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1 DEFERRED REPORT: DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2010 - PART 9.6 TREE PRESERVATION - SUBMISSIONS

Report prepared by: Section Manager, Open Space Planning and Assets

File No.: GRP/09/4/6 - BP12/564

This report is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2012.

REPORT SUMMARY

At the Council meeting of 28 February 2012, Council resolved to place the draft Development Control Plan (DCP) Part 9.6 Tree Preservation on public exhibition. This Part of Council's DCP provides specific controls aimed towards the preservation of trees across the City of Ryde.

In 2011, a comprehensive review of the DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation was undertaken and the results of this comprehensive review included:

- Revised DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation
- Revised DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation companion Technical Manual

To reinforce the City of Ryde's commitment to the management of trees across the City, the draft Urban Forest Policy was also developed providing guidance on the sustainable management of the City's urban forest.

The draft DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, Technical Manual and draft Urban Forest Policy were placed on public exhibition from 21 March 2012 until 4 May 2012. During this period, Council received 12 submissions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt draft DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation and Technical Manual with changes outlined in the body of this report and that a public notice of Council's decision be placed in a local newspaper under the term of the Regulations of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act so the Plan may come into effect.
- (b) That Council adopt draft Urban Forest Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Submission Analysis - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2 DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 3 Urban Forest Technical Manual - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 4 Urban Forest Policy - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Background

The Development Control Plan (DCP) 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation was drafted to provide specific development controls aimed towards the preservation of trees across the City of Ryde. During its initial implementation, it became apparent that DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation:

- Contained inconsistencies,
- Failed to provide clear direction to the community about the management of trees on their land
- Created unnecessary paperwork for Council staff that contributed to delays in resolving tree management applications submitted by the community, and
- Maintained a lengthy and complicated assessment and approval processes that included a slow and inconsistent review process for tree management applications.

Following a Council resolution 7 December 2010 a comprehensive review of DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation was undertaken with the aim of resolving these issues and to formulate a strategic approach to the management of trees in the City. This included the following:

- A comprehensive review of DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation and companion Technical Manual which is the companion document to the Plan containing all technical Arboricultural information, and
- Preparation of an Urban Forest Policy.

At the Council Meeting of 28 February 2012, Council resolved to place the revised DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, Technical Manual and draft Urban Forest Policy on public exhibition.

The public exhibition period commenced on 21 March 2012 and concluded on 4 May 2012.

Discussion

The revised DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, Technical Manual and draft Urban Forest Policy were exhibited from 21 March 2012 to 4 May 2012. The exhibition involved the following:

- A public notice of the exhibition in the Ryde City View on 21 March 2012 and 18 April 2012.
- Copies of the revised DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, Technical Manual and draft Urban Forest Policy sent to environmental groups including the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society, Brush Farm Park Preservation Group and Ryde Environmental Group.

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- Use of Council Kiosks in each of Council's libraries to provide internet access to the DCP 2010, LEP 2010 and the draft DCP;
- Hard copies of LEP 2010, DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation were placed at each of Council's libraries, Customer Service Centre and Ryde Planning and Business Centre.

By the close of business on the 4 May 2012, a total of 12 submissions were received from the community. Many of the submissions raised issues that were beyond the scope of the DCP and Policy, however this feedback will be used to inform the City's future management of the Urban Forest.

A summary of the submissions is provided below with a detailed response to each of the submissions provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

<i>Level of Support</i>	<i>Number of Submissions</i>	<i>Key Issues Raised</i>
Support	1	
Opposition	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of a "Tree" • Removed reference to urban bushland mapping • Ongoing management of noxious weeds • The need for a Biodiversity Strategy for the City of Ryde • Proposed management of trees in Heritage areas • The need for compliance and ongoing management of the DCP
Neutral	6	

The key issues raised by the submissions are discussed in further detail below:

The definition of a "Tree"

To enable the community to understand what trees are covered by the controls of the DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, it is necessary to define what a tree is. In the Draft DCP, as tree was defined as

Tree means:

- trees as defined in Part 10 Dictionary of DCP 2010 where the tree has a height of 5 metres and a stem circumference of 450mm at a height of 1.4 metres above ground level. This includes palm trees; and*
- trees described as "major", "substantial" and "significant" in other Parts of DCP 2010.*

The community raised concerns that this definition would reduce the number of trees across the City that would be subject to the controls with the DCP. Many native trees have a slender trunk while being tall and there were concerns that many native tree species would be not covered by the definition of a "Tree".

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In light of these concerns, the definition of a tree has been modified to be as follows.

Please note - All changes to the content of the DCP is shown below with the new wording shown with an underline.

Tree means:

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- c. *trees described as “major”, “substantial” and “significant” in other Parts of DCP 2010.*

This change to the definition will simplify the definition of a “Tree” for the community and will result in more trees being controlled under the draft DCP.

Removal of references to urban bushland mapping

The community raised concerns about the removal of references to Urban Bushland mapping from the draft DCP.

The definition of Urban Bushland was established in the 2001 Oculus report *Urban Bushland in the Ryde LGA* however during the review of the DCP the Urban Bushland mapping layer was shown to be outdated and in need of a review and update. Due to these identified deficiencies in the existing mapping, all references to the Urban Bushland mapping has been removed from the DCP. (Please note – it is proposed that a review of this will be undertaken as a part of Council’s broader GPMS Project).

It is important to note that the Urban Bushland mapping will still be used as one of the assessment criteria by Council when assessing applications under the draft DCP.

Despite the deletion of the Urban Bushland mapping references from the draft DCP, the preservation of areas of remnant vegetation and significant vegetation communities has not been not diluted as the Plan provides that:

- A tree is not exempt if it is listed as vulnerable, threatened or within ecological communities
- A tree is not exempt if it is or is on land upon which there is potential for habitation provision for fauna species classified as vulnerable, threatened or endangered under the Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995) or Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).

Ongoing management of noxious weeds

The City of Ryde manages noxious weeds in accordance with the NSW Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and Council’s website provides details on the responsibilities of landholders, both Council and private, in the eradication of noxious weeds.

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The draft DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation does not restrain the eradication of noxious weeds within the City.

The ongoing need of a Biodiversity Strategy for the City of Ryde

A Biodiversity Plan is proposed to be prepared for the City in 2013/14. The intention of this Plan is to develop a strategic direction to biodiversity management and to build on the flora and fauna surveys conducted since 2006.

The Biodiversity Plan will apply the principles of adaptive management and collate and coordinate current and past efforts with the direction of prioritising future actions in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for Ryde's biodiversity. Furthermore, it will include a ten year biodiversity plan and review the 2006 flora and fauna survey of 54 significant bushland to ascertain biodiversity enhancement and health and to inform future bushland management works.

Heritage Trees

Concerns have been raised on the management of trees on heritage sites and heritage conservation areas. While there is a need to ensure the management of heritage sites in a sustainable way, there is also a need to enable the community to manage trees on their land in a fair and equitable manner.

It was suggested that the draft DCP was too rigid in the management of trees on heritage sites and in heritage conservation areas, where by a Development Application was needed for both removal and pruning of a tree.

The DCP has been modified to enable residents who own a heritage property or live in a heritage conservation area to apply for a Tree Permit to prune a tree but are still required to submit a development application to remove a tree.

