

RMCC Arrangements for 2012/13

Background

The NSW government and RMS are keen to ensure that public funds applied to the maintenance of State road assets are used effectively and efficiently.

In support of seeking increased efficiencies RMS has been asked by the government to examine opportunities for increased contestability in the delivery of road maintenance.

The term of the current RMCC contract arrangements with Councils are due to conclude on 30 June 2012.

Developments to Date

RMS has proposed a range of improvements to the government to improve the delivery of road maintenance in urban and rural areas.

In regional areas RMS and the government are cognisant of the potential impacts on regional employment.

In regional areas RMS has proposed a range of measures to improve the operation of contract arrangements, both with Councils and with internal RMS maintenance providers.

The government is currently considering the range of measures proposed with a view to making formal announcements on future directions in both urban and rural areas.

Consultation

Further detailed consultation with Councils, the LGSA and Division of Local Government is planned following formal government announcements.

The RMCC Steering Committee will also re-form following government announcements to assist with the ongoing planning and roll out of improvements.

Next Steps

The current RMCC contract arrangements are to be rolled over for a further 12 months commencing 1 July 2012. At this stage there will be no change to the contract form. RMS will be formalising this 12 month rollover with individual Councils in the coming weeks.

Within the current form of contract RMS will be undertaking a range of adjustments over the next 12 month period and undertake a closer review of Council performance.

RMS has developed improvements to systems supporting the operation of RMCCs. These changes will reduce the administrative burden to both RMS and Councils.

An update-training program for both RMS staff and Council staff is currently being prepared to improve consistency in the operation and administration of RMCCs. This training will also cover system changes.

It is currently planned to conduct the training in July/August 2012. Further details will follow.

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