



BUDGET SUBMISSION 2018/19

The Somers Residents Association (Inc.) on behalf of the Somers Community wishes to submit for your consideration the following:

REQUEST:

For an allowance to be set aside in the 2018/19 budget to **undertake a study and draft revegetation plan for Somers.**

History.

To the SRA's knowledge the last attempt to improve this situation occurred **in 1989** with a planting project undertaken by the former South-East Peninsula Residents Association and local Girl Guides.

Reasons.

The lack of significant roadside vegetation along Sandy Point, Lord Somers and Camp Hill roads gives a poor image to residents and visitors to the Somers township.

- 1) There are many introduced Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) trees that do not belong in such an environment or enhance the roadside vegetation.
- 2) Identification of unsafe trees and branches.
- 3) The requirement to remove noxious weeds.
- 4) Lack of general beautification.
- 5) Consideration needed for the improvement to the wildlife corridors for the koalas.

Funding.

An allocation of funds to develop a draft revegetation plan for the major roads surrounding the Somers township and ways, to enhance the natural amenity of the area be included in the 2018/19 budget.

That those works recommended be costed in the 2019/20 budget or grant funding be sort by The Shire for those works to be carried out in 2019.

Recommendation:

If our submission is successful we suggest that the local community be involved in embracing such a project.

On behalf of the SRA.

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