Please note - All changes to the content of the DCP is shown below with the new wording shown with an underline.

3.0 Tree Permits

- b. *A Tree Permit is required for any pruning: a) of the crown of a Tree, (including deadwood) and / or b) pruning or removal of roots (greater than 40mm in diameter) from a Tree inside its Tree Protection Zone that is or forms part of a heritage item or is within one of the five heritage conservations areas within the City of Ryde.*

Note: If you want to remove a Tree which is is or forms part of a heritage item or is within one of the five heritage conservations areas within the City of Ryde you must apply for a Development Application under Section 4 of this Part

ITEM 1 (continued)**4.0 Development Applications****a. Development Application approval must be obtained before any removal of a Tree if either the Tree or the site upon which the Tree is located:**

- *is or forms part of a heritage item. Heritage items are identified in Schedule 5 of LEP 2010 and are shown on the Heritage Map*
- *is within one of the five heritage conservation areas within the City of Ryde. You can check whether your property is within one of these areas by looking at the Heritage Map*

The need for compliance and ongoing management of the DCP

Enforcement and compliance issues are a focus area for the Natural Areas and Urban Forest Team. The changes to the draft DCP have removed many redundant processes and this will enable the staff to effectively administer and enforce the DCP. Staffing delegations are being modified to enable staff to enforce and where necessary, issue Penalty Infringement Notices and / or progress towards legal action for breaches of the DCP.

Urban Forest Policy

The intention of the Urban Forest Policy was generally supported by the community with one minor wording modification made in response to the community's suggestions.

In response to the community submissions, the following documents have been modified and represent the final draft for adoption by Council:

- DCP 2010 Part 9.6 Tree Preservation (**ATTACHMENT 2**)
- DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation companion Technical (**ATTACHMENT 3**)
- Urban Forest Policy (**ATTACHMENT 4**)

Exhibition

As required under the Regulations of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, the draft DCP was exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days, by notice in the local newspaper.

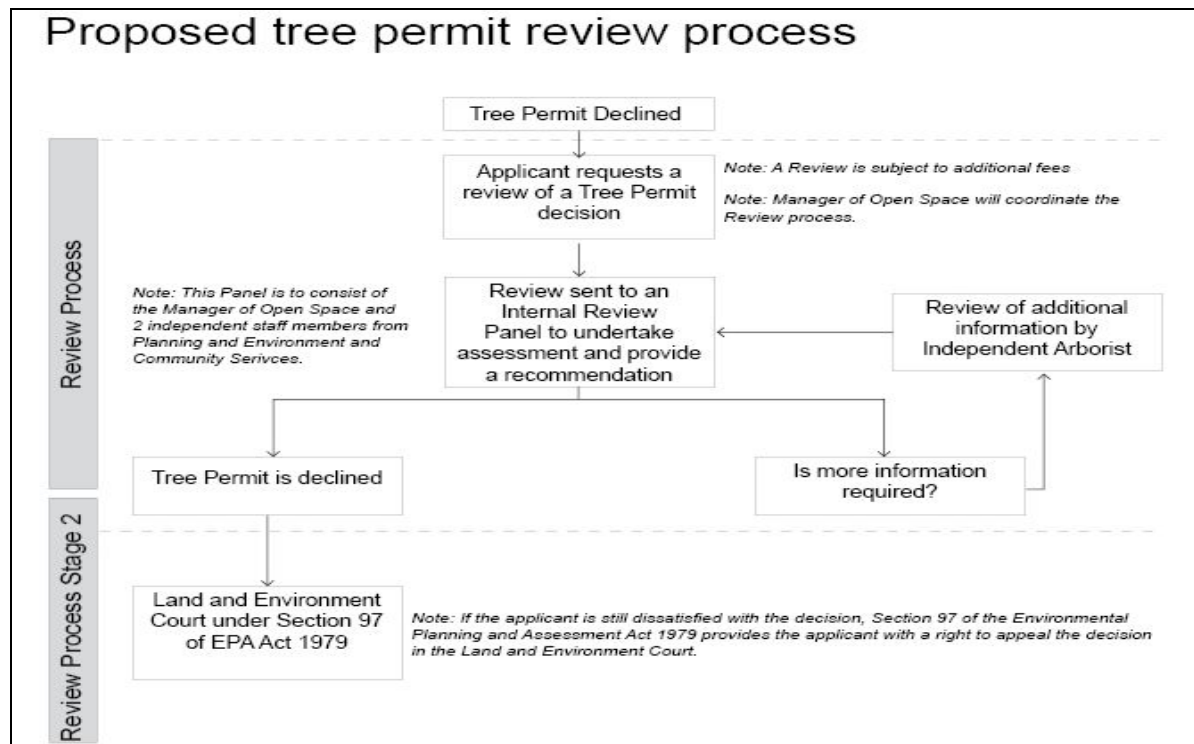
Implementation of the DCP

The implementation of the draft DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, should Council resolve to adopt the draft, will require amendments to applications forms, processes and essential community education. In addition to this, there is a need to resolve all Tree Permit applications submitted under the existing DCP.

To manage this effectively, it is proposed that the revised DCP will come into effect from Monday 1 October 2012. This will ensure a smooth transition in addition to allowing time for the Natural Areas and Urban Forest Team to engage and educate the community on DCP and how these changes impact the management of trees on their land.

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Tree Permit Review Process – Following Councils discussion of the Report of 28 February 2012, a modified review process was defined and proposed for a 12 month trial (as shown below). It is intended that this trial will commence from Monday 1 October 2012 in parallel with the revised DCP and Technical Manual.



Tree Permit Assessment Scorecard – Transparency of assessment of Tree Permits is a vital and important part of ensuring Council offers to the community a responsive and equitable approach to tree management across the City. The aim of the Scorecard is to formalise Council's assessment process while continuing Council's commitment to replacement tree planting.

The Tree Permit Assessment Scorecard is currently being developed will clearly articulate how the Natural Areas and Urban Forest Team assesses and determines Tree Permits and any requirements for compensatory tree planting.

The use of the Tree Permit Assessment Scorecard will commence October 1 2012 as a part of the revised DCP implementation.

The Next Steps in Ryde's Urban Forest Management

The draft DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, companion Technical Manual and Urban Forest Policy are the first documents in a suite of Urban Forest Management Tools that the City of Ryde is preparing. Currently under development are:

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Urban Forest Plan – What is the Urban Forest Plan about? It is easy to take the trees in our environment for granted however, with the increasing demands on “green” spaces, the tree population within the City is becoming vulnerable. The management of trees in an urban environment is increasingly challenging. The issues of urban consolidation, overhead and underground infrastructure, managing the actual and perceived risks associated with trees, planning controls and deliberate tree vandalism are increasing the pressures on the tree population. To respond to these challenges, the City of Ryde needs to think strategically about the preservation and management of the urban forest.

Trees are essential to our landscape. Individually and collectively trees contribute to the appeal and quality of life within the City of Ryde. Trees have many environmental, economic and social benefits and the urban forest is a community asset.

