



Long Jetty funding application unsuccessful

South Gippsland Shire Council's application for Federal funding to restore the Long Jetty at Port Welshpool has been unsuccessful. A grant for \$4.7 million was applied for under the highly competitive, National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF). If successful, these funds would have joined the \$6 million committed by Council and State Government.

"We are naturally disappointed that our application was unsuccessful" said Mr. Tim Tamlin, Council's CEO. "A lot of hard work has been invested in the project by Council, government departments and the local community. This is not the result we wanted or expected."

\$293 million will be delivered to communities under the NSRF funding stream but unfortunately, due to an increase in applications, this figure does not come close to meeting the \$1.5 billion that was applied for via 513 separate applications.

"We knew that we were up against some stiff competition but the sheer volume of applications in this funding round was almost unprecedented" continued Mr. Tamlin. "The entire funding stream comprises \$1 billion over five years. This year that figure was reached in a single year."

"Council will now meet to discuss its options to work out where to from here" said Mr. Tamlin. "There are obviously a number of issues and obstacles to be considered as we move forward."

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