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Cory J Lindfield (DEECA) started transcription

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 0:03

The traditional custodians of lands where we're meeting and pay my respect to elders, past and present.

Just a couple of notes before we begin.

1st a big shout out and a bit of just basically our messages listen to Amanda on this stuff. Amanda has picked up coordination of the Transition fund and the panel assessments really. While we get into a better rhythm and with while we're establishing CDF round two.

So Amanda is your absolute go to.

She's done a great job pulling this meeting together.

So she is the the fontable wisdom, as when it comes to the CDF applications at the moment.

Also thank you.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 0:38

When you have Amanda, you'd have a yay emoji right now.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 0:42

Oh, thank you.

I I feel like it's a bit like the blade, the blade leading the blind. But anyway, we'll get there.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 0:48

I say that.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 0:48

We'll get there.

Thank you to Corey for taking the stepping up and taking the notes for this one. And also I just want to remind everyone that all these applications came in under the rules for round one.

So everything, including the assessment criteria and scoring previous to the announcement the other day. So we assess according to the according to the what's in the in the panel notes.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:01

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:16

Last thing I was going to prove, there's the list of applications is currently ordered in order of priority.

That's right, as an Amanda.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:24

Yeah, yeah, they were.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:25

Yeah, yeah. The only one I'm going to just bump up the list is the Orbost hemp trial application, which I just wanted.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:26

Yeah, to my knowledge.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:36

I want if we can cover off the first two which are both stream one then get to the hemp trial because that has some priority around it and then move through the list as much as we can.

So is everyone comfortable with that?

And also is everyone.

Everyone's comfortable and aware of their different the switching roles of panel members.

Just depending on their closest to different regions.

Yep, Matt.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:58

I think that was it.

You're right. If I just disappear and then you call me in because two CDF ones are North East and I'm not involved. Cool.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 2:04

Yeah, yeah, sure.

Can I ask someone 'cause I'm gonna forget.

I'm gonna forget to call Matt in.

Can someone can someone please take upon themselves to tell Matt when he can return to the meeting? Yep.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 2:13

Like spike.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 2:14

It's it.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 2:14

Definitely. If you're gonna take my my role on the panel, absolutely. I'll be cool.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 2:20

Do a straw swap.

OK.

So first on our agenda is the stream, one Benalla Community Development Fund, project management application.

So I will go to Amanda to introduce the project.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 2:36

So this is vanilla's first CDF one funding application.

I'm very conscious not to use the continuation of the LDS, Jeff.

I'm very, very conscious of that.

So this is to continue.

No. I was about to say it then.

This is for them to enable them to carry out the iwg work and project, manage the iwg work from an overarching perspective, so it will involve project manager.

Salary, Project Support Officer salary.

It will involve upskilling of community.

All the typical stuff that comes out of our CDF one application, so nothing different to others that have happened in other communities.

I will note though, that when they get sent me the draft, the original draft, they'd only ask for 445.

I think it was.

And then they submitted 24 hours later and it went up to 775 and then upon clarification with them, they realized that they.

Had budgeted for 12 months and not 24 months, so that is why they it is over the $500,000 limit.

And I just wanted to say that I didn't know that. So I wanted to that I didn't tell them to do that.

I just wanted to make that clear of my off my chest.

So. So yeah, we I will leave that up to the panel as to how they want to deal with that and how they want to treat it.

That's OK. And they are.

They are aware that they've gone over the cap, so they will get the limits so that they're they're they're open as in Benalla rural City Council. Yes, City Council.

Yeah, it's pretty sure.

Other than that, it's pretty straightforward in terms of upskilling and salaries, which is the main ask.

To you guys.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 4:23

Thanks, Amanda.

Don't worry, we knew you wouldn't have told them they could apply for more than they're allowed.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 4:27

I just want to make sure.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 4:28

OK.

So the panel for this one is Andrew, me, Jeff and Emma. I think maybe let's just tackle that question of how we how we deal with the amount they've requested. If we just deal with that head on.

So there is a hard hard limit of $500,000 excluding GST on this one.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 4:46

That's the easiest because we don't have any room to move.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 4:47

Yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 4:49

It's got to be 500,000 or less.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 4:51

Exactly, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 4:52

The only thing I'd suggest is if we could have a look at maybe.

Seeing if what we would see is reasonable in giving him some feedback to where they might want to shave it. If they want to go through with it.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 5:10

Obviously there is no room for manoeuvre beyond 500,000, so they probably need to re prioritise their budget.

I've felt that I actually.

I mean, I don't.

There's an assumption that all shires are not all shires but shires are well resourced and they have things like communications departments.

That isn't always the case.

They, you know, they obviously go through.

Periods where you know they are lacking in in resources.

I did feel that.

A lot of their budget was very consultant dependent, very consultant heavy and so I felt that there were certain things like grant writing a lot of shires actually do offer that as business as usual to the community.

So I I felt that maybe they could be doing some of that in house.

So I think yeah. And 22 is it 22,000 for memberships and subscriptions?

I wasn't quite sure where that came from.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 6:07

Yes.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 6:08

That was that was a lot of money, I thought.

I don't know what I don't know what memberships.

What they are members of necessarily, if there's other local groups or peak bodies that they're part of.

So yeah, I felt that there was.

They could do a little bit of analysis around some of that consultant dependency.

And obviously reprioritise the project scope for other CDF one applicants.

Their priority is normally around wages or salaries for that project. Management and project support role.

And then if if some of that facilitation work needs to be outsourced, that normally comes about as part of the work that they do with the community on their working groups.

But yeah, that was that was really my observation.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 7:04

Thanks Emma. Andrew.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 7:07

Yeah, you raised the 500 K question.

That was my first one thought that seems like a lot, but it was cap.

The other one that I just had a query about and I know it's baked into your form around contingency because we don't pay contingencies in V TIF or Transition fund, and really in other departments I've been in where we've had projects, contingencies have really only related to kind.

Of capital infrastructure where there is some variability in costing, whereas in Neath.

This is all staffing and other related costs. So I would question the viability of any contingency.

Or the relevance of any contingency in this which would brought that budget down to about 700.

But yeah, that, that, that would be just my major.

It's my query in a few of them really.

Is that and then the other thing was its relationship to the Benalla hub and the future economy and employment precinct and.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 8:01

Yeah.

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 8:13

Is that where the economies of scale could come in to bring this in under 500?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 8:21

Thank you.

I might just have got summarizing some of that for the sake of the feedback that Amanda's going to give in the notes Corey's taking, I think Emma particularly has offered a few points of advice for where they could bring down the ask, so I'd I'd summ.

Those as.

The the consultancy, so whether they need to be reined in.

Secondly, if some of the some of the the Council cost could be reframed as in kind support for the project and then the third one I think would be actually time because as Amanda said, it sounds like they it blew out because they didn't factor in how long.

They wanted this project to run.

Have I missed anything, Emma?

Yeah, the contingency question.

Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 9:03

Right, that's fine.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 9:03

Yeah, the contingency question, Andrew.

Yeah, I had that one in my head as well.

We've clearly we've got a facility in there in the way that we've constructed the budget and I suspect that these and the other applicants, they're probably they trying to build that in because they know that there's a degree to which this is an iterative piece of work.

But I think we could probably provide some advice back about where that should and shouldn't apply, Jeff.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 9:31

And I know we're trying to be professional, but the the reality is those budgets are speculative and when they get to use the money, the money's used, OK?

So they don't need to stick to that.

I agree with everything that's been said.

I think the other thing I would say just on what Andrew said with the two, the two working pieces that the propositions out of this, if that second one, the economic precinct stuff.

That that could easily dovetail into some of the strategic planning they've got in their economic development area.

So whilst we can give them our feedback on where they might want to trim it up, it's the them to trim it up. But I think the the one the points that Andrews made about you don't need contingency, we don't.

We don't.

We don't follow that so so they can scrap that.

They can probably scrap the consultancy too, by the way, but I'll leave.

I'm happy if they want to play with that, but the real the reality is it's up to them to trim it up if they want this to get through.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 10:33

Yeah. Yep.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 10:34

Sorry, can I just paraphrase them?

With what Andrew said about the economies of scale, are you saying that because there's only two projects or two iwgs coming out, it is a lot for when there's only two?

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 10:45

So what?

I'm just questioning is baked into that $700,000 cost and there's a lot of their staffing and contingency.