The City of Ryde is committed to becoming an ecologically sustainable City through the professional management of the City’s natural and physical environment and the conservation of natural resources to ensure the health, diversity and productivity of the local environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations. The Environment Strategy 2007 set out the following vision of sustainability:

“A vibrant City that values and protects the natural environment and enriches the living environment by promoting ecological integrity, economic security and social well-being for the benefit of current and future generations”.

The City of Ryde recognises the importance of trees in achieving this vision. The Urban Forest Plan provides strategic direction for the preservation, management and enhancement of the urban tree canopy into the future.

Street Tree Masterplan – The Street Tree Masterplan will provide a strategic framework for the development and management of the City’s streetscapes. The street trees of the City of Ryde play an important role in the livability and identity of the City. Council believes that this contribution should be enhanced through the protection and maintenance of existing street trees and the planting of new street trees. Council views the streetscapes of the City as contributors to the identity of the City and its biodiversity and need to be sustainability managed to ensure a legacy is provided for future generations.

The aims of the Street Tree Masterplan are to provide direction for future street tree plantings in the City of Ryde that will:

- Strengthen the landscape character of the City of Ryde;
- Reinforce the long term objectives of the Ryde Community Strategic Plan;
- Be consistent with and reinforce the objectives of the Urban Forest Policy;
- Enhance vegetation corridors across the City as identified in the Integrated Open Space Plan;

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- Minimise the life cycle costs of managing street trees through the selection of suitable tree species and planting in appropriate locations;
- Provide direction for the selection of tree species and planting guidelines and methods;
- Provide for consistent management of street trees across the City;
- Educate the community on the value of street trees;
- Include the community in the implementation of the Street Tree Masterplan;
- Ensure public safety; and
- Develop a legacy that future generations can enjoy.

The community has been invited to participate in the development of the Masterplan. Three workshops have been planned and advertised in the recent Ryde City View.

These two documents are currently being drafted and will be presented to the Council and the wider community during 2012 for consideration and comment. Following these, additional documents listed for review or drafting include

1. A review of the Significant Tree Register,
2. Preparation of an Urban Forest Audit and canopy mapping.

Financial Implications

For the draft DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation to become effective, the Council decision to adopt the DCP must be advertised in a local newspaper. Should Council resolve to adopt the Draft DCP Part 9.6 Tree Preservation, the financial impact is approximately \$1,000 required for advertising costs. These costs can be accounted for in the Open Space Unit's base Budget.

2 DEFERRED REPORT: CITY OF RYDE - SYDNEY OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS - DISCUSSION PAPER DRAFT RESPONSE

Report prepared by: City Urban Designer**File No.:** URB/08/1/1 - BP12/714

This report is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2012.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides information on the NSW Government document 'Sydney over the next 20 years - a discussion paper'. The City of Ryde's draft submission on the discussion paper is **ATTACHED**. Recommendation is sought to send the submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the City of Ryde submission on the NSW Government 'Sydney over the next 20 years - a discussion paper' to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Response to the Sydney over the next 20 years discussion paper

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History

The current Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney was put in place by the NSW Government in 2005. The strategy includes housing target of 12,000 dwellings and an employment target of 21,000 additional jobs for the City of Ryde generally and 23,100 for Macquarie Park. The City of Ryde is preparing for these extra dwellings and jobs through planning, infrastructure, social and cultural strategies and programs. These are being delivered under the umbrella of the City of Ryde Community Strategic Plan and Four Year Delivery Plan.

The NSW Government is currently reviewing the strategy and has release a discussion paper entitled *Sydney over the next 20 years*. The paper is the first step in the development of a new Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney. The discussion paper is will be followed by a draft strategy due for completion by the end of 2012.

The new strategy has the potential to transform Sydney over the next 20 years.

The City of Ryde through the exhibition process, has been asked to respond to the paper outlining priorities for the area and Sydney as a whole. The response will inform the outcomes of this review.

Discussion

The discussion paper nominates a number of areas for review as outlined below:

- High level principles to guide planning in Sydney
- Housing
- Jobs and the economy
- Transport networks
- Infrastructure
- Equitable access
- Environment
- Protecting productive rural and resource lands
- Connecting with the regions
- Delivering the strategy

These areas have been addressed in the City of Ryde response to the Discussion Paper.

The response to the Discussion Paper is **ATTACHED**.

ITEM 2 (continued)**Financial Implications**

There is no financial impact state involved with the submission. The final outcomes of the strategy may have significant financial impacts on the City of Ryde.

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

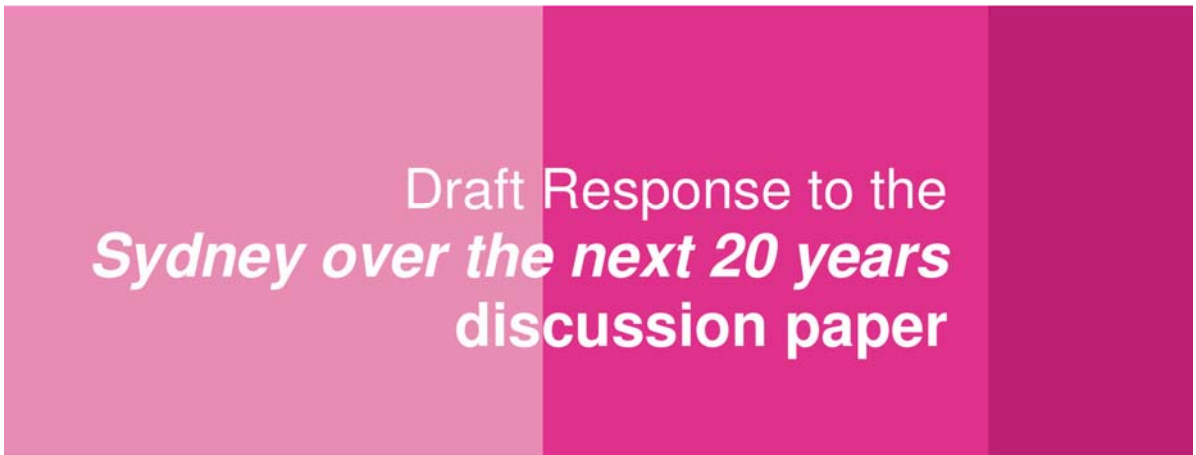
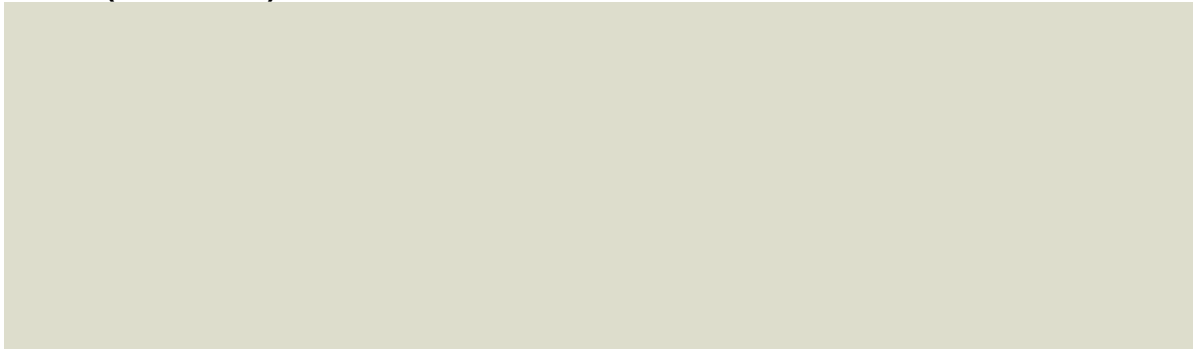
Further assessment of financial impact should be considered once a draft of the strategy exhibited.

