bogs and mud runs) that has led to severe and continuing damage to the Northern end of the track. This has made this section (largely on Norske Skog land) impassible for most vehicles and seriously impacted its effectiveness as a fire trail. The access gate (approximately half way along) is also regularly damaged during attempts to break into the Wellington Park. This has led to serious questions as to how sustainable the current situation is and whether the Track should in fact be closed to the general public. So, while opening up the Track to more legitimate users could it is hoped help curtail this, the potential for new risks and policing issues are important to take into consideration.

Department of State Growth has provided funds for Huon Valley Council to undertake a feasibility study to determine the roads viability. The study needs to consider not only the physical state and logistical cost of upgrading the road, but the external benefits (and challenges) it could potentially provide to residents, tourists and potentially industry such as forestry, tourism, agriculture and aquaculture. It is also important to assess its potential role in future disaster and emergency management including improved fire hazard access and response times.



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2. GOAL

Undertake investigation, research and consultation with stakeholders to fully assess the existing condition and necessary improvements required for Jefferys Track to be upgraded to a road linking the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley. The study also needs to consider the benefits, opportunities and challenges provided to the greater community and local industries across the municipal areas by this development.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To provide a clear understanding of the current state of Jefferys Track and the benefits provided to the community and local industries, so an informed decision can be made by the two Councils regarding the project's progression.

METHODOLOGY

The Council invites those responding to this brief to detail the proposed methodology, however the process is required to include the following:

- Meetings with key stakeholders to include but not limited to:
 - **Huon Valley Council**
 - **Derwent Valley Council**
 - Local residents
 - Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service
 - Wellington Park Trust
 - Tasmanian Fire Service
 - Department of State Growth
 - Relevant Tourism Associations such as Destination Southern Tasmania and Tourism
 - Industry views representative of aquaculture, agriculture (in particular, fruit and hops growers), forestry and viniculture e.g. Tassal, Huon Aquaculture, Hansens Orchards, Reids Fruits, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania, Norske Skog (as landowners also), etc.
 - **Tasmanian Trail Association**
 - **4WD Tasmania**
- Community engagement process to gather feedback from local residents in both valleys;
- Identification of any further key stakeholders;
- Assessment of heritage values (both Aboriginal and European):
- Identification and assessment of current and future tenure/management of the track;
- Assessment of the current state of Jefferys Track;
- Identification of the necessary improvements required, indicative costing and optimum route (within Track's footprint) for different Categories of roads (e.g. to support sustainable usable fire trail, land management and recreational 4WD track; tourist/commuter route; or industry road);
- Identification of the benefits and value provided to the two communities, tourism (such as new recreation opportunities for Wellington Park) and other key industries enabled by each level of upgrade;



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- Analysis of impact on traffic congestion in Hobart;
- · Provide an understanding of its role in disaster and emergency management;
- Preparation of draft report for consideration;
- Presentation of final report and presentation to Councils and key stakeholders.

5. PROJECT OUTPUTS

Stage 1

Research, analysis, and identification of the road's existing condition, optimum route (within Jefferys Track footprint) and necessary improvements (including indicative costing) to appropriate category of road.

Stage 2

The identification of issues and opportunities presented by the upgrade of the road for communities in the two valleys, tourists and local industries.

Stage 3

The provision of a report, which summarises the findings and can be utilised to determine the progression of the Jefferys Track development.

6. KEY PROJECT STAGES

- Stage 1 Project establishment, stakeholder identification, research and assessment of the current condition of the Jefferys Track and its required improvements.
- Stage 2 Completion of stakeholder and community meetings and interviews including the preparation of a written summary of the outcomes of those meetings.
- Stage 3 Development of a draft report and the identification of commercial and community opportunities and/or implications imposed by the road upgrade.
- Stage 4 Completion and Council adoption of final report.

7. TIMELINES

Funding for this study is being provided externally by the Tasmanian Government's Department of State Growth. As such, it is a requirement of accepting this funding that the monies be expensed before 30 June 2020. However, it is foreseen the project will commence by 1 December 2019.