Is there any overlap with those other projects?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 10:57

Yeah.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 10:57

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 10:59

And we'll come to those projects probably in the next meeting. But I think that's I'd see this, this is the.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 11:04

Good point.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 11:05

This is the core ask to support the unfolding of the projects, just not to confuse things. I'd suggest that we maybe go reserve those questions around the overlap for one where if we take the if we take this as we're assuming this one goes ahead in some form.

Will be looking for the overlap when we come to the assessment of the other two projects.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 11:23

Just one point on that, Chloe, the the mathematics that the system they've used and the assumption they've used when they've designed it on one year to just double everything.

Probably not.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 11:36

Yeah, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 11:36

Probably not the smartest way to do it.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 11:39

So is everyone comfortable if we if we say we weren't able to assess because they've asked for an amount above the CAP?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 11:47

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 11:47

And Amanda, with support from Matt, will go back to them with the feedback that they need to trim that budget back. And considering those factors like that, like eliminating the contingency reduce, you know, in kind support and so on.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 12:02

I'm just surprised. Amanda, when you I don't know whether you were involved in the conversation.

I'm surprised that they still put it in.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 12:10

Came out of nowhere, Jeff, to be on it. Like I said, we I had meetings with them.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 12:12

Did it OK.

Was being rushed maybe.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 12:17

I had meetings with them.

I read the draft.

I said Yep, that drafts fine and then this is what they submitted.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 12:24

Yeah, OK. All right, no worries.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 12:26

If they were smart, they would have baked it into their other projects, the.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 12:26

Might be just one last.

Thank you, my dear.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 12:34

We're not giving them that idea.

OK.

So, shall we move on to the second of our applications, which is again CDF stream one and that's for the Upper Yarra LDS implementation.

Amanda, your throat is going to be very sore by the end of this.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 12:54

No, no, I've been busy.

So this one again is very straightforward.

It says yeah, arranged for CDF. One application that the 1st.

Application for CDF one funding.

It is the full amount 500,000 and it is very similar to vanilla. It is to manage project, manage their iwgs going forward they've got 5 RWS, so they have.

It's very intensive with human resource require human resourcing in them be because they are 5.

Umm, they, so the ask is for project of manager support and project manager up until March 27th and then upskilling with you know a range of different skill capacities for their iwg members with the view that that will they will transition the management of the IWS to.

Their community.

So that's where they're in there. If they're thinking about the end they're thinking about.

When the when we when they when your arrangers exit from the project.

And so the IWGS could continue and it does become community Lee.

So you're very, very again very straightforward.

The the ASK is for salaries and for training essentially.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 14:18

I'll meet clay.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 14:19

Panel.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 14:20

I'll. I'll go first.

I just.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 14:21

Yeah. I was gonna ask you.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 14:22

I just had.

I just had a tick, yes, and maybe vanilla should sub contract.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 14:25

Yeah.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 14:28

Yeah, ranges 'cause. They can do it for 500K.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 14:32

Very good.

I like it.

EB

Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 14:33

Yeah, it's very thorough.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 14:33

Very, very concise, Andrew.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 14:33

Point.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 14:36

Well, just just an observation there with, with the budget, you can see they'll work it out. But I think one of the one of the things we've got is our own internal knowledge. This has to dovetail into the into the Council anyway.

EB

Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 14:36

I I.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 14:54

And and and putting money in to to develop capability on on the ground makes a lot of sense.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 15:04

Thanks Jeff. Emma.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 15:05

Is there an assumption that the existing project manager will carry on with the role is that?

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 15:11

Yeah. So there is intent for the the current projects manager and the current project Support Officer to fill those roles.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 15:17

Yep, OK.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 15:18

There is a risk though, that the and they're not sure, but they think that there could be Ahr risk where they have to be re advertised and they have to go through that process.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 15:26

Yeah. OK.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 15:28

But that's again, I think that's Julian thinking worst case scenario and being prepared for it.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 15:33

Yeah, I think, well, I think what I got from what I the notes I put down was that it was well designed and that the project plans really thorough as is as is the risks which you don't actually always get with a Shire because it they will it.

Almost like we're just assuming that this is the continuation of of the first phase, but he's obviously done his homework.

So that's a that's a really, really positive thing.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 15:58

A good coach.

He had a good coach.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 15:59

I.

OK.

Good. That's good.

Yeah. No. But it's not just that, but I mean also his project support. Simone is also very empowered as well.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 16:03

Anyway, OK.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 16:09

She's she's well, you know, got lots of good skills and is empowered to use them.

So I mean I I don't see an issue with any of this.

It is.

It's compatible with the existing LDS and I I think it's a positive move.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 16:24

I will endorse all of those comments and say that they are a credit to the program and yeah, very happy to see them.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 16:28

Yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 16:29

Julian listens. Julian's actually sat back and watched the others, and he actually listens. I mean.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 16:34

Yeah, I'm Jeff.

I'm. I'm just gonna.

I'm just gonna try and keep this moving. Yeah, if that's alright.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 16:39

Oh, so you tell me off. Everyone else can.

OK.

No worries.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 16:42

No, no, I'm just.

I'm just trying to just close it out and just keep moving.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 16:44

I don't mind. I agree. I agree.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 16:46

Yeah. OK, great.

Oh, we need to score.

We need to score.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 16:50

Yeah.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 16:50

Oh, and OK. Yep, Yep.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 16:53

Organizational, I'm sorry.

The project plan aims etc.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 16:58

8:00 and 8:00 for me. Sorry.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 17:00

Yeah, I had the same hospital.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 17:01

Is night done?

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 17:02

Yeah, I was.

I was thinking maybe a .5, but I didn't want to upset you, Chloe. So got to keep it moving.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 17:05

Nope, no, you're the next.

You're next on my list to get moved on.

All right.

Thank you. OK. So I believe we're going to go to Shona now to discuss the CDF two Orbost Orbost hemp project.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 17:26
Alright, so as you say, received an application for.
A whole of value chain.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 17:33
You need Matt on this.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 17:34
Oh, sorry I told you.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 17:35
Oh, Matt. Hang on. I'll call him.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 17:35
Oh yes, sorry.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 17:37
Didn't I tell you I'd do this?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 17:39
Well, you just told me to shut up. I'm just.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 17:40
Why didn't tell?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 17:41
I was trying to unmute myself.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 17:44
Messaged him.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 17:46

That's alright, alright.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 18:00

Yes, I was quick.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 18:02

Amanda was good, ticking through the previous two.

Oh.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 18:07

We're going for a yes, no approach.

Is that is that where we're at?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 18:10

No, no, no, it's still discussion.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 18:12

No, I'm being I'm being.

Matt, keep your comments concise 'cause I'm being really hard on any everyone, anyone who deliberates in their commentary.

All right. So if Matt's with us, I'll go to Shauna to talk.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 18:24

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 18:27

Talk through all of us and hemp.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 18:29

Beautiful. So we have received an application through city of two for funding for $49,915.00 to for stage 1.

Of.

The whole value chain, hemp pilot and so for a bit of background context we have.

A local.

Price in the area business owner in the area who was successful in gaining.

A licence to plant a trial hemp crop of five acres on his property in Orbost out of.

That process, the discussions within the agriculture primary, I mean working group.

Obviously there were discussions around.

A lot of discussions around.

What hemp can be used for and whether there is opportunity to trial a local whole of value chain pilot and so as you'll see from the letters of support that they have received for the proposal, they aim is to win. The prop is harvested to be harvested and.

Transferred to packing and by Hicks call. Who will process?

The hip into the materials that will be converted so.

Into hemp panels or Hemp Creek, as they call it, sum of it will be converted to hemp wool, which can then be used for weaving, and the proposal is to then ship those materials back into Orbost with the Hemp Creek products to be used with by built Q.

Way in building a tiny home. So.

In malaw.

I. But they knew sailors grave brew that recently opened there is believe planning underway to put some tiny homes.

On the same piece of property.

So you got.

Hideaway homes, thank you, businesses.

Who is already working with built QA about what those potential tiny homes will look like?

So they are all willing to come to the party.

To do that now the proposal, it's not aiming to make any money whatsoever out of the this this trial and it'll be lucky if Stan breaks ABN on this on this project.

But the aim at this stage is obviously not to make money, but it's to understand the possibilities.

And hemp?

And how it could be used within the local community, but also to produce a case study out the end of it to demonstrate.

How things could be done locally and basically opening up the books, being open and transparent about exactly what it would cost.

To take a product from hemp to a finished product.

Locally, but then also as opposed to hopefully inspire.

