

## **Item 4.3 cont'd/4**

The EMRC resolved –

That the progress of the NEMCC in its first year of operation be noted and agreed to provide an allocation of \$50,000 in the 2004/2005 budget for NEMCC activities as detailed in the NEMCC Business Plan 2004/2005; and

That the NEMCC be advised that no further funding will be provided beyond the initial MOU agreement period and 2005/2006 funding will be subject to demonstrable outcomes.

### **Regional Tourism Plan**

A draft Regional Tourism Plan has been prepared by EMRC officers following the adoption of outcomes, objectives and strategies in June 2004.

It was resolved that the draft Regional Tourism Plan be circulated to member Councils for formal consideration and that member Councils be requested to support the implementation of the plan by committing to fund the works up to 2006/2007.

### **Hills Spine Route**

A report was presented on a request received from Greg Rowe & Associates, on behalf of their clients who wish to develop Lot 81 Hidden Valley Road (Chambers land) as an urban village. Greg Rowe & Associates requested the EMRC approach the WAPC / DPI to acquire the section of the Hills Spine Route between the Shire of Mundaring boundary and Toodyay Road, it being a part of the Perth to Adelaide primary regional road network.

To enable the urban village to develop to its fullest extent the construction of the Hills Spine Route from Lot 81 Hidden Valley Road to Toodyay Road will need to occur.

The Hills Spine Route road reserve was gazetted in October 2001. As the EMRC is the current landholder the WAPC / DPI will need to acquire the land from the EMRC. To ensure the acquisition of land was not unduly delayed, it was resolved that the EMRC Chief Executive Officer be authorised to undertake negotiations with the WAPC / DPI following a valuation and receipt of information on the implications of acquiring the land.

It is noted that no Ordinary Council meeting of the EMRC will occur in August 2004.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report on the items of interest raised at the July 2004 Ordinary Council meeting of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council be received.