8. PROJECT BUDGET



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8.1 Respondents will be required to indicate costs associated with the completion of the project as detailed in this Brief.

8.2 Submissions are to exclude anticipated costs associated with the printing of the Final Plan.

9. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

9.1 The Economic Development Unit holds primary responsibility for this project within the Council's Legal and Governance Services Department.

The Consultant will be required to maintain close and ongoing communication with the Economic Development Manager (or delegate) throughout the project.

The Consultant will be required to attend regular briefing meetings with the Council's Project Management Team.

Such meetings will report on progress made against the Project Plan. The meetings will also provide a forum to discuss issues and any problems that might arise.

10. CONSULTANT APPLICATION, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

An assessment of applications received will be undertaken by a Council appointed Selection Committee.

- Submissions should outline a full description of the Consultant's proposed approach to the preparation of the Plan and how they will address specific requirements noted in the Brief. This should include details of deliverable outcomes and the proposed timeline.
- 10.2 Additional information is welcomed but the submission should be concise and only contain information of relevance and substance.
- 10.3 Information submitted by a proponent shall be treated as Commercial in Confidence to the extent necessary and that information shall be protected from disclosure.
- 10.4 Specifically, the submissions should cover the following:-

(i) Proposed Scope and Methodology

- Submissions should present an outline of the Consultant's understanding of the Project. It should include an explanation of the proposed scope and methodology of the study.
- Submissions must detail data sources and information available to the firm (either directly or indirectly); and

(ii) Proposed Project Plan

Submissions must present a detailed work program



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The work program should clearly identify the tasks, methods and processes to be used, including details of the number of consulting days and the daily rate of the individual Consultant(s) assigned to each task. The timing of each stage of work program should also be specified.

(iii) Capability Statement

A brief description of the Consultant's capacity to complete the Project is required.

Details of similar related undertakings carried out in recent years for nominated clients should also be documented. These should clearly indicate:-

- Experience in serving clients, particularly Local Government, with similar projects
- Capacity to achieve stated timelines
- Experience in undertaking community consultation and strategic plan development

Submissions should list the personnel, including any sub-contracted personnel, together with their curriculum vitae and their professional expertise and experience.

If the Consultant proposes to use a work team, the role of each member is to be specified and identified in each phase of the Project Plan.

If a consortium approach is proposed, a lead Consultant must be nominated and their anticipated input in terms of person/contact hours noted.

Evidence of the Consultant's capacity to produce timely results and meet deadlines should also be documented.

(iv) Project Budget

A fixed quote on the fee payable for the project is required. This should be based on a cost breakdown for the stages and tasks involved in the project.

The quoted fee shall include:-

- a) All costs of the consultants
- b) Cost of preparing working documents and providing one hard copy
- c) All travel costs
- d) Costs of attending meetings as required

All fees and expenses for the consultancy should be submitted together with an itemised breakdown of estimates.



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11. REFERENCES

The names and contact numbers of at least two clients for whom the firm has undertaken work relevant to this Project should also be provided. The submission will be evaluated in accordance with the Huon Valley Council's Code and Procedures relating to Tenders and Contracts.

12. ASSESSMENT

- The submission will be evaluated in accordance with the Huon Valley Council's Code and Procedures relating to Tenders and Contracts.
- Additionally, the Evaluation Committee may request interviews with key personnel of the preferred contract team and customers for whom the respondent has previously carried out works, to assess the similarity of the work to the Evaluation Committee's requirements, and to obtain independent assessments of the respondents' performance.
- Respondents need to be prepared to present their submission to the Evaluation Committee if requested to do so. A minimum of 5 days advance notice of any such presentation will be provided.
- 12.4 Irrespective of the outcome of the selection process, Council reserves the right not to disclose details of its assessment results other than the name of the successful respondent.