Some change out there and they did do a.

There was a local community walk that was opened last week to members who went down to the farm.

So there's more than 30 people.

Who did attend, including quite a few outside of the district, coming and really interested.

Obviously, IDV is also extremely interested in the outcomes of the pilot, as well as food and Fibre Gippsland.

Now the reason as to why this proposal is staged.

So initially the plan was to come through as one application, stage one and stage 2.

However, due to how quickly the crop is growing with the recent weather conditions.

And the crop it needs to be harvested earlier than what was initially envisioned. So due to those time constraints, This is why it has been split into two. I do have. We have received the stage two application which again is for another 49.

1000 to finish off.

The end part of of.

The filming and analysis of the work.

But that, unfortunately was not in before they they cut off for this panel.

To that, any questions?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 23:36

Yes, I might go to the panel.

It's good to know that they've already got something in the works, so the panel for this one is Amanda, Matt and Andrew.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 23:48

I'll. I'll go first then. If there's no one else on city, no one else jumping in a bit.

I think it's important with this project though, since we're just because it is phased and we just need to look at not at the quarter to quarter fication of the processing part of it and not where I think not that it's going to be used for all the.

Application Pro application of the hemp.

I think it's just really important that this point in time, we're just looking at the processing part.

And keeping it on track like that.

So 'cause, I feel like the overall project is really, really innovative.

I love the whole project, but I do question whether the processing part is innovative on its own 2 feet like I would have loved to have seen them both together.

I would have loved to have seen both phases, but yeah, both stages together.

So we're essentially what my question is essentially, are we just paying for the crop processing?

The and then, yeah. Then you can question whether that's innovative or not.

I like the idea about the video.

And the project manager part, that's fine.

What else did I have to say?

I just wanted to have a milestone condition in there about a formal partnership agreement with Stan and I'm just really concerned about crop failure.

That's all.

I'm super concerned about crop failure, but then I don't know much about growing it.

So whether that's, I'll be honest, I don't know anything about it.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 25:07

Apparently it's a miracle. Yeah, right.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 25:10

So whether that's a high risk or not, I don't know.

SS

Shona Sekene (DEECA) 25:13

Yeah. No, that's fine.

Understandable that the decortication process is not something sexy or innovative, however.

Because there is very few and far between hemp crops within a skip's land, it's not something that's seen as specialized machinery that does need to be brought in.

It's not locally available so.

There and obviously there is a lot of cane interest in the district and it is something that.

I do.

They are looking more and more at it, certainly coming up in a lot more conversations out there with across the communities and across government.

And you know, it's also coming into the realm as a potential, you know, paper alternative as well, so.

Benefits of hemp are certainly there. But yeah, tack on.

Fortunate about the decortication process, but it's just it's not readily available in the area at all, which is why it is a significant cost and unfortunate time sensitive to to the the way the crop grows with the crop.
You know it is tested at regular intervals to ensure.
That the THC levels are not above what's permitted to be classed as hemp.
And so far all the testing has come back on board.
It's for staying ahead.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 26:44
Andrew.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 26:45
A question what were they gonna do if we didn't pay for decorification?

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 26:52
That's my question too.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 26:52
Because you planted a crop.

SS

Shona Sekene (DEECA) 26:54
Yeah. So yeah.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 26:55
That needs to be harvested like it's it.
Kind of.
It's it's a beep.

SS

Shona Sekene (DEECA) 26:59
That's yeah.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 27:00
Presumptuous. Not not to say, you know, it's not a good or a valid project, but it's a kind of a bit naughty.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 27:01

No.

Sorry, that's fine.

Yeah, potentially.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 27:08

Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 27:09

Like what would have been is Stan obviously would have had to have found the money in other terms.

But if it went that way, the products would not be coming back to Obsoft.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 27:25

Know it's a value capture, yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 27:26

So it is.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 27:29

Sorry, how do you mean the sorry.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 27:29

Jeff.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 27:31

I was not good Jeff, that's OK.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 27:34

Well, just in addition to Shona's point, Stan had this in the AG working group more than six months ago.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 27:34

Bye.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 27:44

This is the problem if I could point a finger, it's probably more the project officers into working that made it a late claim this had had this have been pieced together a lot earlier. They they we could have, we could have put, they would have put in A/C.

Claim. So part of this is.

Administrative, what you would say?

Too many projects going at once.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 28:10

Yeah, that the sun wasn't.

Prioritize, but yeah, again.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 28:14

I think, yeah. Amanda, I think I think what Shawn is saying about the decort not not returning to all Boss is that if Stan had sold private finance, the expectation of a return on a loan would have been too great to make it economical to do to do.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 28:21

Yes.

OK.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 28:29

This is a a local trial.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 28:32

Yeah, yeah. OK, cool.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 28:33

Yep.

Andrew, I'll leave the the mic with you, yeah.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 28:37

I just ask one more.

Yeah. So just one more question on the stage two. So the harvesting piece.

It's probably the middle bit around what's happening in Pakenham around the creation of the product. That is probably the thing that I think where the value probably lies and the value to all boss would lie.

So probably just want to ensure that the that that is really well and truly built into the.

I think it is, but just to make sure that that is really baked in because growing a crop and then receiving the end product in and of itself is probably.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 29:09

Yes.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 29:19

Andrew, you just.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 29:20

I was standard, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 29:22

Muted yourself, Sir.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 29:26

Oh my stupid teams audio.

Can you hear me now?

Yeah. I was just saying that that that second stage processing is probably just ensuring that because that I think would be where the value lies for.

All boss stories Skip Slate or wherever, rather than just going off to a facility in acknowledging.

And that's yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 29:54

Yes, no. And Hexcore is on board with that.

Obviously there would be some parts that might not be able to be captured due to their intellectual property, but.

There's certainly.

I mean, they're fantastic. You know, kind of opening up their doors and trying to get more people to understand what's involved.

But yes.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 30:20

And just as an aside, Shona and I plan to go and have a look as well in January.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 30:29

Thank you.

I'll go to Matt.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 30:34

I'm not a huge fan.

I mean, I like the concept like the idea, like the whole stage in the two piece.

I think I struggle with the risk that's associated with this.

They make a comment in the and I wrote it down.

Hang on.

And the people and resources section, they they clearly articulate the level of uncertainty and risk in the project like they use the that terminology. And I think I struggle strongly with that when they're pitching for a single piece of work, which is effectively the harvesting, I know there.

A bigger picture, but yeah, just the level of risk around it concerns me.

You can see there's real value in the overall work.

Aligns with you know the the previous Gippsland fibre work as well.

So there's, you know.

Obviously, a lot of benefits.

That bit concerns me.

The other bits I was looking for through there that maybe I couldn't see that.

Maybe you can answer Shona, it seemed, and maybe I wasn't reading it correctly. It seemed like there was a lot of engagement with community around this.

There wasn't specific talk around.

You know the value chain and how existing businesses might be engaged in this and land owners and and I'm, I'm sure it's implied, but I couldn't see it explicitly.

And also the analysis piece that they're seeking funding for is part of this.

I wasn't completely clear what that was, what that is around.

You know this specific one, one piece of work they're doing.

I could understand it in the bigger context of A2 phase projects, but yeah, I think I had questions around that and also just to nitpick a little, I found the you know the letters of support rdv and the fibre Letter.

I I feel those are letters of support that were aligned to the whole of the projects, not this. Just this sole elements.

That's how they seem to read.

So I found that.

I don't know. Not disingenuous, but maybe that's not the right word.

But I think just the integrity of some of this, I was I was a little bit questioning about, but that's all I think it.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 32:30

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 32:32

I think it's. Look, I've come full circle. I say overall, I think it's great and if they can activate the second bit and this is the staging piece, I I can.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 32:32

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 32:40

You know, I can accept that and I can understand that.

I think just in terms of that kind of integrity of making decisions around this, I think that's where my level of level of comfort is a little lower.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 32:52

China, I'm keen.

I'm keen for your thoughts, but particularly on that piece around the engagement with land owners.

Is that something that's happened or is that just missing from this story?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 33:03

Well, engagement with land owners who are interested in the process.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 33:08

Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 33:10

Or is that what you're referring to, Matt?

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 33:13

Yeah. Well, just that ecosystem of people who could potentially benefit this in the community.

So not just community members, businesses who might diversify land owners themselves, who may be the ones who diversify or may, you know, provide their land to others who utilise, yeah.

