



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We thought this year might be quiet for PEECE with state borders being closed for extended periods due to COVID, but despite the disruption there has been plenty of work for consultants.

Transport for NSW has released its draft report on the review of road classification and the transfer of regional roads to state management. PEECE assisted Walgett Council in preparing a case for declassifying part of Ridge Road as a regional road and classifying an alternative local road route into Lightning Ridge, but unfortunately Council's submission wasn't successful.

Geoff Webb and Peter Rufford undertook a road maintenance review for Walgett Council and their report was well received by Council. There could well be further work for PEECE as Council implements the recommended action plan.

PEECE entered a contract with King Island Council for Peter Rufford to provide project management services. This has resulted in the council issuing a contract to reseal 110,000 square metres of local road and the purchase of a 5t excavator and a 5t combination roller.

The year has seen an extension of the work Steve O'Rourke through his company Constructive Solutions, is doing for Transport NSW on the Farm Gate Access Project. The second version, which originally intended to run for 6 months has now been extended to 12 months. Peter Rufford has provided a role liaising with the councils involved in the pilot. Both Steve and Peter have seamlessly worked as part of a TfNSW project team implementing the review that will continue well into 2021/22.

I would like to thank Executive Director Peter Rufford for his competent administration of PEECE over the past year, and to all of you for your continuing friendship and professionalism. I am confident that the company has a bright future as we look forward to restrictions easing and travel becoming easier, hopefully in the very near future.

Phil Hawley
Chairman

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