13. TERMS OF PAYMENT

13.1 The standard terms for payment to the successful applicant will be based on the following percentages, 30 days from delivery of the services and correctly rendered invoice to the Huon Valley Council.

| Stage No. | Task | % of Total Amount |
|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Tasks to be specified as per sections 5 and 6 | 30% |
| 2 | Tasks to be specified as per sections 5 and 6 | 30% |
| 3 | Tasks to be specified as per sections 5 and 6 | 40% |

14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Authorship of all documentation produced as part of the Project should be clearly identified, including names of the primary consultant and all members of the consultant team.



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- 14.2 The Huon Valley Council will hold intellectual property rights on all material produced by the Project and the Consultant will do whatever is necessary to vest those rights in the Council.
- 14.3 The Huon Valley Council may produce further copies of material under the authorship of the Consultant (including acknowledgement of the contribution of sub-consultants).
- The Consultant may subsequently publish material obtained during this Project, but may not publish any documentation produced during this Project (including the Final Report) without permission of the Huon Valley Council.
- The Consultant is expected to obtain the necessary written permission to reproduce copies of archival documents. Such permission is to be obtained from the relevant agencies prior to the reproduction of material in the study and should be submitted to the Huon Valley Council with the final documentation.

15. SUBMISSION DETAILS

The closing date for applications will be 5:00pm 25th October 2019.

Expressions of Interest can be made through the following:

- Tenderlink
- · Hard copy, addressed to:

Expressions of Interest: Jefferys Track Feasibility Study (Confidential)
Huon Valley Council
PO Box 210
Huonville TAS 7109

For any further information, please contact:

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Projects Officer Huon Valley Council

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Email (not for submission):

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Sent:

Tuesday, 24 September 2019 8:52 AM out of scope

To:

Subject:

RE: Jefferys Track

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Regarding below is there any specific information that you would like included in the first draft of the Media Release? Would you like to include a quote from yourself in this too?

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 September 2019 2:29 PM out of scope

Subject: Jefferys Track

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This is just a note to remind you that there are specific conditions in Section 5 of the Grant Deed with regard to any public media about the feasibility study. (Noted Below) ??

5 Publicity concerning Grant and Approved Purpose

The Recipient must include in any correspondence, promotional material, publ (including media) announcement, advertising material, or other publication cor the Approved Purpose, an acknowledgement that the Approved Purpose is assi grant from the Grantor. The acknowledgement must be in a form and substance in writing by the Grantor.

Prior to any public engagement on the feasibility study please forward any media to as above to the Department for review and approval.

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Dear out of scope

We need to make one change to the media release with Dept of State Growth changing to the Tasmanian Government. I'm just calling our corporate comms team to confirm the precise wording and shall-revert shortly.

Kind regards

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MEDIA RELEASE

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EOIs called for Jefferys Track Feasibility Study

The Huon Valley Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified consultative groups to carry out a feasibility study on Jefferys Track as a potential future tourism and transport link between the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley.

The 14km track runs across the Wellington Range between Lachlan in the Derwent Valley and Crabtree in the Huon Valley. It is used as an important fire trail for planned fire-fighting and land management access, and also attracts rural recreational activity such as responsbile 4WD off-road driving, horse riding, cycling and bush walking. However, antisocial behaviour by some 4WD drivers has also made the northern section near impassable for most vehicles and badly impacted its ability to act as a fire trail.

We thank the Department of State Growth for funding a Feasibility Study for Jefferys Track to investigate the future of the track and complete a cost-benefit analysis of upgrading to a road standard. The project will be managed jointly by the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley Councils in consultation with other land owners.

Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders said that the study will need to look at all the benefits and opportunities that could be provided to local communities and industries as a result of the development, while also highlighting areas of concern and potential challenges that may arise.

"The study will look at the current state of the track and what upgrades would be required to provide suitable and faster access between the Valleys for local commuters, employees, tourists, and producers," said Cr Enders. "Another consideration will be the track's importance in future disaster and emergency management and how it might offer improved fire hazard access and response times."

