
**MM35/14 ACTIONS ARISING FROM COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP
ON SISTER CITY / FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENTS - The
Mayor, Councillor Bill Pickering**

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At the Councillor Workshop on Sister Cities / Friendship Agreements held on 11 November 2014, discussions were held regarding Council's approach to these arrangements.

The City of Ryde has previously been approached by the City of Dongguan (Dongguan) seeking the establishment of a formal agreement. As a result of the delegation from the City of Dongguan visiting our City in July 2014, Council has received a draft Friendship Agreement from Dongguan for Council's consideration.

While this is due to be reported to Council in February 2015, together with a revised Policy and any associated Protocols, I am proposing that Council as an interim position, write to the City of Dongguan expressing our interest in pursuing closer ties between the two Cities. This would however be subject to the formal acceptance and review of the Agreement and Policy, being considered by Council in February 2015.

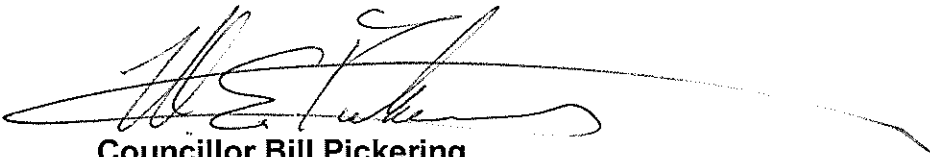
RECOMMENDATION:

That as Mayor of the City of Ryde, I write to the City of Dongguan expressing Council's interest in pursuing closer ties with their City, subject to the formal adoption of a Friendship Agreement together with the relevant Policy in February 2015.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:


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The Mayor