Consultation

The City of Ryde's submission has been prepared in consultation from all business units through the Executive Team.

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ITEM 2 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****City of Ryde**

The City of Ryde has a rich history with the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land being the Wallumedegal clan of the Dharug people. Our city is located in Sydney's north-western suburbs 12 kilometres from the Sydney CBD. Set in scenic surrounds between the Parramatta and Lane Cover River, we are connected to other parts of metropolitan Sydney via major road systems, rail, bus and ferry services and bounded by neighbouring councils.

The City of Ryde neighbours Hornsby Shire and the Ku-ring-gai council area in the north, Willoughby City, the Lane Cove River and the Hunters Hill Municipality in the east and Parramatta City in the west. Our city includes 16 suburbs; Chatswood West (part), Denistone, Denistone East, Denistone West, East Ryde, Eastwood (part), Gladesville (part), Macquarie Park, Marsfield, Meadowbank, Melrose Park (part), North Ryde, Putney, Ryde, Tennyson Point and West Ryde.

We encompass a total land area of about 40 square kilometres, including waterways and parklands, within this sits the Macquarie Park Corridor, our Specialist Centre Macquarie Park, four town centres and 29 neighbourhood centres, Macquarie University, Ryde and Meadowbank Colleges of TAFE, which enrol 13,000 students each year, over 33,000 businesses, five public libraries, 24 primary schools, five high schools and five hospitals.

Global, national and metropolitan trends and issues present both opportunities and challenges in the way that communities, such as the City of Ryde, are planned and supported. The City of Ryde is an integrated and integral major centre of Sydney and faces the same challenges as detailed in the Sydney's metropolitan planning framework. Our city is part of an ever changing dynamic global market, and our economic development, particularly the Macquarie Park Corridor, contributes significantly to New South Wales' Global Economic Corridor.

Key facts about Ryde

- There are 102,850 residents in the LGA (2010 Census estimate), a figure projected to rise to 117,000 by 2030.
- The majority (45%) of the City's population are between 25 and 54 years, with the population of residents aged 55 years and older increasing.
- The Ryde LGA is culturally diverse with approximately 45% of residents born outside Australia. This diversity in country of birth contributes to the 42% of residents speaking another language

City of Ryde – Community Strategic Plan

Vision: City of Ryde - The place to be for lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep.

Our Community Strategic Plan is our long term strategy for our whole community. It aims to ensure that the City of Ryde lives up to the aspirations of our community, while meeting the challenges of the future. In doing so, our city will be recognised by residents and investors as the place to be, where lifestyle and opportunities are available close to where people live, work and play.

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The key challenges facing our City over the next 10 years are:

- Meeting the needs of a growing and changing population
- Offering suitable housing options while maintaining the characteristics of our suburbs
- Creating a strong economy and employment closer to home
- Managing the pressure of population growth on our amenity
- Adapting to Climate Change
- Remaining competitive - in particular in Macquarie Park

The City of Ryde Community Strategic Plan and Four Year Delivery Plan have a series of Outcomes, Goals and Strategies, supported by programs and projects, which are aimed at meeting these challenges.

Council is seeking partnerships with the Government, Business sector and the Not for Profit sector to address the needs and requirements of our community.

Draft Response to the Sydney over the next 20 years discussion paper

The City of Ryde's response to and comments on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper are outlined below.

Principles

Additional principles should be added to encourage a comprehensive set of principles to guide planning for Sydney. The principles should address:

- Communities and people
- Reinforcing the potential of the cities major and local centres
- Provision of infrastructure in line with future growth
- The public benefits to be achieved from planning outcomes
- Linking the metro area with the regional areas

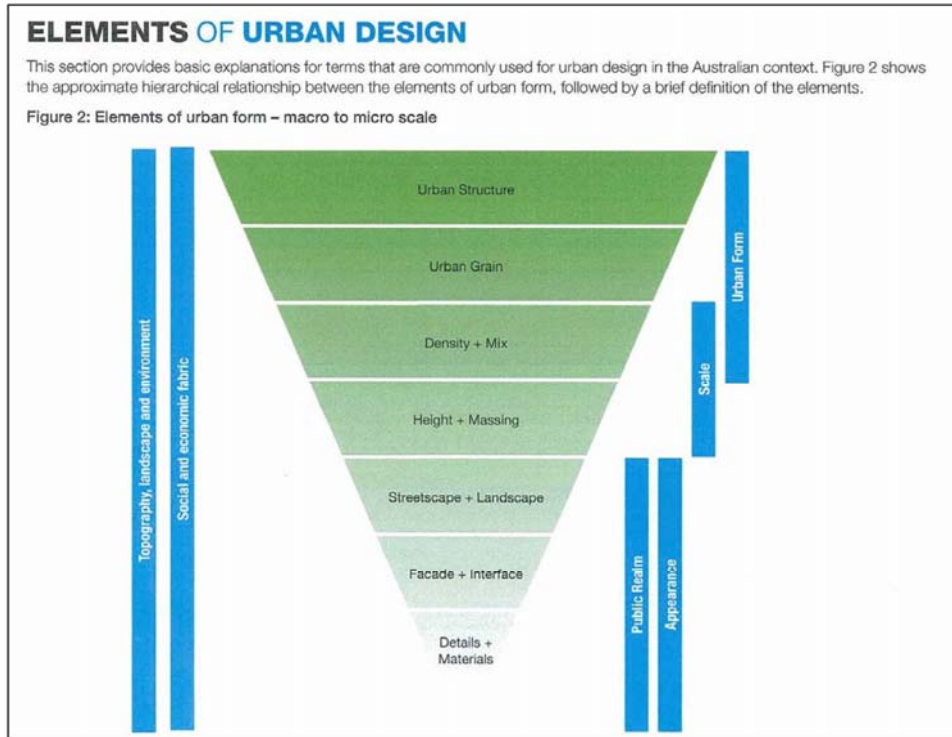
Shaping Sydney

The Commonwealth Government's Urban Design Protocol sets up a frame work on which to base the strategy. It provides a hierarchy table shown below.



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At the top of the table is Urban Structure followed by Urban Grain. The definitions as given by the Urban Design Protocol are shown:

Urban structure defines the overall framework of a region, town or precinct, showing relationships between zones of built forms, land forms, natural environments, activities and open spaces. It encompasses broader systems including transport and infrastructure networks.

Urban grain is the balance of open space to built form, and the nature and extent of subdividing an area into smaller parcels or blocks. For example a 'fine urban grain' might constitute a network of small or detailed streetscapes. It takes into consideration the hierarchy of street types, the physical linkages and movement between locations, and modes of transport.

The Protocol does not provide a delivery mechanism. The strategy should address both the planning and delivery firstly of the Urban Structure then Urban Grain for the future growth of the Sydney Metropolitan area before considering other issues.