The study will involve consultations with a number of stakeholders, including:

- Huon Valley Council and Derwent Valley Council
- Local residents (including the opportunity to give feedback)
- Land owners and managers Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, the Wellington Park Management Trust and Norske Skog
- Tasmanian Fire Service
- The Department of State Growth





- Relevant tourism associations (e.g. Destination Southern Tasmania, Derwent Valley Tasmania and Tourism Tasmania)
- Industry leaders in aquaculture, agriculture, forestry, viniculture, manufacturing and tourism
- Recreational users including the bushwalking, horse riding and legitimate 4WD community

Cr Enders said the community engagement process will be important to find out the level of support for the project among residents.

"We have long been seeking ways to strengthen the link between the two Valleys, and this study will help inform our discussions around the whether Jefferys Track can provide this, and how upgrades would need to be carried out to achieve a good outcome," Cr Enders said.

Derwent Valley Mayor Ben Shaw said that while the Council is supportive of the idea and welcome the study, they are extremely conscious to consider wider impacts to the communities of Lachlan and Crabtree.

"It would be fantastic to have improved access for emergency services and access to fire trails, but if the road is to be utilised as a tourist route, a broader view needs to be taken," said Cr Shaw. "Strong consultation will need to be done with the communities in both Valleys, along with having a detailed look at the broader impacts to Council infrastructure including the arterial roads on both sides.

"We are looking forward to seeing the outcome of the feasibility study and what our two municipalities may be able to achieve together."

For project information and to make a submission please go to Huon Valley Council's Tenderlink website at <u>tenderlink.com/huonvalley.</u>

Submissions close 5pm on 29 October 2019 and can be made via Tenderlink (ref HUON-887213)

For more information: Mayor Bec Enders (03) 6264 0300

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Monday 7 October 2019 10:49 AM out of scope

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I just received a call from our Communications & Media Team Leader asking if we can go ahead. If we can release before noon then it will go in this week's Huon News.

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Please include a summary in the Monthly Report.

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From:

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Just wanted to give you a very brief update on the above.

We have a number of proposal submissions. All have slightly different approach and focus. I will write up a full summary soon but in brief:

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Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2019 11:11 AM out of scope

To:

Subject:

RE: Jefferys Track Feasibility study

Hi

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This is in brief evaluation of the Jefferys Track Feasibility Study submissions.

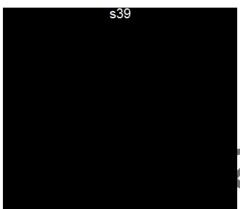
Happy to provide any further details.

Seasonal greetings,

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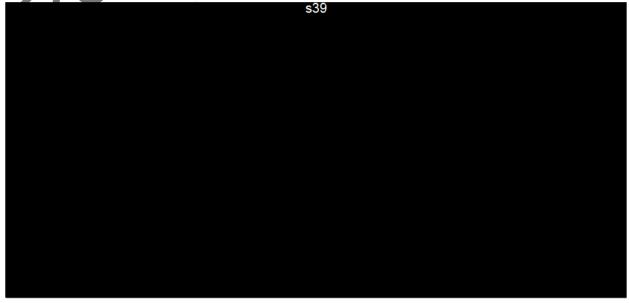
Jefferys Track Feasibility Study

6x submissions were received as outlined below (excl. GST) by 5th Decembers



All had slightly different approaches

Evaluation panel met on Tuesday 17/12/19 (representatives from DSG and Derwent Valley Council were offered opportunity to be included but comprised of four staff from Huon Valley Council's Economic Development (Legal & Governance Services) and Infrastructure Services departments.



Therefore the evaluation team did not feel confident in progressing with any of the submissions as they are.

It was decided that to progress the project the scope needed to be split and the following approach pursued:

HVC approach civil engineering firms directly for a quote to get a preliminary design and P50 costing \$39 for the road alone.

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to be considered for delivering the

stakeholder and CBA elements. After the seasonal break, running the stakeholder and community engagement component concurrently could be considered.

Although frustrating, it is believed this would allow for the most robust and hopefully efficient outcome.

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2019 9:39 AM

to: out of scope

Subject: RE: Jefferys Track Feasibility study

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Have not received a monthly report.

