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ITEM: 115 **Stormwater Projects Grant Application**

FILE NUMBER: GD001/004 PT04/EVD/ENE02LBX.V14

REPORT:

Council in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust, Blue Mountains Council and Baulkham Hills Council, is currently preparing a grant application for the "Stage 3 Stormwater Project Grants 2000".

The project for which the grant money will be applied for, is primarily an educative and pollution prevention program with the motor repairing industries, in the three associated local government areas. As part of the program, two project officers will be employed for a twelve month period, who will work with the councils involved, the Trust, local motor repair industries, the Environment Protection Authority and representatives from the motor industries association.

The project officers will evaluate environmental management practices of the motor vehicle repairers, and run education courses for those operators who wish to avail themselves of the information. Once the courses have been made available and run, the project officers will carry out further assessments of premises in the local government areas, and where minor contraventions are detected, the operators will be able to choose between receiving an on the spot penalty, or attending additional education courses that will be run for that specific purpose.

The main emphasis of the project will be on education and co-operation between the motor vehicle repairers and the educators/evaluators, to improve work practices that will have less impact on our environment.

Hawkesbury City Council will be the lead agency if the application is successful.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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