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**MM15/13      TASK FORCE FOR NORTH RYDE STATION URBAN  
ACTIVATION PRECINCT - The Mayor, Councillor Ivan  
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On the 14 May 2013 Council resolved as follows:

- (e) *That Council adopt the Friends of North Ryde recommendation to employ an independent consultant to add weight to Council's continued objection to the proposed Urban Activation Precincts and an allocation of \$50,000 be made in the March Quarterly Review.*
- (f) *That the Acting General Manager prepare a proposed advocacy campaign for Council's consideration to continue to pressure the Government to make amendments to the North Ryde Station Precinct in accordance with Council's submission.*

Since that time Council staff have met with representatives from the Friends of North Ryde, separately met with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DOPI), commenced recruitment of an independent consultant, drafted correspondence for consideration by the Mayors of all Urban Activation Precinct (UAP) Councils, lodged Council's submission on the UAP with DOPI, sought an extension to the submission period and commenced scoping the advocacy campaign.

As there is such strong community concern regarding this proposal and as the Friends of North Ryde has been so actively campaigning and have developed a significant understanding of the issues, it would be beneficial if all efforts on this matter could be better planned and coordinated. It is recommended a Task Force comprising a representative from the Friends of North Ryde, councillors, the appointed consultant and relevant staff be created to coordinate the advocacy for more appropriate development and that it meet immediately the independent consultant is appointed. It is also recommended that further advocacy efforts be pursued directly with the Minister through a further delegation comprising of the Mayor, interested Councillors and relevant staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager be delegated to set up a North Ryde Station Precinct Urban Activation Task Force to coordinate responses and advocacy on the North Ryde Station Precinct UAP on behalf of the residents of Ryde, and that this Task Force be comprised of relevant Council staff, interested Councillors, the consultant to be engaged, and one member of the Friends of North Ryde and

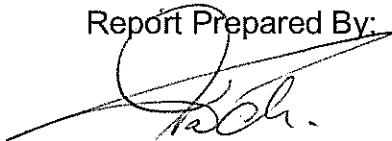
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- (b) That the Task Force meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of the Independent Consultant; and
- (c) That a delegation comprising of the Mayor, interested Councillors and relevant staff seek a further meeting with the Minister for Planning, the Honourable Brad Hazzard, in order to advocate for further time to be allowed for submissions, the content of Council's submissions and any further matters raised by the Independent Consultant.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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