



# TRACMACH

The Vintage Tractor and Machinery Association  
of Western Australia Incorporated

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Support for the Carnamah Shire Building Better Regions Fund application for the Big Tractor Project.**

The Vintage Tractor and Machinery Association of WA, known as "Tracmach" was founded in 1981 and now has over 550 members from across WA. The objective of Tracmach is to preserve the agricultural and industrial heritage of Western Australia, by promoting interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage tractors and machinery that were an important part in the of the development of our country.

Bob Lukins, who instigated the formation of Tracmach, came up with the concept of building a Giant tractor twenty years ago and has worked to find a way to secure the resources to get it started since. Recently the opportunity to become home of the world's largest Tractor was put out for expressions of interest in the Farm Weekly. To recognise the remarkable engineering achievement and its contribution to agriculture in Australia the Chamberlain tractor built in Welshpool WA, was chosen. The plan is to construct as authentically as possible a replica five times the size of an actual 40K Chamberlain Tractor, the first Chamberlain produced in 1949. The model 40K had a twin-cylinder, horizontally opposed petrol/ kerosene engine of 42HP, nine speed transmission and weighed approximately four tonnes. It was considered to be ideal for the needs of Australian farmers.

Carnamah Shire recognises the benefits to its community that are possible by having such an icon in their town. The giant tractor will be larger than Wagin's big Ram and will bring visitors, enriching local businesses.

Tracmach have provided the engineering drawings, and will work in partnership with Carnamah Shire providing assistance where possible to ensure the project is completed successfully.

Yours Sincerely,

David Collins  
Tracmach Secretary

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