Greenfield verses urban renewal:

It is recommended that the strategy re-introduces the concept of a city boundary to contain NW and SW sprawl.

ITEM 2 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****Housing**

Housing is an important issue for Sydney as it grows. The location and type of housing chosen to meet future growth has a major impact on transport, infrastructure and service delivery

Specific comments

- A clear methodology on how housing targets are determined needs to be documented
- Further direction on how these targets are to be achieved to meet the housing requirements need and provide housing choice.
- Work should be undertaken with Local Government to determine where and how the housing is to be provided.
- Increases in housing density should be linked to improvements in infrastructure and public amenity.
- Define a range of typologies suitable for urban and green field areas such as:
 - smaller lot sizes or extend the land available for residential flat buildings in middle ring suburbs and centres.
 - a terrace style typology can be considered for Greenfield or very large Brownfield sites (It is very difficult to introduce this into existing lot patterns)
- suggested locations on where the housing types should be provided at a regional level.
- Prohibit rezoning, appeal mechanisms or bargaining on development controls that undermine a Local Government strategy or plan.
- A traditional 'grid' street pattern may provide better opportunities for housing diversity such as small allotments over the long term. As well it provides improved access for pedestrians, cyclists and those seeking to use public transport.

Broader outcomes

- Diversification of housing stock to allow opportunities for a demographic mix and an inclusive community
- Creating communities should be a starting point for planning for housing growth
- Housing stock and communities should be developed close to infrastructure and employment areas.
- Consider the need to plan future centres and employment areas in conjunction with new housing stock and allowing greater diversity. Greenfield sites should be designed with this in mind.
- Development must be simultaneously accompanied by complementary public infrastructure such as transport, community services and open space.
- Local Government needs support to provide this infrastructure concurrently with delivery of development to support housing and employment growth.

Housing Flexibility

Given the population and urban renewal targets already in place increased high and medium density housing will be required. Councils anticipate that the residents of such density will become more diverse. For example the number of families living in apartments is likely to increase. The Metropolitan Strategy should attempt to examine how design and strata laws may need to be changed to fit the profile of future residents. There is a long term need for greater flexibility in rezoning and land title laws to allow effective redevelopment of large strata blocks.

ITEM 2 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****Job and Economic Opportunities**

The follow is recommended:

- Employment on transport nodes
- Housing close to employment nodes
- The strategy should focus on specific well serviced and connected centres to focus growth (existing or new) Growth being:
 - Employment
 - Residential
 - Service provisions
 - Transport networks
 - Urban infrastructure and public places
- Establishing criteria for how these 'growth centres' are identified particularly at local centres level. Stating all local centres as suitable for growth is not sufficient
- Technology / infrastructure to assist:
 - Small business owner
 - Home based business
 - Shift in work place practises

An example may be the NBN which could allow working from home.
- Strategies and actions to protect industrial lands in inner and middle ring suburbs.

Such actions could include:

- Consideration of a new range of approved uses in the land use table for industrial zones that support the objectives of the zone
- Protection of employment areas in specialised centres. For example a directive from the State Government that the commercial core within Macquarie Park is protected from residential development to ensure the economic significance of the global arc is maintained.
- Infrastructure provided by the State government to promote employment areas such as Macquarie Park.
- State Government actively supporting approved local strategies through provision of open space, infrastructure, social services and housing diversity.
- In middle ring suburbs provide guidance to Local Government in local centres on:
 - Dealing with small lots and fragmented ownership to activate redevelopment.
 - Mechanisms for the provision of infrastructure which is beyond the capability of Local Government. For example new open space, public domain areas, laneways, traffic upgrades which are essential for the growth and function of an employment centre

Transport

Transport is a major issue for all residents in the City of Ryde. Broader outcomes include:

- Transport connections need to be refocused to promote growth away from the eastern seaboard. Large cities such as Parramatta and Liverpool should have a dedicated light rail system which feeds into the existing rail system.
- The plan needs to reinforce that housing growth is close to employment nodes and employment is near transport nodes.
- Transport connections need to be planned before housing and employment growth areas can be identified and planned

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- Missing in the transport strategy are:
 - Need for additional north south links across Parramatta River towards Macquarie Park forming the tail of the global arc.
 - The detailed relationship between, rail, road, ferry and freight services
 - Greater focus on the use of waterways
- Focus should be given to improving the current road/rail networks to improve efficiency. For example Lane Cove Road and the Pacific Highway.
- New centres (Greenfield sites) should be planned to allow for future rail and road corridors.
- In new centres (Greenfield sites) the street pattern should be established to encourage alternative forms of transport. A traditional 'grid' street pattern provides better outcomes for pedestrians and cyclist.
- Public transport – the standard and services of public transport; rail, buses and ferries needs to be considered.
 - Effective transport systems which actively reduce car use have a service frequency of 10 minutes or less.
 - coordination of services and ticketing is needed
 - Cross city links need to be considered.
 - Separate transport networks for large centres and the global dragon need to be considered
 - Infrastructure to support public transport needs to be considered. For example the new rail station in North Ryde has no commuter parking or access to the wider area and is poorly patronised.

Specific outcomes are:

- Of the 46 strategic transport corridors the Pacific Highway, Lane Cove Road and Rhodes should be identified as a congested corridor.
- For example Macquarie Park (as part of the global arc) needs to be connected with efficient transport links to ensure its long term viability
 - In Macquarie Park the surrounding road network is
 - Crippled with through traffic with affects traffic entering or leaving the area.
 - Buses and Rail links are in place however neither system is sufficiently frequent or connected to areas where employees working in the area live.
 - The internal road network fails promote cycle and pedestrian use
 - Such factors mean the long term viability of the centre could suffer as businesses seek more accessible locations for business operations.
 - The outcomes the City of Ryde seek are:
 - Reduction of car usage to 60/40 split
 - Improve employment opportunities around rail transport.
 - Reduce the parking rates for development
 - The high level actions required to achieve these outcomes area
 - M2/F3 ling to reduce congestion of Lane Cove Road in Ryde
 - M2 link from Lane Cove Road
 - A bus/ rail interchange at Herring Road
 - Extension of the rail system from Epping to Parramatta as originally proposed.
 - Links into regional transport such as the proposed Parramatta light rail.
 - Greater frequency of rail services



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Infrastructure has been identified in the discussion paper as critical and insufficient. A process for the delivery of infrastructure at all level of Government is critical for any planning strategy.

Specific issues are:

- The paper is missing a statement and detail on service delivery to be undertaken on a 'place based' approach outlined in 'liveable local neighbourhoods'
- Infrastructure should be identified and then implemented to support growth in an area (see Shaping Sydney above)
- The provision of State responsibilities such as police, health, education and transport could have a link to Community Strategic Plans preparation and delivery.
- However, such an alignment could be difficult to achieve given the limited capacity, capabilities and resources available under the current Local Government framework.
- The paper needs to cross reference and coordinate the provisions of state service delivery. As part of this strategy the roles of the State and Local Governments in the provision of infrastructure need to be clearly identified. Particularly identifying who pays for the infrastructure.
- Where Local Government is funding infrastructure the mechanisms for funding and costing need to be identified in the strategy.

