



“Comfortable Country Living”

9 September 2015

**The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 200**

Dear Director

Legislative Council Inquiry into Local Government in New South Wales – Question on Notice at Cobar Hearing, 17 August 2015

At the Cobar hearing on 17 August 2015, the General Manager was asked the following question in the context of the funding shortfall for Bogan Shire Council on Regional Roads:

***CHAIR:** My question is how far short is the funding that the State gives you to look after those roads? Is it 25 per cent short or five per cent short?*

Having taken the question on notice, investigations now indicate that

- The estimated annual cost of maintenance for these roads, including re-sealing and gravel re-sheeting is \$1.237 Million and annual depreciation is estimated at \$270,101
- Council’s total Block Grant from the NSW Government in 2014/15 was \$883,000.

This indicates a 28% shortfall if depreciation is excluded from the calculation and 41% shortfall if it is included.

Yours sincerely

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