

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please accept this brief email as Council's submission to the inquiry into the effects of graffiti on public infrastructure. I am aware that submissions were to be received by 10 May and apologise for the delay in submitting this. I trust that it will be received.

Corowa Shire Council is a small rural Council with three urban centres of Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong on the Murray River in NSW.

Council infrastructure is constantly the target of graffiti with the main targets being :-

- Bus shelters
- Public toilets
- Bridge structures
- Road signs

The cost of repairing the targeted infrastructure is difficult to determine suffice to say that it is considerable and is masked by increased maintenance costs across all asset classes.

Having regard for all this Council is also abundantly aware that graffiti in our community is less than in many others.

Council continues to seek public assistance in reporting graffiti attacks as they occur but invariably this fails as most attacks occur at times when people are not present.

In closing I present the latest attack on Council's newest Public Toilet on the Mulwala foreshore. A senseless attack on a quality community resource. Photographs attached.

Council looks forward to the findings of the inquiry and hope that some solutions to the vandalism problem are found.

Regards

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