SS

Shona Sekene (DEECA) 33:24

Yeah, yeah.

No, that's fine.

So as I said, there's definitely even just with the walk through that was opened up last week for thing there was I think more than 32 people who did attend that.

As I said, not all directly from Orbost, but lots of other land owners interested.

In it, but trying to understand the process, I think the challenge that you've got is.

And.

I'd say Eggbeck would would would attest to it is with the with the licensing and how stringent it is around the growing and the legislation on which under which it can be grown. There is a lot of uncertainty out there in, in farming community as to whether it.

Would be a viable product and it's in a situation particularly in skip SL land where.

They want to see someone else do it.

On that risk, first, before they are then willing to themselves go go the whole hog.

I mean, Even so, I think Stan, even just to get the seeds in the ground and up to this stage has already outlayed most to $20,000 himself.

With no guarantee of any return so.

But obviously with the trial prop, you know it's 5 acres.

He's already lost 10% of that due to deer, but these are all the.

Things that are being flushed out through the trial that would hopefully anyone else looking to put some crops in is going and understanding what the risks are.

You know what, what the challenges are and what the costs are at the individual stages.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 35:16

Which is why the analysis piece is so is so important and why it's pilot.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 35:17

Which is why it's pilot, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 35:22

I might have a go, so I think it just agree with everything that's been said so far.

My so I understand this one is time critical, but I think we have to be as a panel have to be really careful about the potential for perception of grant splitting.

Jo, I think you said the second grant is 41,000.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 35:41

It's 49 as well, so it was it was under just under $100,000, but obviously bearing time sensitivities that would have required ministerial approval and we we due to how late this came in, we could not guarantee that they would be that there would be.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 35:43

49, OK, yeah.

Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 36:03

Any funds available for DE Qualification, which is why it's coming in this way but.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 36:05

Yeah.

Yeah. So.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 36:09

They acknowledge it's it's not.

Ideal way to to do something like this.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 36:18

Yep. OK. Yeah, 'cause I I am concerned that this could look like especially if two phases get funded, this will look like it's the Chamber of Commerce avoiding the additional scrutiny of a financial risk assessment.

So if we're going to proceed with this, we need to be very thoroughly convinced on the argument around timeliness to mitigate that.

And we'd also need to brief up on that basis.

Andrew, I'm. I'm looking to you because I reckon you're. You're old hand at this stuff. That's.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 36:42

Yeah, I I actually, I don't think you would avoid a financial risk assessment on if they put in a second one really because really you kind of.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 36:49

Yeah. So that's good point.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 36:51

But yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 36:52

Karen personally I can.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 36:52

That might be the way to handle it.

Is to make.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 36:56

So if I did the financial risk assessment.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 36:59

Or if you made the second grant contingent, because even if it's 49, make the 2nd.

So technically it's under the threshold for an FRA make assessment of the 2nd contingent on that financial risk assessment.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 37:12

OK.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 37:13

How does that sound to the panel? Is that?

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 37:15

Yeah, 'cause, it's the bit incumbent on us because we actually are bearing the risk of what if it's potentially is a linked project and we're splitting the grant to avoid a financial risk assessment.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 37:18

Hmm.

Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 37:29

No, it wasn't the financial risk assessment element at all.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 37:30

That could be.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 37:32

No, that's it's the perception issue that I'm concerned about. And there is also exception issue that we will be sent to back to slowly and be impractical if we don't support something that needs, needs support now.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 37:33

But it's the. Yeah, it's the perception.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 37:33

It was.

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 37:48

So if I could just, I mean and this is just assuming that it gets through our assessment, could I propose that as a pathway that any further application for a stage two would regardless of the dollar value require an FRA?

Then also noting that we have to say, you know, we'd have to be very clear to the applicant that this is this is being recommended for approval. However, we do need to be briefing briefing up in this case to to the head.

With that risk, that risk noted.

I'm taking that as a yes. I guess the other only other in this associated with this question is I guess.

My challenge with this one is I'm really struggling to see what precisely the output the outcomes and the outputs of stage one are. That's at the moment I couldn't go.

At the moment I couldn't go to formal the minister and say this is what you're going to get for this, this investment.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 38:46

I I would argue over land it on advocating for it as well.

Aren't I Shona?

It's on the beach.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 38:52

Yeah, yeah you can.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 38:53

Representing you're using Nicola 's language.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 38:55

Representing. Sorry, you're not advocating.

Yes, that's right.

I would argue it's no different to a feasibility.

It's foundational and and you got to have the crop to try out these things. So you know whether they were going to put stage two in in March or in March the following year, I I still would argue that they can.

It is a bit a stage.

It is a step I can I can get done and in itself it's it's foundational to the other piece.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 39:25

I think.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 39:25

I.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 39:25

Could you? OK call.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 39:27

I was gonna say I think I think the problem here is that they've provided us a project plan for both stages.

So all the reporting is is implicitly at the end of Stage 2.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 39:34

God.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 39:37

So I think we actually need to be requesting as a milestone and analysis of the of the stage 1 process that, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 39:43

Hey, well, they got screwed up.

You can build it into the contract. Absolutely, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 39:47

Yeah, yeah.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 39:48

And I think.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 39:48

So stage 1, just the harvesting is fed in.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 39:52

Pretty much.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 39:52

Well, it's got the.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 39:52

And videoing the harvesting.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 39:54

It it it's the yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 39:54

It's got the video look, just got the videoing one I was.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 39:55

Oh.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 39:58

I wasn't as strong on the need to video, but given what Matt said and given what Amanda and yourselves have said about bringing other farmers along, maybe it is.

Required as part of the, the analysis itself is is the video provides some of that.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 40:17

'Cause yeah.

Because they're built, they've built that analysis in there as a budget cost.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 40:19

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 40:22

So I mean, again, I wasn't completely clear what they're providing the what the output of that.

What's that? You know, analysis, going, going, going to tell us.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 40:31

That's the point.

I'm not clear what the output of stage 1 is.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 40:38

Yeah. And that's why I would be, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 40:40

But what is the output of this as a discrete project?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 40:44

They're good questions, too, and with the panel be OK with.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 40:45

Exactly.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 40:50

Us going back to find that out and keep it, you know from.

Keep it moving.

To be clear on that point.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 41:01

What's I I I would pending further discussion and probing questions from the panel, I'd be OK with that pending a scoring and also just purely because of, I know I understand this is time critical.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 41:16

The other thing I'll say with this and it's not.

This is not a panel consideration 'cause you have to be you have to be very mechanical.

Understand this with the legal and all that.

This is the biggest win I can see in all Boston because it brings together so many pieces.

This will this will put LDS and what we're doing on the map. So it's critical for us and I know that's not your concern in the panel assessment. But yeah, I with that without this we're in trouble.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 41:49

I think we can recognize that as a contribution to the overall implementation of the LDS. This is an important piece of that puzzle.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 41:56

Hey.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 41:59

So could I get final thoughts from the panel or do you want to move to scoring?

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 42:04

But can I just clarify then the key outputs of the project include?

Video and written case studies capturing the entire value chain pilot project and the learnings along the way.

And analysis and modelling of the potential for commercialisation and economic impact, including a pathway for moving forward, is that this project or is that stage one and two.

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 42:23

Yes.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 42:25

Yeah.

So.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 42:29

Will be elements of it. Catch it from this project.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 42:31

I yeah. So I think we need.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 42:33

Yeah. And then stage 2.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 42:33

I think we need to request them as a as a milestone for stage 1 to do that to do preliminary analysis for stage 1 because the way I read it, that will be bundled up at the end of stage two and largely funded through stage 2.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 42:47

I think you're right.

I think observation is that that was intended for the whole project but.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 42:52

Replay.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 42:55

Take it down to just what's happening in stage 1.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 43:01

Can can I ask Jeff. Shona, are there strong enough?

Tangible outcomes that can demonstrate.

That that would be the question in in in this if so.

So let's say hypothetically would be now going to say in principle we'd support it, but we want to kind of see some clear outcomes.

Do they exist?

I'm still just a little unclear.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 43:18

Well, yeah. And I think that's the whole problem in which is why the rest of it's done.

It hasn't been done in this format with any skips land for this particular purpose, which is why it's I suppose it's a bit ambiguous as to what exactly will be delivered out of stage 1.

But we can certainly assure up some that language in in, in the contract to make sure that we are getting.

All that information.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 43:49

I can answer a little bit. I mean, I think you're right, Shona.

