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COUNCIL GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO STREET LIGHT RETROFIT PROJECT

The Shire of Campaspe has voted to support the Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance's Energy Efficient Street Lighting project which seeks to retrofit old street lighting with more energy efficient globes.

Council will contribute \$10,252 from its Matching Initiatives Fund towards preparation of a design analysis and business case in order to be eligible for state and federal funding programs.

Service portfolio holder Cr Greg Toll said Council supported the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) 2010/11 'Give Our Streets the Green Light' campaign which resulted in the State Government providing \$20 million to local government to assist with the conversion of public street lights to more energy efficient globes. The Federal Government has also announced the *Low Carbon Communities* funding program to assist local government install energy efficient light globes with proposed grants of up to \$500,000 from a pool of \$330 million. While details for both funding programs are yet to be finalised, it is expected that funding opportunities will be available in early 2012.

"A move to more energy efficient street lighting makes good environmental and economic sense," Cr Toll said.

"Not only does it have the capacity to reduce Council's carbon footprint, it will also reduce the ongoing costs associated with their operation."

The Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance is now taking steps to work with member councils and guests (Campaspe is currently a guest) to develop a regional application for retrofitting old inefficient street lighting with new efficient technology.

"By partnering other councils through the Alliance, we will gain even greater value through the sharing of resources and costs, and have more opportunities to access available funding," Cr Toll added.

The first step to develop a regional application for retrofitting inefficient street lighting is a regional lighting design analysis (to indicate the most appropriate energy efficient replacement technology) and the business case (indication of costs, savings and payback scenarios).

Further information

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