Infrastructure Implementation

Growth of housing and employment requires additional infrastructure. The provision and payment of infrastructure to support growth is a major issue for Local Government. Funds from development (growth) are limited. Rate capping is a major inhibitor to the provision of infrastructure and services.

The plan needs to provide details on how infrastructure can be funded. Options include:

- Remove restrictions on S94 development contributions limit for residential development
- Provision of a growth tax for example Local Government receiving their proportion of the GST
- Review rates methodology. For example base rates on an improved value or for residential by the number of bedrooms.
- Lift rate caps to reflect the capital and maintenance costs of new infrastructure.

In urban areas Local Government finds it particularly difficult to meet the provision of additional open space and community/social facilities to cater for population growth. The plan needs to consider how additional open space community facilities are provided for:

- Within centres through the redevelopment process
- Purchase of land to create new or expand existing open space.
- Better use of existing state owned facilities e.g. school grounds or vacant sites
- An obligation for State Government to first consider open space before sale of assets is proposed. Examples with in the City of Ryde the disposal of land used for open space currently used by the community include the sale of Cudal Reserve and the Smalls Road school property.

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Equitable Access to a Great Lifestyle

Specific issues are:

- The paper requires a greater emphasis on the community
- The strategy needs to address the concept of building communities
- Social inclusion targets are not supported as they are difficult to implement and measure
- Physical planning solutions for creating public places for gathering within local and neighbourhood centres.
- Greater connection between Federal, State and Local Governments in delivery of services. For example making migrant settlement programs adequately resourced at local level with support services including language, health employment and training.
- Cultural opportunities within an area are best lead at a local level. This needs to be funded and suggested options include:
 - Federal, State Governments funding for staff and cultural programmes
 - Programs linked to state based programs such as the TAFE Outreach Program
 - Work with local chambers of commerce and economic development programs.
- Urban renewal must be undertaken around centres. Key services that should be grouped around centres include transport, community services and open space. These must be a priority for urban renewal to be effective and deliver on its promise. Local Government does not have the capacity to deliver these. In particular open space and new facilities are difficult to realize and maintain. The Strategy should contain a specific action to identify how and where additional regional and district active recreation areas will be provided.

Heritage

The value of heritage conservation needs to be promoted.

Subsides for adaptive reuse of buildings in areas away from major centres or where there is limited commercial demand should be considered. In the City of Ryde Brush Farm House is of national significance was saved from dilapidation. However, there are major problems in finding a viable use for the site due to its location.

Environment and Natural Hazards

Land planning for waste management

An emerging issue in the metropolitan region is the enabling of regional or localised waste management options for growing communities. Various initiatives, direct and indirect such as the NSW Waste Levy and costs of transportation, are pushing residents and councils to minimise waste and its impacts.

The Metropolitan Strategy needs to include the examination of land use planning instruments to enable effective planning of collection points, alternative waste technologies (AWT), and energy to waste facilities, should this be the most environmentally and economically sound approach.

Rural and Resource Lands

Effective measures to maintain diversity of land holdings and protect local food production are supported. History shows that government has been ineffective in achieving this over the last 200 years as the metropolitan population grows.



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Connecting with the Regions

The City of Ryde agrees that connections with regions must be examined in the Metropolitan Strategy. Planning for Sydney cannot be made in isolation.

Delivery

The strategy needs to set a delivery framework and this comes down to funding mechanisms. In the past various strategies have found this to be difficult.

Broad issues are:

- Delivery requires a scope of work, a program and a funding mechanism. At a strategy level these can be high level.
- Delivery requires an integrated strategy covering planning, transport, service delivery and infrastructure.
- Delivery needs to include provision for future infrastructure and service delivery to meet the long term needs of an area.
- It needs acknowledging change is not popular a local level and is difficult to implement. Consultation is required throughout the process of planning an implementing the strategy. The strategy needs set consistent standards for consultation as well as articulating the reasons for future changes. The advantages and disadvantages at local level need addressed.
- An annual update would be useful however a major review every 5 years is more realistic in terms of reviewing on the ground outcomes.
- Delivery requires agreement at Federal level.

Specific issues are:

- The introduction of a standard E-planning framework within all Councils to ensure the community have online access to:
 - Planning controls
 - Lodgement of Development Applications
 - Development Application tracking
- State Government funding is required to assist Councils in developing and implementing this tool.



3 DEFERRED REPORT: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Report prepared by: Manager - Strategy and Organisational Development

File No.: PM2011/105/001 - BP12/687

This report is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2012.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report responds to Council's resolution of 14 February 2012 to report to investigate ways to improve the employment opportunities for people with a disability within Council.

As part of the Resourcing strategy documents for the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is preparing a Workforce Plan. Within the workforce plan, there will be a number of ways that the City of Ryde, as an employer will address employment opportunities for people with a disability. This report lists the numerous action areas that are proposed to be included in the workforce plan.

In addition in 2012/13, Council is reviewing its recruitment process to ensure they are inclusive and accessible to all applicants.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the proposed ways to improve the employment opportunities for people with a disability within the organisation for inclusion in the draft Workforce Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Beki Boulet
Manager - Strategy and Organisational Development

Report Approved By:

John Neish
General Manager

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Council has prepared a draft workforce plan as part of a resourcing strategy under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. This will ensure that our workforce is skilled and positioned to deliver the services and projects described and budgeted for in the 4 year Delivery Plan. This plan has clear focus on diversity and inclusiveness for all minority groups including people with a disability.

Draft actions that will address the employment of people with a disability will be:

- (a) Provision of a service that will assist people, who want or need assistance, to navigate through our recruitment process.
- (b) An action to build relationships with not for profit agencies who can provide placement services for disadvantaged people looking for work, these will include people with a disability
- (c) Undertake a review of our current and future workplace facilities and layouts to ensure that we accommodate people with a disability, providing them with accessibility.
- (d) Internally become more aware and identify positions that can be made accessible for people with a disability or disadvantaged so that City of Ryde can alert the not for profit organisations to put candidates forward for those positions.
- (e) Conduct a best value review of our recruitment process, to take place in 2012-2013 and from which further actions may be identified to enhance the employment prospects of people with a disability with the City of Ryde and ensure our practices are inclusive.

The actions related to the above points will be included in the draft Workforce plan. Each action will have a responsible staff member allocated with a timeline for delivery.

Most of the related actions can be included within the existing budget and will be added to the appropriate Service Unit Business Plans during the July August business plan review period.

Financial Implications

There may be some financial implications for Council where special access for wheelchairs needs to be provided and therefore some works. At the present time, the only area identified where works might be required are the depot office area, as there is limited wheelchair access. At this point in time, the financial implications have not yet been quantified.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: FUNDING FOR THE POSITION OF ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER AT MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/480

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 8 May, 22 May, 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from The Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education dated 16 April 2012 regarding funding for the position of Aboriginal Education Officer at Marsden High School.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from The Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education dated 16 April 2012

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The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

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16 APR 2012

Dear Ms Dickson

Thank you for your letter of 5 March 2012 regarding the funding for the position of Aboriginal Education Officer at Marsden High School.

Whilst a permanent Aboriginal Education Officer position is currently not available for Marsden High School, the school continues to have the discretion to allocate general grants and other operational funds to provide additional support to Aboriginal students.

