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Mayor Keith Parkes
Chair of LGTAP

Dear Mayor Parkes.

Subject: Legatus Group responses - North Coast Road Point Turton SLRP

In response to the email received on 15 June 2022 with regards LGTAP seeking the Legatus Group to:

“Further explain / clarify the Legatus Group referral comments regarding this application, in particular, the criteria / assessment that was used to inform the recommendation of its Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.”

The Legatus Group wishes it noted that we sought clarity on the Legatus Group Roads for this year’s SLRP process from Alyssa Bates, Grants Coordinator, Local Government Association after receiving the email and the following responses were provided:

1. That there is no request for clarification on the 3 other roads assessed by the Legatus Group and LGTAP for the 2022/2023 program.
2. That LGTAP have assessed an application by the Light Regional Council for Wilkinson Road & Gawler River Road which was not assessed by the Legatus Group.

We seek the opportunity to attend the meeting scheduled for 29 June 2022 for further clarity from LGTAP on these matters.

With reference to the North Coast Road Point Turton SLRP application this is the 3rd year that the Legatus Group have assessed and prioritised this road using the same methodology for all roads which the Legatus Group have submitted for SLRP.

LGTAP would have the previous 2 recommendations and rankings regarding this road which have been provided to LGTAP. We ask that it be noted this year was the first year of using the new system.

The Legatus Group contracted HDS to assist with the 2022/23 SLRP Regional Priorities List which was in line with the Minor Update scope, only “by exception” regional roads database applications for this year. This included an updated regional roads database priority and discuss/develop a draft SLRP priorities list for 2022/23. A final report was prepared, incorporating final SLRP priorities.

The Legatus Group have a Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee (RTIAC) who provide recommendations to the Legatus Group including the annual SLRP priorities. Their agendas and minutes are public documents which are made available

through our website. All minutes from the RTIAC are provided to the Legatus Group meetings via their agenda and in turn to our member councils and they are published on our website.

The Legatus Group RTIAC met on 25 February 2021 and Tim Viner-Smith and John Olson from HDS attended the meeting and provided an update on the Legatus Group Road Transport Plan on the following:

1. Minor Updates to Regionally Significant Routes
2. Minor Updates to Action Plans
3. Roads Database

General discussion was held on all 3 topics and the meeting noted that there were to be no new roads added after that date for this year's minor updates. The meeting also undertook Stage 2 scoring for the currently identified projects for this year's SLRP funding assessment. The following motion was carried and reported to the 11 March 2022 Legatus Group meeting:

- a. The Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee recommends the Legatus Group endorses Hills Road and Cotton Road be added to the Roads Data base.
- b. That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee notes the preliminary priority rating of the 4 projects listed for this year's SLRP funding assessment which are (a) YPC North Coast Road Point Turton Township to Point Souttar Road (b) LRC Gray Street Templers Road to Thiele Highway (3) BC Moculta Road Murray Street to Truro Road and (4) RCG Hills Road.

The Legatus Group RTIAC met on 5 May 2022 and they were provided with a report with the agenda which included the updates by HDS on the SLRP applications. The following motion was carried and reported to the 10 June 2022 legatus Group meeting:

Motion: The Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee recommends the Legatus Group provides a response to LGTAP based on the priority listing of the 4 roads identified and assessed in the current Roads Data Base.

The Legatus Group at their meeting on 10 June 2022 approved a motion to support the recommendation by the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee that the Legatus Group response to the 2022 SLRP is based on the priority listing of the 4 roads North Coast Road (Yorke Peninsula), Gray Street (Light), Moculta Road (Barossa) and Hills Road (Goyder) which were identified and assessed in the Legatus Group Roads Data Base. This decision was in turn provided to LGTAP.