Please give me an update on Jeffery's Track

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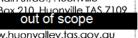
Just contacted Sue (McCarter) to ask if infrastructure are submitting one (and I'll add Jefferys Track to that).

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Jefferys Track Feasibility study

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Will Council be submitting a monthly report for Arve Road& Jefferys Track

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From:

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Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2019 11:22 AM

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Subject: Jefferys Track Feasibility study

Good morning

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Sent:

17 February 2020 9:48 AM

To:

Subject:

Jefferys Track

Good morning

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Just wanted to let you know we are doing final bit of evaluation process for awarding the feasibility study for Jefferys Track. This will recommend:

- Deloitte to undertake the stakeholder engagement and cost benefit analysis; and
- GHD for the civil engineering/costing element as well as report on arterial connecting roads

Looking forward to this progressing soon.

Regards,

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Friday, 28 February 2020 8:10 AM

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Subject:

RE: Jefferys Track

Attachments:

Grant Drawdown \$143,000 and Invoice -15 8 19 - Huon Valley Council.pdf

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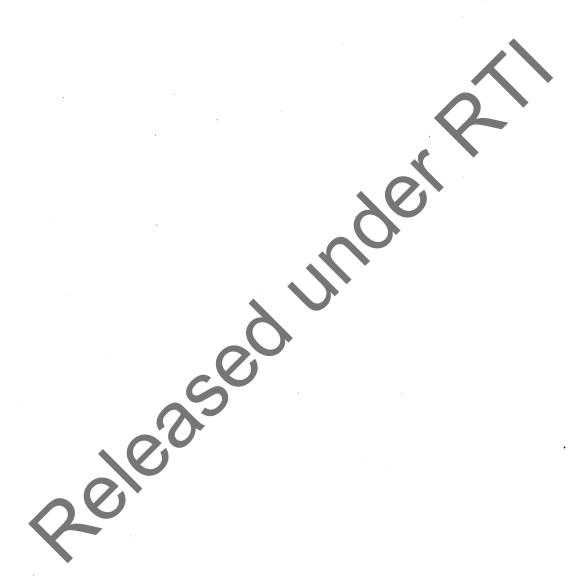


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Invoice No. Document Date Payment Terms Due Date

2890 9/08/2019 Net 30 Days 8/09/2019

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Monday, 2 March 2020 7:57 AM

To:

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Subject:

RE: Jefferys Track

Hi

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That is fine if the final report is later this year

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From:

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Sent: Friday, 28 February 2020 8:36 AM

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Subject: RE: Jefferys Track

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Sorry perhaps I was not clear. Is there an issue for DSG if the project is delivered after the end of June financial year?

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Friday, 3 April 2020 2:59 PM

To:

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Subject:

Attachments:

FW: Arve Rd / Jefferys Monthly Report Inbox x 10 Council Grant Monthly Report March.docx

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Please find attached the latest report on the Arve Road and Jefferys projects.

Regards

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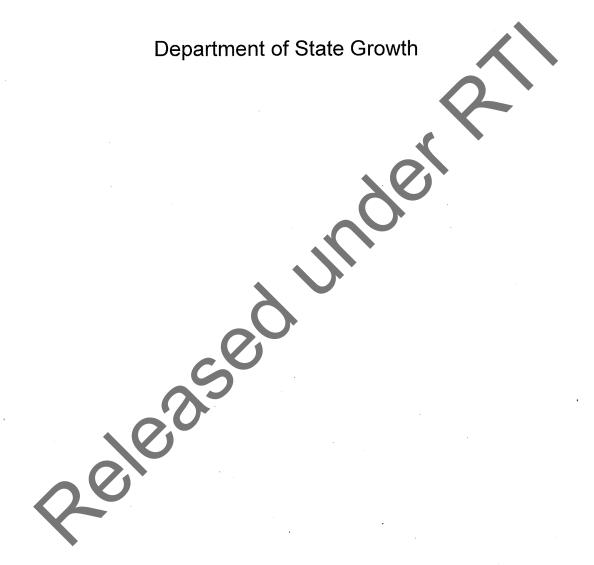
Attached is the completed report.