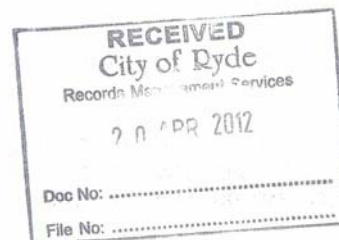
Students and staff at the school also have access to the Northern Sydney Regional Aboriginal Education team which includes a Quality Teaching Indigenous Engagement Officer, Aboriginal Education Consultants and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. All of these positions play a key role in supporting Aboriginal students and families in overcoming barriers in school attendance and retention and strengthening the capacity of students to improve their educational outcomes.

The Department of Education and Communities, in partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc., is currently reviewing the spread of Aboriginal Education Officer positions throughout New South Wales.

The NSW Government is strongly committed to supporting Aboriginal children and young people to achieve educational success and is taking action to bridge the educational achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Yours sincerely


Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education



2 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA NSW)

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/547

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 22 May, 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from Councillor Julie Griffiths, President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) dated 7 May 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from Councillor Julie Griffiths, President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) dated 7 May 2012

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ALGWA NSW BRANCH INC.

7 May 2012

Councillor Artin Etmekdjian
Mayor
City of Ryde
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Dear Councillor Etmekdjian

I write to you in my capacity as President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) to convey in the strongest possible terms ALGWA's extreme disappointment at the public comments attributed to Cllr Butterworth regarding the 2012 ALGWA NSW Conference (Dubbo, 22-25 March 2012).

ALGWA NSW considers the comments made in the attached article to be an unprovoked and insulting attack on a volunteer organisation that has worked tirelessly to support women in local government for over sixty years. Given that Cllr Butterworth has never attended an ALGWA State Conference, it is unclear on what credible basis he dismissed ALGWA's 2012 Conference as a 'junket'. ALGWA NSW rejects absolutely the ill-informed comments on the content of the ALGWA 2012 Conference.

It takes close to a year of detailed planning and hard work by the ALGWA Executive and our host Council to deliver the ALGWA State Conference. It is the flagship event for ALGWA each year and also includes our Annual General Meeting. The Conference is a high profile event that recognises the efforts by Councils across NSW to increase the participation by women in local government decision making – as a Councillor, a member of staff or an engaged member of the community.

As indicated in the formal Program, the ALGWA 2012 Conference in Dubbo included keynote addresses on planning and infrastructure for local government; gender equity issues in male dominated industries (in this case, the mining sector);

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leadership skills for women; techniques on marketing and branding strategies; using social media technologies; and a discussion on superannuation – highlighting the significant financial gap that exists between men and women at the end of their working lives.

The Conference also included “Hot-Spot” sessions, which provide an opportunity for delegates to address the Conference on specific issues relevant to women in local government. In addition to the formal presentations, a key aspect of the ALGWA State Conference is the networking opportunities provided to delegates to share experiences, promote issues of significance for women and most importantly, provide mentoring, encouragement and support.

Given the extensive work that went into preparing the program for the ALGWA 2012 Conference, the public ridicule of the Conference is extremely offensive to ALGWA's Executive and to our members.

ALGWA considers that it has a strong and constructive relationship with the City of Ryde.

We acknowledge the significant efforts by the City of Ryde to embed gender equity principles into its organisational culture and the work Council is undertaking to achieve the Silver Award under ALGWA's *Vision 50:50 Councils for Gender Equity Program*. Our members still frequently refer to the inspiring keynote address given by your General Manager, Mr John Neish, at ALGWA's National Conference, which was hosted by the City of Ryde in November 2010.

As such, ALGWA NSW is extremely disappointed with the action taken by Councillors at the Council meeting held on 13 March 2012 in voting to deny the request from Deputy Mayor Councillor Gabrielle O'Donnell to attend the ALGWA 2012 State Conference.

As you would be aware, Deputy Mayor Councillor O'Donnell was a member of the ALGWA NSW Executive and her efforts to highlight gender equity are well recognised and strongly supported by the ALGWA Executive and our broader membership. The City of Ryde has previously supported both Councillor O'Donnell and Councillor Campbell in carrying out their responsibilities as ALGWA Executive members and that is why the denial of Councillor O'Donnell's request to attend the ALGWA 2012 Conference is so disappointing.

ALGWA was deeply concerned by the additional motion carried at the Council meeting on 13 March 2012, *“That no Councillors attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) 59th Annual Conference to be held in Dubbo from 22 to 24 March 2012”*. I would be interested to hear Ryde Council's reasons for such a motion in today's climate.

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Whilst ALGWA recognises that the opportunity to attend conferences is a decision for individual Councils, we consider the above-mentioned motion carried relating to the ALGWA 2012 Conference adversely impacts on our reputation as a reputable association which is recognised at all levels of Government.

We ask that this matter is placed on Ryde Council's agenda for discussion and feedback.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Vicki Scott
Secretary
ALGWA (NSW)

for
Councillor Julie Griffiths
President
ALGWA (NSW)

CC: John Neish, General Manager City of Ryde – please circulate to all Councillors

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Cardinal to bless school

The head of the Catholic Church in Australia, His Eminence Cardinal George Pell, will open and bless the new buildings at St Charles School in Ryde this Sunday March 25.

Cardinal Pell will bless both the new and refurbished buildings at 11am following a Mass in neighbouring, historic St Charles Borromeo Church at 10am.

Parish Priest Father Paul Monkerud will celebrate Mass with Cardinal Pell and speeches will be given at the opening by local dignitaries.

The buildings were funded by the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution project in cooperation with the school and the parish.

Supporters of St Charles School can place a Message of Congratulations in the paper by phoning June on 9807 6666.

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il this Saturday in Rhodes eg Paterson Park. For more information visit www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au or contact Canada Bay Council on 9911 6555.

Rhodes Foreshore Park is located just off Shoreline Drive, at the western end of Mary Street.

The Mayor encourages local people to walk to Neighbour Day and there is a railway station at Rhodes for visitors from Ryde.

The City of Canada Bay courtesy bus will be available from 2 to 5pm to transport visitors to and from the train station, Rhodes Shopping Centre and Rhodes Foreshore Park.



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Anger as fee hike debate shut down

Debate about the proposed 25 per cent fee hike to hire sports grounds in Ryde was shut down by an unprecedented political decision taken by Acting Mayor Cllr Gabrielle O'Donnell last week.

Last week's edition revealed parents' anger at the fee hike and Ryde's four independent councillors and Labor's Cllr Jeff Salvestro-Martin had lodged a rescission motion against it.

General Manager John Neish deemed this motion "to have missed the deadline for this meeting" prompting the independent councillors to move to have the issue heard as an urgency motion.

The three Liberals and one female Labor councillor opposed it.

The Acting Mayor then shut down debate.

"My ruling is it is not a matter of urgency, it is a matter of fees and charges and I rule it out of order," she said.

The majority six councillors were stunned.

"In the eight years I've been here on this Council I'm not aware of one urgency motion, not one, that has been ruled out of order by the Chair," former Mayor Cllr Michael Butterworth said.

Political Motive

Cllr Butterworth then sought an explanation from the Acting Mayor but was stopped on a point of order from a Liberal councillor.

