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Dear Dr Stevenson

Thank you for your email dated 8 April 2021 regarding Council's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) funding applications.

I provide the following answers to your questions:

**1) Has Council submitted any grant applications for second round BLER funding?**

Yes.

**2) If so, please provide a summary of the grant/grants applied for;**

The following three projects were submitted:

- Stage 2 Mogo Adventure Trails Hub
- Airport Redevelopment
- Southern Water Storage Facility

**3) What criteria did Council apply in developing these grant applications?**

In accordance with the BLER guidelines, strategic projects were nominated that have the capacity to retain and create jobs in regional areas and stimulate regional economies by supporting entrepreneurship and innovation, diversification, market expansion and capacity building.

**4) What consultation was undertaken during the development of these applications?**

Consultation with stakeholders has been ongoing throughout the identification of these projects. They were each highlighted as priority projects in the NSW commissioned Regional Economic Development Strategy. Additional consultation can be evidenced through documentation including:

- Mogo – Trail masterplan stakeholder engagement – exhibition and adoption
- Airport – stakeholder meetings, economic development strategy, employment lands strategy, transport strategy, masterplan exhibition and adoption
- Dam – Safe and Secure Water program, Eurobodalla Community Strategic Plan, Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy.

Further stakeholder specific engagements has included - Wagonga Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Primary Industries, Rural Fire Service, South East Local Land Services, NSW Health, RMS and the broader community (since 2010).

I trust this clarifies your concerns

Yours sincerely



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