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Monthly Report for March 2020

To



Grantor: The Crown in Right of Tasmania (represented by the Department of State Growth)

Recipient: Huon Valley Council

Council Grant Deed: To assist the Recipient to undertake the upgrade of Arve Road as part of the Roads Package to Support Tasmania's Visitor Economy

In accordance with the Grant Deed, Item 7 Reporting Requirements the Recipient will provide a monthly signed Construction Progress Report evidencing activities completed related to achieving the Approved Purpose.

Commencement of the Approved Purpose by Council: (Date)

Is Council on program to meet the Conditions Precedent required for the next payment instalment: Yes

Is Council on program to meet the Conditions Precedent required for the completion of the Approved Purpose: Yes

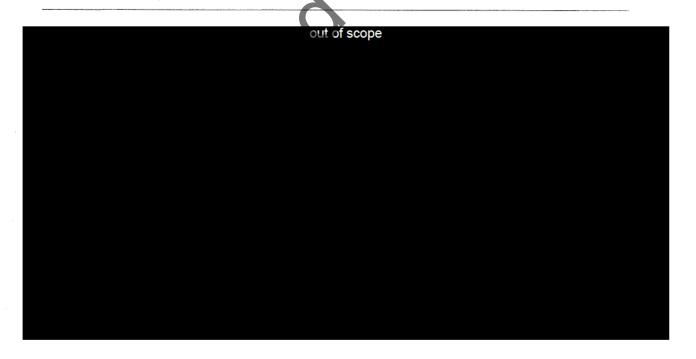
Are there any circumstances that may impede the completion of the Approved Purpose? (Please detail)

This Monthly Report has been prepared by:

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Jefferys Track

Progress Report No. 10



Scope of works – Jefferies Track

| Project Activity | Current Status of Work |
|-------------------|---|
| Feasibility Study | Third round of procurement complete. |
| | Two consultants chosen to work on the project: Deloitte to complete stakeholder and community engagement, as well as cost-benefit analysis. GHD to complete civil engineering and costing element. |
| | Covid-19 pandemic crisis has impacted the project though, just prior to signing contacts. Currently clarifying how to progress in current climate and incorporating into timelines, milestones, etc. that are also reflected in revised contract. |

Additional project information:

Upon Completion of the Monthly Report send to stateroadsprogrammingteam@stategrowth.tas.gov.au



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Sent:

Wednesday, 20 May 2020 11:17 AM out of scope

To:

Cc: Subject: RE: Jefferys Track study

Hi '

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Please coordinate the strategic requirements and study outcomes with Luke Middleton of our Network Planning team.

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From: out of scope

Sent: Tuesday, 19 May 2020 3:39 PM

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Subject: Jefferys Track study

Good afternoon

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How are you?

I have just been discussing the project with out of scope Deloitte) she would like know who would be the point of contact at DSG for the Jefferys Track project? They would obviously like to discuss at a strategic level with the Department as a key stakeholder but also would like to know more specific information such as what traffic data was available, etc.

Thanks,

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Sent:

Tuesday, 21 July 2020 4:37 PM

To:

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Subject: Attachments: FW: Media Release for approval - Jefferys Track feasibility study

Media release - HVC and DVC - Jefferys Track feasibility study July20.DOCX

Hi

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Please see attached comments

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Subject: RE: Media Release for approval - Jefferys Track feasibility study

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Thanks for sending through, we appreciate Council giving us a couple of days notice to allow for review.

Overall the release looks fine, we would just like to request one change (in mark up on attached, and filed in RM at D20/179696) to more clearly reflect the Tasmanian Government's funding for the feasibility study.

Thanks again and if my team can be of further assistance please sing out.

Best

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From:

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Sent: Monday, 20 July 2020 8:58 AM

To:

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Subject: FW: Media Release for approval - Jefferys Track feasibility study

In accordance with their Grant Conditions, the Huon Valley Council have submitted the attached media release for approval.