I think that the the the the Foundation product of the the inputs for the product are going to be proven in that first bit, the fibre and whatever the D core organisation, the two different pieces, some of it's going to be used for creating materials, some of it.

Going to be used for creating the side pieces for small houses.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 44:13

Hmm.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 44:15

Which are going to go to QA bill which are going to, you know, have implications to sailors gravey. So you can see how this.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 44:15

Yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 44:23

Proves a number of things.

There are a number of outputs, but initially the output is the fibre to do those pieces that they then use for constructions.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 44:26

Yeah.

That's right.

And in the other part of it is with the costing like, even just with this stage one, it's about not taking just that, but then also what would it look like at scale if someone was doing a lot larger crop, what would they need? What would the return?

On the fibre be because obviously hexcore pay for the fibre that is being processed.

As well.

So it's it's about.

Working out how you know when it's produced on scale, does it become a more global product which will then turn into some of the discussions around? Does it make more sense to for somebody to invest in a port cater machine locally and things like that? So yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 45:23

What's your application's for? Victoria? For broader than just our bus.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 45:29

OK. Have we exhausted discussion?

Are we happy to move to scoring?

Yes, that's a yes.

K project aims.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 45:49

I'm waiting for somebody else to.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 45:51

Yes.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 45:52

I'm always waiting for someone else to go first. 'cause. That's how I roll these days.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 45:54

Oh great.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 45:56

I'll go first cuz I don't think I've been in one of these where I've ever had to score, but I I don't mind.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 45:57

Well.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 46:00

Look, I mean, I've got two things in my head.

I know I'm only allowed to give one number if I think about the overall intent and the way this then triggers other work, I'm probably about 6 1/2, but in its kind of current format I'm I'm probably honestly more around the four and I know part.

Of this conversation is, you know, work working this through.

And where, you know, provide that support as a segue. But yeah, that's that's my starting offer.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 46:30

I took it as the, rightly or wrongly, I took it as the whole project aimed the whole thinking about the big picture and where this was all going to go.

So which is why I scored it quite highly at an 8 1/2.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 46:45

I'm sort of halfway between both of you, because as a whole project I can see it's in like the 8 1/2 territory.

This is a lacking proposal and I was in a six for this, Andrew.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 46:58

Yeah, given the confusion around actually what this 'cause I actually read it all of the whole project.

So when I was looking at project material, I didn't think that buying buying the whole thing was more, more happy buying a lot of thing.

Look, I'm probably somewhere between A5 and six.

I think the project aims are OK.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 47:28

So could I go for a? Could I say we've got a consensus, we could get a Glan or a consensus 6.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 47:38

And you give us a list of questions to go and ask as well.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 47:43

Oh, Corey has Corey has told us six is the average and we still have a criteria to get through, which is organizational capability.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 47:43

Is that right?

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 47:44

Yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 47:48

One time.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 47:51

I just.

I just think on, I mean I feel comfortable with the six on on the proviso that there is a very clear set of outcomes that this you know that that before we progress we're we're we're clear and we all agree that that this there's a value.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 48:05

I yeah, I I reckon.

Yes.

Yes, is my answer to the question is when.

How that plays out in terms of a briefing and so on, should we go to organizational capability and capacity and we'll decide how we're going to.

That we're going to progress this. So it is the all bus Chamber of Commerce which is, you know unknown is a low.

It's a relatively low value, low risk grant.

We've worked with the Chamber before, I'd say.

You know the just a bit of commentary the Chamber is, you know, pretty experienced in working with us on these sorts of grants programs at this point.

I think we have some question marks over the capability of the local project manager.

I would say that the.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 48:52

Yeah. So.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 48:54

Sorry. Yeah, actually, that'd be good clarification point in Shona.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 48:55

I I work. No, no, no.

So I will make notes on that. So as part of the application, so the initial drafted come through and it did have a project management element and a portion there. And I said there's no issues with that. However, wanted to know what that project manager was required to.

Deliver and also that who that person was, because as the project.

Manager has already position has already been funded.

The you know, it would be expected that that if the Orbost was going to stay with that project manager that that project manager, you know that funding is accessed under the grant CDF one funding that has already been made available and and not an additional element in this.

One. Otherwise it was if there was a requirement for.

To keep our project manager on, I did say it would have to be somebody independent.

Which is why it's come back slightly different.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 50:06

Organizational capability.

Well, they just.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 50:10

6.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 50:11

You'll probably a fix.

Yeah, I've got some doubts.

Just but my major gripe was around the presumptuousness of actually planting a crop and then putting in money for harvesting.

Cos really that's really a bit naughty.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 50:34

And.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 50:34

But notwithstanding that, and in the spirit of innovation and yada yada yada happy to go with the flow.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 50:39

Yeah. Andrew, in their defense, I think it's that that intention has not been very well documented.

So this has been on the books of that working group for a long time and really if we had our time again, we would have had them actually integrate that proposal into the planning of the working group.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 50:51

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 50:58

And yeah, rather than having that rather than risking the appearance of this is Stan.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 50:58

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 51:03

You know, we trust Stan's intentions because we have a relationship with him and we've worked with him before.

I'm sure it's documented in minutes somewhere that that that was a great decision of the of the working group that they would bear some of the some of the risk and some of the cost.

K.

Yep, sorry, Matt's just gone off mute. Yep.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 51:24

No, no. I was just gonna say I'm comfortable with that look.

I mean, they're savvy enough to keep it below 50K so they they know something.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 51:33

OK, so I think we've got an agreement to support the application. There are gonna be some conditions on it which and I think we so we can commence the briefing process and that'll be to the head of the proposes that as the conditions one that there is a.

Clear a clear project plan that includes project outcomes and reporting to project outcomes at the conclusion of this grant.

Two that there will be an expectation regardless of the dollar value. Any further application for stage two, Stage 2 will go through financial risk assessment.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 52:10

OK.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 52:11

A lot of sex.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 52:12

OK.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 52:14

We should have been around when we did Baw baws.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 52:21

Great. Thank you everyone.

Does everyone just take a breath while we move on to the next on that go?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 52:27

That was a really good discussion. That's cool. Good.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 52:28

Keep playing.

Sorry. Come on, come on.

We need to get him.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 52:30

Alright, alright, keep them rolling.

Alright, shine up.

Sorry. Yeah, let's let's have a format.

What have we got now?

Is it abattoirs or cycles or bike paths?

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 52:41

So nice.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 52:47

Look, White path is probably the easiest.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 52:52

Sure. Let's go there then.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 52:55

As you can see. So.

The.

The bike path from all boss to Marlo and it's proposed a $30,000 grant application for a pre feasibility study.

Now the reason behind that as you would have seen with the attachment is there have been a lot of studies done in the area about developing a bike path from.

Call boss tomorrow.

It's been on the plane for last 20 years. The last full feasibility study that was done was done over 10 years ago.

However, due to the.

Due to the challenges of constructing.

And the time constraints that they had at the time that feasibility was not progressed any further.

Now the option that was considered.

In the most previous feasibility studies, where for crossings on the visit the northern section, sorry.

So.

Disappeared on the path, obviously in the last 10 years, technology has changed a little bit.

They have found a consultant who has previously done.

A suspension bridge across 150 metre roof crossing that is, you know, quite similar to the Snowy River.

So and has won awards for for that design. And so the the.

Idea is for them to come and do a better.

Feasibility just to map out exactly what the risks might be.

What a bit of a quotas to what the next step might be.

So a bit of a more detailed feasibility.

Design for that.

Now in August, as I would say, you know, one of the biggest assets in August is the Snowy River.

That's now one merely gets to enjoy.

To put it put it bluntly, and as it has come out, even with the most recent Cedar Summit survey.

Cedar Summit feasibility study that was done on the walks in the area.

August is missing a wow factor in the town.

Another challenge that I still don't believe has money public to the

Community yet is Parks Victoria, and we're supposed to be putting in a shared path between Marlo and Cape.

Conran as part of the works that were being done to after the bushfires. Obviously with the delays and that is taken to do that as well as budget pressures that has now been removed from their scope of works for Partick with no immediate.

In the immediate next 12 months of that coming back on board.

So don't know. Don't believe as of the last.

Meeting I had with Parks Victor that still had not has not been made public knowledge to the community, but just bearing that in mind when that is released, it's likely the Community will put their hands up again to say you know just another.

Thing that government is failing to do, so I see the opportunity for, at least for sitting with the proviso ability study it. It's a lower risk.

