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Dear Mr <sup>SA MLC</sup>Mullighan

**APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 9 April, 2021.

Your application seeks access to:

*"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program- Request for Late grant Submission - Adelaide Hills Council' as described on the Objective document management system." From 26 October 2020 to 9 April 2021.*

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 2 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 2 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), the Department of Treasury and Finance is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the Act.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

As I am determining this application as Principal Officer, section 29(6) of the Act does not provide for an internal review. If you are dissatisfied with my determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman.

Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. If you wish to seek a review, section 39(3) of the Act states you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving the determination.

If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on (08) 8226 9769.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Rob Lucas MLC**  
*Principal Officer*

5 May 2021

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To The Treasurer

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - REQUEST  
FOR LATE GRANT SUBMISSION – ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL**

Timing: Urgent – a decision is required before Friday 29 January

**Recommendations/Issues:** It is recommended that you:

- Note that councils are required to submit applications for Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program (LGIPP) grant funding by 29 January 2021.
- Note that the Adelaide Hills Council has recently contacted DTF at officer level to request your approval to submit a late grant application for the Water Saving Irrigation project on 5 February 2021 (Attachment A).
- Note you previously approved the City of Marion submitting a preliminary grant application for the Marion Historical Village project by 29 January 2021, which the council can subsequently amend up to 8 February 2021 without penalty or disadvantage.
- Approve the Adelaide Hills Council being granted an extension to enable it to submit a grant application for the Water Saving Irrigation project by 5 February 2021.
- Note subject to your approval, DTF will communicate this to the council at officer level.

Approved/ Not-approved

Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

29/1/21

**Key Points:**

- As part of the 2020-21 Budget, the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program (LGIPP) was established to fund up to \$200 million in grants for local government infrastructure projects (funded on



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a 50:50 basis with councils). Under the grant guidelines, councils are required to submit applications for LGIPP grant funding by 29 January 2021.

- The grant guidelines for the LGIPP state that '*The Treasurer may consider or accept (at the Treasurer's sole discretion) any application at any time including without limitation a late application or the application of a council who has failed to submit an application in accordance with these guidelines*'.
- The Adelaide Hills Council (the council) has been in contact with DTF at officer level to request your approval to submit a late grant application for the Water Saving Irrigation project on 5 February 2021 (Attachment A).
- The Water Saving Irrigation project will include water re-use across key sites in the council area, which the Council suggests will improve the standard of community ovals so they can withstand consistent year round usage, enabling local clubs and the community to host more events. This project will particularly benefit communities with ovals in the fire scar from the Cudlee Creek fire.
- The council has advised that it had intended to prepare the application this week, and have been unable to due to the heavy impacts of the Cherry Gardens fire. It has requested a one week extension to the application deadline in order to allow sufficient time for council staff to prepare an application.
- On 12 January 2021 you approved the City of Marion submitting a preliminary grant application for the Marion Historical Village project by 29 January 2021, which the council can subsequently amend up to 8 February 2021 without penalty or disadvantage.

Recommendation

- Given the recent fire event, it is recommended that an extension be provided to the council to enable it to submit a grant application for the Water Saving Irrigation project by 5 February 2021.
- DTF will communicate your position to the council as soon as possible.



Tammie Pribanic  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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28 January 2021

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**DTF:Treasurer**

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**From:** Peter Bice <pbice@ahc.sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 January 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** DTF:LG Infrastructure Grants  
**Cc:** Jo Driscoll  
**Subject:** RE: Extension request for LGIPP for Adelaide Hills Council

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Connie,

Many thanks for the prompt response.

We are looking at a Water Saving Irrigation program incorporating Water Re-use across key sites in the Adelaide Hills Council.

This is destined to save precious water resources and also enable Heavily utilised Community Ovals (A number in the fire scar from Cudlee Creek Fire) to be brought up to a standard where consistent year round usage enables local clubs and community to host more events.

The total Cost is estimated at 1,050,000, and we were hoping for a \$525k split.

The Adelaide Hills Community would be extremely grateful for this opportunity and I am happy to peak with any staff including the Treasurer should it add value or additional context.

Cheers,  
Pete

**Peter Bice**  
**Director Infrastructure & Operations**

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**Subject:** RE: Extension request for LGIPP for Adelaide Hills Council

Hi Peter

Thank you for your email. We will need to refer this request to the Treasurer for consideration. Can you please provide a very brief summary of the proposed project including estimated total project cost, funding sources, and amount sought from the LGIPP to enable us to brief the Treasurer.

Regards

Connie Hill

**Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program**

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**Subject:** Extension request for LGIPP for Adelaide Hills Council  
**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern,

We hereby request an extension to the application date of week, enabling us to submit our project by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

We had planned on preparing this week, and have been heavily impacted by the Cherry Gardens fire.

We do need the funding, and so would greatly appreciate some flexibility so that we may support our Community (our application will be supporting those affected by the Cudlee Creek Fire).

Kind regards,  
Peter

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**Peter Bice**  
**Director Infrastructure & Operations**

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