Please let me know if it Council can publish it

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From:

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Sent: Friday, 17 July 2020 5:09 PM

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Cc: info stategrowth <info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Media Release for approval - Jefferys Track feasibility study

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Attached is a draft media release regarding the Tasmanian Government-funded feasibility study and community consultation that is being undertaken by Huon Valley Council in collaboration with Derwent Valley Council.

Our Projects Officer Tim Hankey asked that we send this to Cathy Williams for approval however I don't have her email address, so I was hoping you would be able to forward this to Cathy for us.

Thank you!

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out of PO Box 210, Huonville TAS 7109



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MEDIA RELEASE

EMBARGOED 24 JULY 2020

Jefferys Track upgrade to undergo feasibility study and community consultation

The Tasmanian Government has funded a feasibility study for the upgrade of Jefferys Track, which runs from Crabtree in the Huon Valley area to Lachlan in the Derwent Valley. The feasibility study will be led by the Huon Valley Council in collaboration with the Derwent Valley Council. The Huon Valley Council, in collaboration with Derwent Valley Council and the Tasmanian Government, is undertaking a study into the feasibility of upgrading Jefferys Track, which runs from Crabtree in the Huon Valley area to Lachlan in the Derwent Valley.

A transport link between the Huon and Derwent Valleys has potential to bring significant business, leisure and social benefits for our communities. In addition, the current state of Jefferys Track is problematic as it is impassable in places. A decision needs to be made on whether to maintain or upgrade the route, and whether it is a viable option to link the Valleys.

Deloitte Access Economics has been engaged to undertake consultation with key stakeholders and to deliver a cost-benefit analysis of options for upgrading Jefferys Track. Engineers GHD have also been engaged to identify and provide cost estimates of options for possible routes and road types.

Community and industry consultation will take place in the second half of 2020. The aim of the consultation is to:

- Communicate and seek feedback on the possibility of development of Jefferys Track
- Understand community and industry opinions, concerns and ideas related to the possibility of development of the track
- Ascertain potential traffic flows
- Identify the costs and benefits of the potential development

Following some initial industry consultation, local communities will be invited to have input. Consultation for both stakeholder groups will include a series of interviews, workshops, public meetings, and an online survey.

Derwent Valley Mayor Ben Shaw said that Derwent Valley Council supports the feasibility study with a strong focus on the consultation process.

Communications & Media Officer

Huon Valley Council communications@huonvalley.tas.gov.au





"It would be fantastic to have better and easier access and a connection between the Huon and Derwent Valleys but we must make sure the industry stakeholders and communities at both ends are well-informed and have the opportunity for feedback and input along the way.

"It's really exciting to imagine what could possibly be achieved, but if anything is to come of it, it's vital that it's done in a careful and considered way," he said.

If you wish to be part of the consultation please contact Deloitte Access Economics on (03) 9667 5040 or jefferystrackconsult@deloitte.com.au to register your interest. Opportunities will also be communicated through the usual council channels.

"The consultation is an important opportunity to listen what our communities say about the proposed upgrade, and to find out what the key issues are," said Huon Valley Council Acting Mayor Sally Doyle. "Councillors will consider the results of the consultation together with all aspects of the potential upgrade which will be covered in the feasibility study, such as construction costs and routes, and impacts on adjoining landowners.

"Access to Jefferys Track involves travelling through Crabtree, which has many residential and farming properties. Increased traffic is a concern that will be addressed in the study and will be an important consideration for both Councils.

"We thank the Tasmanian Government for funding the study and providing us with the opportunity to thoroughly investigate potential options for track."

At this stage, no decisions have been made about the future of Jefferys Track. If the feasibility assessment is positive and both Councils agree to proceed with the upgrade, the next steps will involve more community consultation and the completion of a detailed route analysis and environmental studies.

For more information: Acting Mayor Sally Doyle (03) 6264 0300

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Sent:

Wednesday, 22 July 2020 9:14 AM out of scope

To:

Subject:

RE: Media Release for approval - Jefferys Track feasibility study

Attachments:

Media Release - Jefferys Track upgrade to undergo feasibility study andpdf

Many thanks out of I have attached the finalised media release for your reference.

