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Scoping Document Costing

The Shire of Esperance will continue with the Public Environmental Review (PER) process for Lot 12 Kirwan Road and commence the required works within the endorsed Environmental Scoping Document as approved by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in December last year. The works have now been costed, prioritised and presented to Council at the February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Council Resolved to;

1. Continue with the Public Environmental Review process for Lot 12 Kirwan Road
2. Undertake the required works in Attachment B in the amended priority order
3. Instruct the CEO to advise Council on the results of each study as they become available to enable Council to reassess the decision to proceed, and release the results to the community once considered by Council; and
4. Instruct the CEO to release to the public the priority order of works and;
 - a) Total estimated costs of implementing the scoping document.
 - b) The portion of the estimated costs required for DWER approval; and
 - c) The balance being the cost of works associated with the PER process.

The total cost of implementing the works within the Environmental Scoping Document and preparation of the PER Document is \$560,300. Of this total, \$268,268 relates to work that would have needed to be undertaken anyway to obtain works approval and a licence to operate from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. The remaining cost is directly attributable to the EPA Public Environmental Review process and focuses mainly on determining and further clarifying the hydrogeological regime that is found at the site

The works will be undertaken in priority order as per the attachment, with the results being presented to Council at the completion of each study and then released to the public.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "The 41 work requirements identified in the endorsed Environmental Scoping Document will reduce any scientific uncertainty regarding hydrogeological and geological processes and provide multiple lines of evidence of the geological formations to be found at Lot 12 Kirwan Road. The work to be undertaken should provide us and the community with an increased level of confidence that any risk associated with a modern waste management facility at Lot 12 Kirwan Road is rigorously considered by the EPA."

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