It's someone coming in who's done a similar structure just doing that first high level overview to to map out exactly what the risks are.

And you know, it might demonstrate straight away it's a complete no go.

But then it will also help the community be informed if they're aware of what's some initial costings might be, where they could go for alternate funding to deliver that stage, because CDF would not be able to deliver full feasibility.

Including engineering designs and and things like that.

So it's just that initial pre work to be done.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 57:32

Thanks Shona.

SS

Shona Sekene (DEECA) 57:32

Any questions?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 57:33

Yeah, go to the panel.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 57:38

I'll go to keep this moving.

How did they identify this as a priority?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 57:46

It has been a priority for the town for many, many a time and it has been discussed through the IW GS.

However, it has now come a bit more of a priority.

Once.

The IWG we presented the findings of the Cedar Summit.

Survey it kind of vetoed all the work that had been done where they were looking for a hero trail.

From Marlo, and so they've had to look at what are the other opportunities.

Could be progressed and this and this has always been on the table.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 58:22

Yep.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 58:25

But it wasn't prior, initially prioritized by the group.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 58:29

OK.

Yeah, 'cause, I think in looking back at how it might be linked to the context analysis and the EDP stuff, and I know in there, they referenced this strategy on the page with the strategy on a page talks about leveraging existing assets rather than building new. So yeah.

I was curious where it had come from.

Also, just that question around.

Where this fits in in the mix.

When I think about, I have to think of this is kind of Council work.

So what's what's Council's position?

Also destination Gippsland.

What's their position on this in terms of, you know?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 59:00

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 59:01

Ownership and prioritization within terms, you know, noting that you know this proposal, that there's still two more steps beyond this to actually realize this.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 59:09

Chris.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 59:10

So it's it's, it's obviously clearly beyond the group.

So what?

What's the? Yeah, what's the bigger interaction?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 59:15

That's right.

So destination Gippsland, it is clearly one of the things that they have had on their radar for things. Obviously with the scenario river being the asset in the area and ways to look and I suppose that it could be untapped Council due to the findings of the last.

Feasibility that was done 10 years ago.

Have not.

It's not a priority for them. And then you've also got, I suppose, since that last feasibility study was done, we've now got Marlo that has got the sailors Gray Brewery.

So Marlo in itself is becoming a destination.

You know you've got the the tiny homes that are aim to be built.

It's kind of catering to that higher end.

Attraction in the area, but there's a missing link between.

MLA and just just a reminder, I suppose Wallace Orbost, it's future of Orbost and districts which does include the Marlo region.

And behind the scenes there is also some work being done at a bit more of a strategic plan.

For for the area to connect up all the different points with with within the districts, but that that piece of work at this stage is planning to be funded externally.

Which is why it's not coming here to, I suppose, join up the bigger picture.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:00:52

And then just one more practical question. I think in one of the bits in there around engaging the consultant was to do a further review of the planning issues originally identified in the previous reports.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:00:54

Mm hmm.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:01:02

Is that? Is that something that they've got?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:01:02

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:01:04

Surely a Council planning team is aware the planning schemes is that something they've further assessed or they've been engaged to provide feedback?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:01:09

That well, because the engineer actually has to be on site to determine where the best location would be for for those particular thing, while there's an area, it would depend on his pre feasibility to say actually it's this piece of land.

So there there are a few land holders that have been informed.

That these, you know, this is the hope that some pre feasibility work will be done and they might need access to the property.

Please answer that.

Are all aware of that?

But until the engineers are able to actually go on site and they're unable to, I suppose.

They explicit as to what piece of land that's going to do. So as was planning, they want to know what the parcel of land is to to see what those overlays are and what could be.

But it isn't a flood pouring area.

I definitely we all know that.

And.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:02:12

I think it was more about those those pieces, the narrative in there kind of said it was going to review some of the original findings from the original reports.

So if they were overarching things that were insurmountable, I guess I was just keen to understand that any pre pre feasibility being done that's all. But that that's good. Thank you.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:02:20

Yeah. So yeah.

Yeah. Yeah. No. Yeah, no.

And I'll say with the feasibility works study that was done over two years ago, it is not an electronic version.

It's like 250 pages of studies that that was done. So it's not as simple. I mean, unless someone's gonna. Yeah, yeah.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:02:45

Old school, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:02:47

Can I just jump in?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:02:48

I can't report.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:02:48

I'm I'm I'm just just looking at the time and I would like just to get through the abattoir so I might go to Andrew and Amanda and then come back and I'll make some comments, then come back to Shona for a response.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:02:49

Yes.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:03:01

Well, for me, I'm. I'm OK with it.

I did see I've been part of some of the destination Gippsland rail trails, sort of activities and so I know where it fits into the puzzle.

And when I look up the East Gippsland Rail trail, they talk as Marlo as a nearby attraction.

But it's the missing link in terms of you can't actually get there by the rail trail, which is ironic.

However, I'm probably picking up a map .1 of the big, contentious issues has been around.

The might.

So it's not only the construction of the the trial, but the maintenance of the trial. And I saw in the the materials cause destination Gippland had floated before around the creation of this business called DCM Co which was.

A rail trail maintenance.

Social enterprise.

Which hasn't got up, but probably the quick thing for me is has it been floated with council like, have we foreseen that they're going to be any issues or what?

Or do we know what the issues are going to be from her?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:04:08

I can jump in with a instruction.

I'm really uncomfortable with the degree of support this has. I think from what has been provided, this has not crossed that threshold from being a pet project to something that has a preliminary case for us investing money in it.

So I mean my my view would be that I'd want some assurance that Council is at least interested in it.

Similar with Destination Gippsland before, I'd be ready to to support it.

Amanda.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:04:39

Thanks. Sorry. Yeah, I I I question that too about destination Gippsland.

I I bet that's and how it all fit fits into that wider tourism picture.

But I did like what I did like about is that all that background work that had been happening all the all the all the Cedar Summit stuff, all the that there's been clearly a lot of thought put into this.

So that's what I really liked about it and.

It. Yeah, that's what I really liked about it.

I think my questions.

Where it was. Yeah. Was is who was the actual grant recipient.

But it is the future of all boss, isn't it?

Or the the Chamber of Commerce.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:05:18

Yes.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:05:19

And yeah, cool.

And then my I just wanted to know from for Chloe and Andrew, is there an issue that the consultant is based in Tasmania or be giving Victorian government funding that will then go to a Tasmanian business?

Is that an issue?

I don't know.

That's how's that perceived.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:05:36

No, no. Is the is. The short answer might be an issue if they were asking for a lot of money. That's yeah.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:05:38

OK, that's.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:05:42

I wonder if it is actually the destination Gibson consultant because.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:05:43

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:05:47

That was.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:05:48

They did use a consultant who was might have been Tasmanian based, but it could be the same, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:05:53

I reckon the name isn't ringing a bell.

I reckon I know who. Who that the DG1 was.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:05:59

Yeah, come on.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:06:00

Yeah, it's probably by the by.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:06:01

I don't know, but what I will say is he does do a lot of work in Victoria and so I suppose.

You know the the cost was factored in obvious. I think he's able to do it a little bit cheaper because he will tie it in with other projects. He's likely to consult on the way.

It's not just he's flying here purely just for, for one thing.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:06:30

I might just try and round out the conversation like the big point of contention seems to be that.

So the groundwork around this and another wayframe that for me is, you know, looking at the list of tasks they have. Some of them look like, you know, understanding stakeholder views.

I don't understand quite why we are being asked to provide additional money to do that when they have a functioning, working group that can answer those questions.

So my opening gambit here is that I actually don't think that we should be assessing this until we have some great certainty around that support.

Key stakeholders like DG and Council.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:07:07

Based on that thing, Chloe, then if if we are saying we're not going to assess it and it does have to go back to this is a process question to go back to them to resubmit, do they have to then now go through the EI EOI process?

Or because they've already come through first beforehand?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:07:20

Not for this one.

Yeah, this has been accepted under under round one, so it would be it would be documents appended to the applications already in.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:07:24

Yeah, cool.

Just double checking, yeah.

Awesome.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:07:30

Yeah, I just a little comment just around with the Council support.

So another project that we have been doing and the same thing was raised with Council support, so Council support Council have been regularly been issuing letters of support, but a very nondescript as to what they're agreeing to, because there's there's a challenging area where.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:07:55

Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:07:56

Council is not the auspice for the area and may not are not necessarily agreeing with the direction.