Kind regards,

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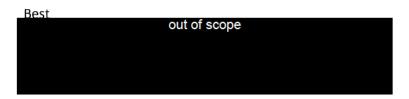
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Thanks for sending through, we appreciate Council giving us a couple of days notice to allow for review.

Overall the release looks fine, we would just like to request one change (in mark up on attached, and filed in RM at D20/179696) to more clearly reflect the Tasmanian Government's funding for the feasibility study.

Thanks again and if my team can be of further assistance please sing out.



From: out of scope

Sent: Monday, 20 July 2020 8:58 AM

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In accordance with their Grant Conditions, the Huon Valley Council have submitted the attached media release for approval.

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Hi out of scope

Attached is a draft media release regarding the Tasmanian Government-funded feasibility study and community consultation that is being undertaken by Huon Valley Council in collaboration with Derwent Valley Council.

Our Projects Officer asked that we send this out of scope email address, so I was hoping you would be able to forward this out of for us.

Thank you!

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MEDIA RELEASE

EMBARGOED 24 JULY 2020

Jefferys Track upgrade to undergo feasibility study and community consultation

The Tasmanian Government has funded a feasibility study for the upgrade of Jefferys Track, which runs from Crabtree in the Huon Valley area to Lachlan in the Derwent Valley. The feasibility study will be led by the Huon Valley Council in collaboration with the Derwent Valley Council.

A transport link between the Huon and Derwent Valleys has potential to bring significant business, leisure and social benefits for our communities. In addition, the current state of Jefferys Track is problematic as it is impassable in places. A decision needs to be made on whether to maintain or upgrade the route, and whether it is a viable option to link the Valleys.

Deloitte Access Economics has been engaged to undertake consultation with key stakeholders and to deliver a cost-benefit analysis of options for upgrading Jefferys Track. Engineers GHD have also been engaged to identify and provide cost estimates of options for possible routes and road types.

Community and industry consultation will take place in the second half of 2020. The aim of the consultation is to:

- Communicate and seek feedback on the possibility of development of Jefferys Track
- Understand community and industry opinions, concerns and ideas related to the possibility of development of the track
- Ascertain potential traffic flows
- Identify the costs and benefits of the potential development

Following some initial industry consultation, local communities will be invited to have input. Consultation for both stakeholder groups will include a series of interviews, workshops, public meetings, and an online survey.

Derwent Valley Mayor Ben Shaw said that Derwent Valley Council supports the feasibility study with a strong focus on the consultation process.





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"It would be fantastic to have better and easier access and a connection between the Huon and Derwent Valleys but we must make sure the industry stakeholders and communities at both ends are well-informed and have the opportunity for feedback and input along the way.

"It's really exciting to imagine what could possibly be achieved, but if anything is to come of it, it's vital that it's done in a careful and considered way," he said.

If you wish to be part of the consultation please contact Deloitte Access Economics on (03) 9667 5040 or jefferystrackconsult@deloitte.com.au to register your interest. Opportunities will also be communicated through the usual council channels.

"The consultation is an important opportunity to listen what our communities say about the proposed upgrade, and to find out what the key issues are," said Huon Valley Council Acting Mayor Sally Doyle. "Councillors will consider the results of the consultation together with all aspects of the potential upgrade which will be covered in the feasibility study, such as construction costs and routes, and impacts on adjoining landowners.

"Access to Jefferys Track involves travelling through Crabtree, which has many residential and farming properties. Increased traffic is a concern that will be addressed in the study and will be an important consideration for both Councils.

"We thank the Tasmanian Government for funding the study and providing us with the opportunity to thoroughly investigate potential options for track."

At this stage, no decisions have been made about the future of Jefferys Track. If the feasibility assessment is positive and both Councils agree to proceed with the upgrade, the next steps will involve more community consultation and the completion of a detailed route analysis and environmental studies.

For more information: Acting Mayor Sally Doyle (03) 6264 0300