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Item: 244 **MM - Rural Fire Service Control Centre - (80093)**

REPORT:

During my recent visits to the Wilberforce Rural Fire Service Control Centre I have become aware of a number of deficiencies in the physical suitability of the current centre.

The current Control Centre:

- Occupies the former Colo Shire Council Offices located in Macquarie Street, Wilberforce
- Is coming towards the end of its useful life
- Comprises numerous rooms of varying dimensions, serviced by an entry that is located on a different level. The current configuration has the potential to impact adversely on the overall operation of the Centre
- Is of limited size, requiring the installation of tents and portable offices at times of high demand. The only suitable location for the additional portable offices is some distance away, which in turn further impacts on the operation of the Centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Initiate formal discussions with the State Government and its various emergency agencies to explore the possibility of establishing a purpose built facility to service the needs of the emergency agencies. This Centre should:-
 - Be easily scaled up at times of emergency
 - Also include some consideration of the co-location of the various emergency services and allow for common parking, training facilities and administrative areas, including common technology and communications systems, thereby achieving economies of scale and efficiencies going forward.
 - Facilitate ongoing co-operation between Council and the various emergency services.
2. Formally request staff to identify potential sites and initiate discussions with the relevant parties.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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