That the towns are taking so I'm not because it is a pre feasibility. There's no, you know this is a lot easier than doing a a full feasibility so it's.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:08:12

Yeah.

I think perhaps, rather than framing it as a letter of support and you know, not something signed by the CEO is we would be seeking an understanding of Council's position in relation to this project.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:08:25

OK, beautiful.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:08:26

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:08:26

Yeah, I I get what you mean, Shona. There's. Yeah, a bit of bit of evasiveness from that Council.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:08:28

I could.

Yeah, that would.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:08:30

Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:08:34

On actually saying what they mean to us and to the community.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:08:37

That teases out the issue because you build that into pre feasibility, because if Council turns around and says look canceller engage, they say well, you know this is going to cost us this, that and the other for ongoing maintenance. You can bike that into then the pre Fe.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:08:56

Yeah, don't. Yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:08:56

And shine up, I reckon.

I reckon that gets framed back to the project as we want you to answer. Get these these five.

You know how many specific questions answered by by Council.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:09:02

Yes.

No, that's fine.

And it's a whole new council, so it may change compared to the last time discussions were had, so.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:09:13

OK.

So is everyone comfortable with that?

We're gonna seek clarification of council's position and I think in D JS case, we're actually looking at support rather than those trickier questions.

Right. OK.

Sorry Shona. Do you want to have a drink?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:09:32

It's fine.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:09:32

OK, by drink, I mean, I mean something harder than water at this point.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:09:33

No it can't.

I will be having one laughter, but I'll wait.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:09:38

Yeah.

Alright. Do you want to take us away on the abattoir?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:09:45

Alright, they almost every time. Sorry.

Can ask.

So they ask for the arbitrary.

How much is that $48,263?

It's to a feasibility.

For the orbost.

Abattoir as well as an ask to a portion of that funding to be attributed to sort out the legal matches.

With the business, So what we have is the business is for sale or the current operator wants out basically.

There has been quite a challenge in trying to get.

Clear information from the current owner to suppose help do some of the pre work to determine whether.

The business is not only viable, but what is actually for sale.

So as part of the project ask I believe about seven and a half, $1000 is proposed for to to do the legal works.

I suppose the challenge is normally when a business gets put on the market in going to real estate agent, there's already a section 52 or 32 if required on the property that lists exactly what is the sale, the land, the building, the shuttles, all of that.

Kind of things. So whilst on the market it's not actually on the open market.

As I as I would say so, that piece of work has not been done.

In early discussions, both Jeff and myself did have we did.

Flag that we didn't believe that that portion should be funded.

By us as government and asked them to go back, to speak to the current owners as to whether they'd be willing to come to the party to help fund that. Obviously the application that has come in.

The current owners have not come back to the party.

The challenge we have.

With foremost and they an operator, is there is Isola partner who no one has had the opportunity to speak to yet, which is why we believe a lot of this stuff has not come to light as yet, which we do know is a clear risk and we have.

Framed that to the.

Applicant.

On the other hand, there is the argument that.

The current owner is not.

Very literate as we would say particular when it comes to legal matters.

Which is why he's so reluctant to jump on board.

The applicant has put forward a letter of intent to purchase to the current.

Owner.

For that, currently the abattoir.

Employees five staff members, including the current owner.

The applicant who is seeking the feasibility is should the feasibility prove that?

Yes, it is a viable option for them to purchase. Is looking to and increase the employment.

For an additional eight staff members, so it would be a significant.

Investment into the town, their current owner openly admits that has not been run at full capacity for many, many years because does not have any interest whatsoever in ramping up production at this stage of his life.

So it's only really processing enough just to make ends meet.

The other, I suppose, challenge we have in the area is you know it.

'S the.

Abattoir was to close.

And from what we are hearing, the current owner, if it doesn't proceed with the sale with this current applicant, they'll just close.

They won't actually put it to open market. They'll just close it because it will just be deemed all too hard.

So that's one of the local community challenges and then it's.

Perception of away then don't support.

A feasibility.

You know.

Whether the blind will then be put on us, which is likely in the community that that we have it all bossed. But that is the proposal.

Question.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:15:14

Thanks Shona.

Who wants to go first?

Everyone here has a vested interest in avatars.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:15:23

I'll go first. That's all right.

I don't mind.

When I read the application, it sounded identical to an application that we would do in DJ Sir.

Sorry that I would have seen in DJ Sir in terms of investment into a business because if we Victorian government doesn't do it then the business will close and it will cause unemployment, etcetera, etcetera.

So my first question was, is it right this right for this particular fund when Rd. to RDV have a similar investment type program?

Because I'm sure I'm not up with rdv programs at the moment, but should this be redirected to rdv?

Because that's what rdv do, they invest.

And with job outcomes.

So to me, that's what it raked off a DJ.

So Grant, I don't think we should be funding legal fees.

I really don't.

I don't think that's the Victorian government role at all and I am really, really funny about Victorian government funding a business for funding a grant for a feasibility study into the purchase of a business.

At the end, sorry, the end of the all I had to say.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:16:24

Not very admirably clear. Amanda and I share share those sentiments.

Who wants to go next?

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:16:35

I don't mind. Yeah, probably probably.

Similarly, I mean in reading the application, there's some really strong elements there around. You know this feasibility investigation, the value add opportunities and this provenance and branding that that is such a strong theme in there and you know resonates in that area. But other areas as well I.

I know you know now and now I kind of had some interconnection to this as well.

And the success of the abattoir.

Again, I think just objectively, it reads though, as you know the.

The objective in there, they stated it as complete a feasibility study to inform the decision to purchase these in abattoir and Orbost which, which for me is is just. Yeah, that, that, that's, that's just not workable.

Yeah, it.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:17:21

Yeah. Yeah, so.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:17:22

It's a shame it wasn't about the, you know, the value chain and those pieces and then the outcome of that then may give somebody not necessarily that proponent confidence.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:17:25

Yes.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:17:25

Yeah, but.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:17:26

Yes.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:17:33

To to look at that, I think, I think that I just yeah, that, yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:17:35

Yeah. No, that that's fair enough.

So this applicant themselves, Emily. So they do actually want own one of the largest producer farms within the region. And I suppose this is the whole reason that the jump jump.

Board to try and look into it is because it Stacey, even for their own business as it is. What what a lawsuit would be if the Abattoira did close.

Locally. So then looking for if they were to purchase it, their aims would be to invest in it, to to make it more profitable and, you know, bring it up to up to date and, you know, technology note there's been no investment I think in this abattoir and.

Processes and things for many years.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:18:30

Can can I?

Can I ask a quick follow up question? Sorry has has this thing engaged?

Have these owners engaged with the governance group as well?

You know, I'm. I'm thinking back to you know what we've just talked about around the the trail is there. You know, obviously that group has seen benefit and potentially taken the lead for you know, the cycle trail development.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:18:40

I have.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:18:50

Is there a reason they haven't seen, you know, their their role or potentially been able to see the bigger picture?

Around that value chain and the provenance piece and and them undertaking.

Work or how has it ended up that the business has put it forward? You know, rather than the opportunity presently for all bus chamber to kind of say, well, this is good for the, you know, could we look at demonstrating the viability which then provides benefit to you?

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:19:11

Yeah.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:19:18

Know 50 different people who might be interested in purchasing.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:19:20

Yeah, yeah, that's the challenge with Obst is that I have just had too many projects, to put it bluntly.

But and unfortunately, the ones that have had a lot more investment.

And push being outside facilitated by that project manager and their pet projects are not the ones that I am feeling the Community have actually actually want.

But unfortunately, when it these things get to the governance group, there is very little pushback as to these proposals coming through or any hard questions. I would say being asked outside of ourselves or Council.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:20:11

There's an the other context there I think is the project proponent.

It's also partly a many hats issue.

So the Sam and Emily Richardson are private business owners as trainers, as they are doing one of the one of the biggest farms in the district, they're also part of the All Boston District Innovation Network.

They've been heavily involved in the project since day one, so there is a degree to which this is both.

This is a. It is a business decision and we have to think of it as that. But there is also.

A.

A community benefit angle in there that I don't think is explored to its fullest extent in the application.

Andrew.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:20:46

Pretty much most of it's been said like 'cause, it does read just like a due diligence purchase assessment. Really the way it's run.

But if it was reframed like you were saying, if somebody had done to take in it rather than the business seeking to buy it, but another proponent to actually identify the merit or otherwise of having an abattoir located in.

Or bast and the you know the economic potential of expanding it and the like then.