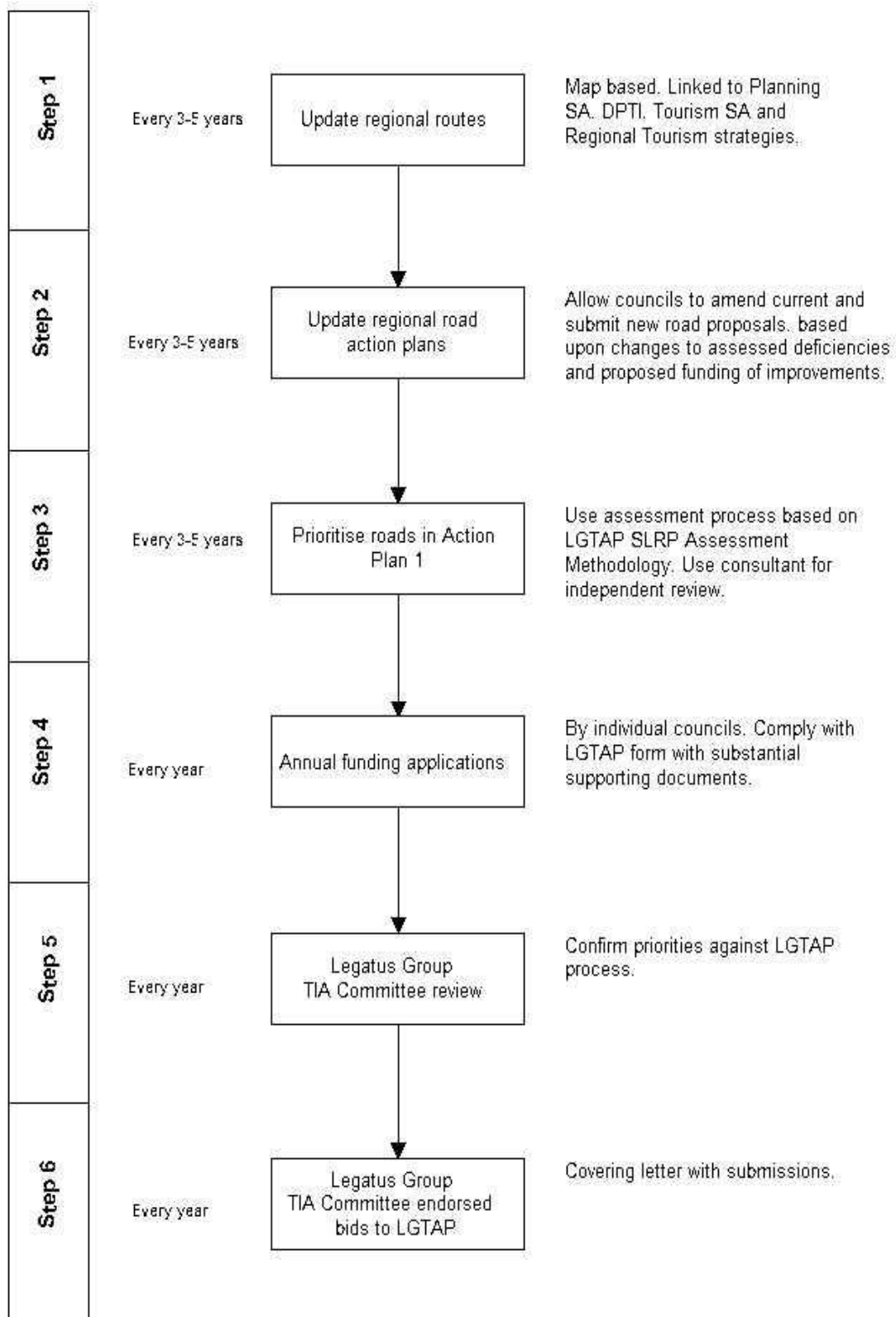
It should be noted that HDS did not receive a draft submission on this road for this year to review before submission to LGTAP and they did not have access to the applications through the new way of submitting applications.

HDS have advised the Legatus Group that in general the North Coast Road Point Turton is a good submission with strong supporting evidence and they have endeavored to address some of LGTAP questions below.

Methodology

The methodology from the 2030 Regional Transport Plan Section 1.5 is shown below. It details the six steps for the ongoing review and updates. The focus of the review is based on Step 4 Annual Funding Applications. Which is based on the Roads Database criteria and a three-step process. Step 1 involves Councils submitting a roads database application, this is then reviewed by HDS Australia and updated as Step 2. Step 3 involves the Stage 2 assessment undertaken by the Legatus RTIAC and then reported to the Legatus Group. All three scoring tables and criteria are included in the Roads Database which the Legatus Group have submitted to LGTAP.

2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN METHODOLOGY FOR REVIEW AND UPDATE



Criteria I – Road Purpose

Step 1 relates to classification of routes as regionally significant, which directly links to “Criteria I – Road Purpose”.

The subject section of North Coast Road in the Legatus Group Regional Roads plan recognises this road as a Regionally Significant Community Access Route and a locally important Tourist Route.

Council has provided evidence which supports the classification re the tourist route, such as the Yorke Peninsula Holiday Parks and Bush Camping document and supporting map, along with the Walk the Yorke map.

The Legatus Group recognises that the council has consistently submitted this road both purposes of Tourism and Community in their applications.

Criteria 2 – Scope of Works

The scope of works is evaluated under Step 4 in the above methodology. As identified the scope of works associated with this project has changed and being significantly reduced from what was originally proposed by Council several years ago. The scope of works is well defined in the Project Plan. It indicates a previous design has been undertaken by Tonkin, this has not been included. It is also not clear if a full design is warranted for the current proposed scope, again HDS advise this is something Council should respond to.

Criteria 3 – Value for Money

The value for money is evaluated under Step 4 in the above methodology as part of the Stage 2 RTIAC assessment, it was rated as 2.5/5 by RTIAC which is mid-range for project cost and economic analysis. The grant sought of \$1,141,000 is in line with the Roads Database which was endorsed by the Legatus RTIAC. The stage 2 scoring shows that it was scored as two thirds: one third project however which would indicate Council was originally intending to put in \$570,500 for the first stage. These figures are expected to be the same in the second (of two) stage of the project. It is shown as a two-year project on the Roads Database. The cost estimate included with Councils application shows a larger spend in year 2 and a larger Council contribution (approximately 40%). Which will ultimately balance the Council contribution back to one third for the overall project. Some assurances would need to be provided by Council around this proposed funding model.

HDS advise is that the cost estimate is detailed however it is unclear if it was done by Council using estimated rates or based on a contractor quote. Given the history of this project being around for a while there is a risk that the recent significant increase in costs may not have been accounted for. HDS have deferred to Council on this detail so they can explain the methodology. A quote from industry would provide the best supporting evidence here if available. They have also advised that there is potentially some concern around the overall cost increasing and some assurance would need to be provided along with a level of confidence on current cost estimates.

We hope this information is sufficient to assist LGTAP with your further consideration of the application and process used by the Legatus Group.

Yours sincerely



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