

Delegation to the CEO for recovery expenditure related to the storm event

At yesterday's Council Meeting the Chief Executive Officer was given delegation to approve expenditure up to \$17,320,164 excluding GST for the program of reconstruction works related to the June storm event. It is important to note this value is for the total program of remediation works, which will be made up of numerous individual projects.

The South Gippsland region was significantly impacted during the storm with over 160 roads impacted by multiple fallen trees and other roads subject to flooding or landslips.

The cost of the repairs is reimbursable through the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) however the works first need to be paid for by Council. The delegation gives the CEO authority to approve a program of immediate reconstructive works - up to the estimated figure in total - until 30 June 2022 or until the works are deemed complete.

The works will be coordinated in partnership with Regional Roads Victoria through its Alliance arrangement with local contractors engaged as needed.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise:

"We are pleased that this delegation is now in place as it will help to expedite the repair process following last month's storm event. We would like to thank the State and Federal Government's for their support and for providing access to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements."