



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PEECE continues to trade in its traditional domestic market undertaking feasibility studies of roads identified by Councils for sealing. This year was highlighted with another study for Walgett Council, this time for the back road between Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. This was a complex study as Council had more than one route to consider. Our contract was extended to undertake further consultation with stakeholders after some farmers made representation to Council when the preferred route in our feasibility study was made public. The supplementary report validating our previous work, was presented to Council on 10th September, 2019.

Our contract with Arcadis to support their contract with Narrabri Council for a business case on an inter-modal industrial development was delivered successfully. Although there was some tension between Arcadis and Council, we maintained a good working relationship with Arcadis.

These two domestic studies have helped consolidate our financial position this year.

Geoff Webb travelled to China with an ARRB delegation to attend the World Transport Conference in Beijing in June 2019 and visit a number of road agencies for talks on current research. These meetings were arranged using Geoff's contacts in China, including the Jilin Provincial Communications Department in Changchun.

Geoff will give a report on this China visit at the AGM including an assessment of how or where we can take our relationship forward in China, considering the current political climate between our two countries.

I would like to thank Executive Director Peter Rufford for his administration of PEECE over the past year, and to all of you for your continuing friendship and efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Hawley'.

Phil Hawley
Chairman

12th September 2019