



## 9.2.3 PROPOSED COMMUNICATION MICROWAVE LINK TO JURIEN BAY OPERATIONS CENTRE

Location: Jurien Bay  
Applicant: Shire of Dandaragan  
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### PROPOSAL

Council to consider transferring up to \$20,000.000 from the Building Reserve for the installation of a Microwave Link to the Jurien Bay Operations Centre.

### BACKGROUND

Data connectivity from the Shire Administration Centre to the Operations Centre is very limited with dial up internet access only, with no connection to Council operating systems, making it impossible for Coordinator Infrastructure Operations and Operations Supervisor (Jurien Bay) being able to undertake effective data recording or access the Council operating systems.

### COMMENT

With the Coordinator Infrastructure Operations recently being relocated to the Jurien Bay Operations Centre, data access has become critical for the efficient and effective operation of the Infrastructure Services throughout the Shire. Given the changes in the operations of the Operations Centre some minor building modification is also required, to the current office building.

Cost have been estimated at \$20,000.00 to install a Microwave Link from the Administration Centre to the Operations Centre, and an estimate of \$5,000.000 for the building modification. No allocation was made in the current 2013/14 budget for these items.

Changes to technology over the past few years requires all staff to have access to our servers and systems. Both the existing positions of Supervisor and Coordinator Infrastructure Operations do not have full access to these at this stage.

### CONSULTATION

- Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications relevant to this item.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications relevant to this item.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Building Reserve has a balance of \$678,082.00. The Microwave Link has been estimated at \$20,000.000, minor building

modification \$5,000.00.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act

6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

- (1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure —
  - (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government;
  - (b) is authorised in advance by resolution\*; or
  - (c) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

\* Absolute majority required.

### ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Quote from CipherTel Pty Ltd (Doc Id: 17591)
- Quote from Communications & Wireless Services Pty Ltd (Doc Id: 17592)

***(Marked 9.2.3)***

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorse the transfer of \$25,000.000 from Building Reserve for the purpose of installing a Microwave Link from the Bashford Street Shire Administration Centre to the Jurien Bay Operations Centre on Carmella Street and minor modification to the Office building.**