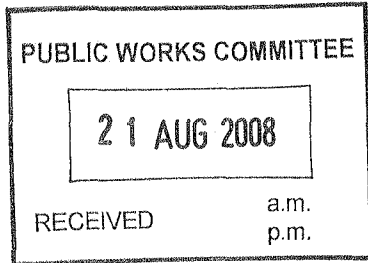


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From: Murchison CEO [mailto:ceo@murchison.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 21 August 2008 1:37 PM
To: Committee, Reps (REPS)
Subject: Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder

At its meeting held 15th August, 2008 the Council of the Shire of Murchison resolved that its perception of the importance of the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) project be acquainted to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.

The preferred site for the telescope being located in the Shire of Murchison we have been able to observe at first hand the high level of international and national interest which the project is generating. Already we have witnessed a reversal trend of the "Brain Drain" with eminent scientists attracted back to Australia to its long term benefit. Without the commitment of government at all levels but in particular federally this would not be possible.

Council commends the Commonwealth on its strong promotion of the project, and for its part commits itself to full support.

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