

Meeting Date: Tuesday 17 February 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde

Time: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Councillor Simon.

Staff Present: General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager – Corporate Services, Group Manager – Environment and Planning, Group Manager – Public Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Media, Section Manager – Governance and Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator.

PRAYER

Councillor Maggio offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Perram requested a Leave of Absence for the period 2 March 2015 to 10 March 2015.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Salvestro-Martin)

That Councillor Perram's Leave of Absence for the period 2 March 2015 to 10 March 2015 be approved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons addressed the Council:-

Name	Topic
Councillor Richard Quinn (Mayor of Hunters Hill Council)	ITEM 1 – Fit for the Future – City of Ryde’s Response
Phil Jenkyn (Co-convenor of Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition)	ITEM 1 – Fit for the Future – City of Ryde’s Response

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.

MAYORAL MINUTES

There were no Mayoral Minutes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 FIT FOR THE FUTURE - CITY OF RYDE'S RESPONSE

Note: Councillor Richard Quinn (Mayor of Hunters Hill Council) and Phil Jenkyn (Co-convenor of Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Salvestro-Martin)

- (a) That the City of Ryde reaffirm its rejection to the recommendations as detailed in the Independent Panel’s final report that proposes to split the City of Ryde partly between Parramatta, Holroyd and Auburn Councils with the balance being amalgamated with Councils to the east and north, comprising Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Willoughby Councils;
- (b) That the City of Ryde complete Template 2 – Council Improvement Proposal, to demonstrate that the City of Ryde is sustainable in its own right;
- (c) That in addition to completing Template 2, Council also endorse investigating a modified Joint Organisation (regional body) proposal to meet the State Government’s scale and capacity criteria, on the basis that there are other Councils in northern Sydney interested in participating in this proposal with the City of Ryde;
- (d) That the City of Ryde endorse undertaking a shared community engagement strategy with those Councils that confirm interest in exploring a modified Joint Organisation (regional body) proposal as detailed in part (c) above;

- (e) That Council endorse the General Manager writing to the Mayor and General Manager of the Councils that attended the Symposium, to confirm their Council's position by Wednesday 18 March 2015, in respect of parts (c) and (d) above;
- (f) That the City of Ryde endorse a business case (cost benefit analysis) being undertaken of the Independent Panel's recommendation for the Councils of Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Willoughby and Ryde to amalgamate (costs to be on a shared funding basis); and
- (g) That the General Manager write to the Mayor and General Manager of Parramatta, Auburn and Holroyd Councils to formally advise that the City of Ryde rejects the Independent Panel's recommendations for the western area of the City of Ryde to merge with Parramatta, Auburn and Holroyd Councils and to advise that Council is exploring other options as detailed above.
- (h) That the City of Ryde, as soon as possible, commence a community information strategy to bring the specific predicament of this Council to the attention of our community.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pendleton)

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- (h) That the City of Ryde, as soon as possible, commence a community information strategy to bring the specific predicament of this Council to the attention of our community.
- (i) That the City of Ryde welcomes the State opposition's policy announcement of no forced amalgamations and that the General Manager write to the Premier, Minister for Local Government and the local members seeking the same commitment.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was two (2) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale and Pendleton

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Salvestro-Martin)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015

Chairperson