Probably would have had brighter legs and and I'd certainly agree with Amanda. Two around can't pay for the the legal costs like land title and ownership searches are just, yeah. So and probably the other thing is probably will bid into the transition fund.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:21:23

Yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:21:30

Yeah, it's icy. Yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:21:31

No, that's fine.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:21:43

Yeah, just as long as they were aware they did get funded through this end.

Doesn't guarantee them, but we will just do all our due diligence and all that sort of stuff.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:21:51

Correct, correct.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:21:54

They're probably highlightly get something, but you know, depending on how it's thrown, but yeah.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:21:57

Yeah, sorry.

Yeah, I think there was one point I forgot to mention.

So the whole reason why this has eventuated coming through CDF is they did aim to go through forestry transition, but we're pushed back to say that they needed a feasibility to be done when they got a quote.

That's a lot of money.

To just flush out on feasibility to to even help them decide whether to purchase.

The business and they were told that the feasibility was needed to even be considered for forestry transition.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:22:38

Take the other issue might have been around purchase.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:22:38

Also, they need to own it.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:22:38

So I suppose that's yeah, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:22:39

That's yeah.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:22:40

Was it also around purchase?

I was seeking funding for purchase, which isn't eligible under Transition Fund.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:22:48

And I've been told that and I have also had discussions with Deb to to clarify that fact.

Yes, there was a bit of misconception there.

What any forestry transition funds could be useful, but I said that's what's triggered it coming through CDF.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:23:10

Amanda then.

Jeff, just noting, we've got 5 minutes. So like to move your decision on this one.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:23:13

Yep, sure.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:23:13

Yeah, I'll. I'll jump out, Amanda.

Andrew can ask.

I'll. I'll pull back.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:23:17

Yeah, no, no, it's just.

It was just something on a different subtopic about this is that there wasn't any financials also submitted in the application. And I my concern was I don't know this business and if we're going to give them money, I don't they we don't any financials either to make that.

Decision about their capability of managing the grant.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:23:35

Yes.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:23:35

Thanks, Amanda.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:23:37

My storyline I was just going to say that all the things that you've asked, Shona and myself gave feedback to this person and they just ignored it. So yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:23:47

I can vouch for that.

There's been a very a lot of back and forth and a lot of clear instructions given.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:23:50

Yes.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:23:54

So yeah.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:23:54

Just just on the transition fund though, if they did go forward and purchase it, the proponents and then they are making improvements to process line and putting in new refrigeration, other equipment, that's all perfectly eligible, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:24:07

That's what we say.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:24:08

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Which is what we've said, which is 100% what we've said.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:24:10

That's exactly what we say.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:24:12

If I can try and summarize this, I think the core point that needs to be made back to them is that the decision to purchase the business, you know, and if I can speak on behalf of the panel, the decision to purchase the business needs to be made.

Independently and without independently of any government grants.

Yep, so there may be opportunity to once they have purchased it, seek seek support through the Community Development Fund for feasibility or the Transition fund for implementation. Alternatively, and I don't know, Shona, I'll leave it to your discretion how far you want to go on broaching this altern.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:24:29

We'll see.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:24:46

There could be possibility for a more a community based organization.

Pursue that that question of the bit of the economic benefit of an abattoir and develop of that value chain for the for the district.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:25:01

Yeah, that's good, because they shine from memory.

There's three farms interested in in utilising, so yeah, that makes a lot of sense.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:25:15

If we're uncomfortable with that being the advice given back to the applicant, anything else you'd add?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:25:20

Suggest that.

Make sure you put in there that the chair of this was is a vegetarian, so that's part of the reason.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:25:30

Speaking of did Corey remind me in the chat?

I didn't clear CR Ys.

Everyone, do you see OY?

S If you haven't already.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:25:37

I've done a BUL coi I put in. I did for all. Yeah, I said.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:25:39

No, I need to do a box Co NI need to get that.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:25:41

Did you do that?

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:25:43

I I put it in acoi that I declare for November and December January and that I will submit anything where there is a conflict of interest.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:25:51

So one of my parting one of my parting gifts to Jeff and Matt is going to be a final review of the Governance manual for CDF round two.

And I'm going to jump.

I'm going to throw a line in there about COYS to cover multiple panel assessments.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:26:05

OK.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:26:05

OK.

Thank you everyone.

Thank you everyone who has been engaging with with our applicants and thank you in advance for both some good, good and difficult messages that are going to be sent back to them. We still got a few on our list and just to just to cover them off so.

Hayfield adventure hub.

I've asked Jeff and Emma to make sure that that one has an FRA in place before we assess.

OK. And then we've also got the Yarram tourism economic development strategy, which I think is a reasonably straightforward assessment and the tube analysis we've already touched on that.

We'll be looking closely at the interaction between those and the and the stream one application.

Any parting comments apart from Happy holidays?

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:26:53

Nothing to do with me.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:26:55

We'll do so.

We will do it.

Yeah, yeah, that's a spillover meeting.

But Heyfield hayfield's assessment at the spillover meeting will be contingent on F and Fr as come back by then.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 1:27:03

OK.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:27:04

Can I ask one question on that Benalla hub?

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:27:06

Yep.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:27:06

Is there actually a site or is it just there is?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:09

Yes, there is a site.

Yep. Yeah, it's between.

Hang on, Andrew. You didn't come on.

The Tellus expedition.

Did you?

It's near.

Oh, it's near Henderson's.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:27:21

Are you talking about the same thing though?

JS

Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:27:21

Davis.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:27:22

Here Chloe, you're talking about the manufacturing precinct. Andrew's talking about the arts home, I think.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:27:24

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:24

Oh, I'm talking about the manufacturing precinct. Sorry. Yeah, sorry.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:27:28

Yeah, they are.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:28

Oh, they are, yeah.

AW

Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:27:29

Five year. That that one, yeah.

AF

Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:27:30

No.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:30

Well, they well, because we told them we don't like.

We're not gonna build them in arts hub, so they're talking about a dispersed model for I just.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:27:36

Yeah, it's not necessarily a thing.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:36

I just like the idea that they're gonna replicate Collingwood yards in vanilla.

Made calling with yards.

It's so if stuff.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:27:47

It's already sits next to the river on the bridge.

Matt Thomas (DEECA) 1:27:52

Like it's a it's a thing, Jeff, not a building.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:27:55

It's a thing.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:27:56

Mm hmm.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:27:57

To vibe, to Vibe, we're we're funding vibes now.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:27:58

It's a ball like the best that one of nine.

Look at the vibe.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:28:03
I'm sorry. Can I just ask?

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:28:03
Show the show the hint hasn't been smoked down at that end of the world or.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:08
It's a fairpoint.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:28:08
You know, kind of get it's it's it's less than .1 of a percent.
You're not getting anything off that not off hemp.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:28:17
I know I. I know. I know I'm big.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:17
I spoke a lot of it.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:28:18
Maybe. Maybe I'm medicinal. Marijuana, maybe.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:22
It comes from Tessie. If you talk about the good stuff.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:23
Sorry. Amanda's. Amanda's trying to say something serious. Sorry.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:28:26
I I just have a question for you, Andrew, because I know you're on leave on

January 10, aren't you?

So whoever is your acting, would they be able to sit on the panel for us please?

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:28:38

Oh, yes, yes. OK, yeah.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:41

Are we gonna get Ross? Yes.

AW Andrew J Waller (DEECA) 1:28:41

It'll be.

It'll be Ross, so yeah.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:28:43

OK.

Alright, cool.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:44

Oh, I love Ross on the panel.

AF Amanda J Farrelly (DEECA) 1:28:46

OK.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:48

Oh no.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 1:28:50

Is that good or bad?

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:52

We want to.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:53
And I'll just check it is good.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:53
We want to have some promises around jobs.
That's what we want, yeah.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:28:58
Just explain that we're not building jobs.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:28:59
OK.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 1:29:00
OK, I might.

Chloe Ward (DEECA) 1:29:01
Thank you everyone.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:29:03
Thank you.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 1:29:04
Merry Christmas. Have a good Christmas for those.

CL Cory J Lindfield (DEECA) 1:29:04
Merry Christmas.

SS Shona Sekene (DEECA) 1:29:04
Alright. Thank you Ron. Bye.

EB Emma J Birchall (DEECA) 1:29:05
Keith, see you. Yep.

JS Jeff M Svigos (DEECA) 1:29:06
I won't sue that are going away. Jesus.