SUMMARY:

Reporting on the IPWEA NSW Division State Conference 2009

DESCRIPTION:

The IPWEA NSW Division State Conference is scheduled to be held in Sydney in conjunction with the IPWEA Roads Directorate Local Roads Congress, Streets Opening Conference and Road Safety Officer Forum. This combined event will commence with the welcome reception on Sunday the 17th May 2009, followed by the Local Roads Congress, Roads Safety Officer Forum and Streets Opening Conference Forum being held concurrently on the 18th May 2009 and the IPWEA Conference on the 19th and 20th May 2009. CivEnEx, which was previously known as the Engineering Field Days are scheduled to follow the conference and will be held at the Western Sydney International Drag Way from 21st May 2009 to 23rd May 2009.

It has been traditional for Councillors to attend the Local Roads Congress and it is considered that attendance at the IPWEA State Conference would also be of benefit for Councillors. In addition, attendance at CivEnEx may be beneficial for some Councillors.


The cost for registration at the conference is $700 for the Roads Congress or $1,250 for the Roads Congress and IPWEA State Conference combined. These costs are on the basis of registration prior to 17 April 2009 for members. The full costs for attendance at the conference would also include accommodation and travel costs.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- Environmental
  - Nil
- Social
Nil

- **Economic (Financial)**

  The cost for attendance by Councillors would need to be funded from Councillor Conference expenses.

- **Policy or Statutory**

  Nil

- **Director's Review**

  The Local Roads Congress provides an excellent overview of current developments in relation to road related matters within NSW. The IPWEA State Conference provides an insight into several topical areas facing Engineers within Public Works, with particular emphasis on the sustainable provision of infrastructure.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council nominate a Councillor to attend the Local Roads Congress component of the IPWEA NSW Division State Conference and the IPWEA Awards Dinner, which will be held on 18 May 2008.

2. That Council consider the attendance at the IPWEA NSW Division State Conference by a Councillor.

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