Former Mayor Cllr Ivan Petch also attempted to lodge a notice of "dissent" against the Acting Mayor's ruling but Legal Counsel Bruce McGinn advised that General Regulations and the Council's Code of Conduct gave the Acting Mayor the right to determine if a matter is urgent or not.

Her actions ensure the issue will not be debated until the return of the Mayor ensures the Liberals will win a debate on the Mayor's casting vote.

Sports Association representatives were nonetheless granted permission to make a three minute speech on why they opposed the fee hike.

The Acting Mayor's ruling also shut down debate relating to these speeches.

Eastwood Ryde Netball Association President Anne Doring conceded the fee hike would pay for ground improvements but argued that a 25 per cent rise was more than families could afford.

"We are astounded and we were not consulted," Ms Doring said "We don't want to price sport out of the reach of families and we want you (councillors) to consult with sporting groups."

"We know we need to look at increasing fees but please, please, not by 25 per cent."

North West Sydney Womens Soccer Association spokesperson Buckley Finlay endorsed Ms Doring's objections to the fee hike.

"It was never put to us and the point (made by the Liberals) that we are happy with it I take umbrage with because at no time was my association happy with the fee increase," Mr Findlay said.

Parents who attended the Council meeting said the issue highlights the Liberals' lack of concern for struggling families.

The Acting Mayor later felt the wrath of the four Independent and two male Labor MPs when Cllr Vic Tagg successfully moved a motion to oppose funding her attendance at the March 22-24 Australian Local Government Womens Association in Dubbo.

The Liberals and female Labor Councillor Nicole Campbell

described the motion as sexist and shameful.

Cllr Butterworth said ratepayers shouldn't fund a junket.

"Apparently the highlights of the conference are a tour of Dubbo golf, a concert by Petula Clarke and a speech by Local Government Minister, Don Page," he said.

Will you ride to school on Friday?

Denistone East and Meadowbank Public are two of the many local schools taking part in this Friday's Ride2School Day.

Bennelong MP John Alexander will be at Meadowbank Public from 8.30 to welcome students arriving to school by bike or on foot and will present them with a Ride2School sticker.

The event is being organised across Sydney by the Bicycle

Network to promote the benefits of exercise although at Denistone East it also helps to reduce traffic congestion.

"We hope that many of our students at Denistone East will continue to ride or walk throughout the year," the school's traffic coordinator Jean Clifton said.

"It will do a lot to reduce traffic congestion at and around our school."

Benji Marshall TRAINING DAY II

Friday 30th March

ALL WELCOME

From 4:30pm

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Eastwood

Come meet Benji Marshall and the Wests Tigers players

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Buy a Benji ball & get it signed

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Bookings at WINGS Restaurant essential

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3 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: SYDNEY AIRPORT - THE RIGHT FUTURE, STARTING NOW

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/548

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 22 May, 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from Sally Fielke, General Manager Corporate Affairs from Sydney Airport dated 30 April 2012 regarding Sydney Airport – The right future, Starting now.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from the General Manager Corporate Affairs - Sydney Airport dated 30 April 2012

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30 April 2012

Clr Artin Etmekdjian
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Dear Mayor

Sydney Airport – The right future. Starting now.

You may recall that Kerrie Mather, Sydney Airport's Chief Executive Officer, wrote to you last December about an exciting new vision for Sydney Airport.

The new vision would see the phased development of Sydney Airport, transforming it into two common-use terminal precincts, integrating international, domestic and regional airline services under the one roof.

It would deliver a better travel experience for the more than 35 million airline passengers who use Sydney Airport every year as well as ensure Sydney Airport remains Australia's national gateway into the future, improve the efficiency of airport operations, deliver additional capacity and improve traffic flow around the airport.

To be implemented, the new vision would require no change to existing operating restrictions like Sydney Airport's curfew or noise sharing arrangements. Sydney residents will also continue to benefit from new generation quieter and cleaner aircraft like the A380 and B787.

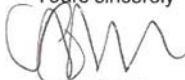
Throughout 2012, Sydney Airport will be consulting and engaging with the Sydney community about the new vision. The Sydney Airport Community Forum has been briefed, as have a number of other council representatives and Members of Parliament.

Regular community updates will be provided in local newspapers and community open days will be held in areas around the airport to give members of the public an opportunity to find out more about the new vision.

To hear any feedback or suggestions your council may have, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with your councillors. As Sydney Airport has done on previous occasions, this could occur at an appropriate meeting of council or one of its committees.

If you would like me to brief your Council, or if you need any further information, please feel free to call Ted Plummer, Sydney Airport's Manager Government and Community Relations on 9667 6182 or email on sydney.airport@syd.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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4 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: 50:50 VISION - COUNCILS FOR GENDER EQUITY PROGRAM

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/632

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting Ministerial Circular M12-04 dated 24 May 2012 from The Honourable Don Page MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for the North Coast regarding 50:50 Vision – Councils for Gender Equity Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ministerial Circular M12-04 dated 24 May 2012 regarding 50:50 Vision - Councils for Gender Equity Program

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Circular No. M12-04
Date 24 May 2012
Doc ID. A277140

Ministerial Circular

50:50 VISION – COUNCILS FOR GENDER EQUITY PROGRAM

The purpose of this circular is to encourage all NSW councils to participate in the '50:50 Vision' – Councils for Gender Equity Program.

The '50:50 Vision' - Councils for Gender Equity Program is a national initiative and encourages councils across Australia to address gender equity issues within the organisation and among their elected representatives.

The Program is an accreditation and awards program which will make it easier for councils to attract and keep quality women candidates and officers.

Achieving greater diversity in the candidates and councillors elected to local government is an ongoing priority for our sector, and the under-representation of women in elected positions in local government is well known.

In addition, women are under-represented in leadership roles within the ranks of council employees. This Gender Equity Program seeks to address this issue by having councils 'sign up' to take steps to improve women's access to these important local government roles.

In 2010 only 21% of mayors and 27% of councillors were women, and women made up only about 20% of senior staff in NSW councils, and only 5% of general managers. Ideally the proportion of women in such positions would reflect the proportion of women in our community, i.e. at least 50%.

As we prepare for the next local government elections in September 2012, it is timely to give some focus to gender equity both across the sector and within individual councils. The '50:50 Vision' – Councils for Gender Equity Program is a tool to support councils to achieve this, so I encourage councils to register for the Program and work towards the achievement of its goals.

More information about the Gender Equity Program and how to register to get involved can be found at: <http://5050vision.com.au>

ALGWA representatives will be participating in the Election Funding Authority Candidate Information Seminars to be held across NSW from May to July this year.

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This is a fantastic level of commitment from ALGWA and I thank all of the women involved in this important work



The Hon Don Page MP
Minister for Local Government
Minister for the North Coast

5 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: SYDNEY OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/657

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting Ministerial Circular M12-05 dated 25 May 2012 from The Honourable Don Page MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for the North Coast and The Honourable Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW regarding Sydney over the next 20 years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and a further report be provided to Council attaching a draft submission.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ministerial Circular M12-05 dated 25 May 2012 regarding Sydney Over the Next 20 Years

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Ministerial Circular

Circular No. M12-05
Date 25 May 2012
Doc ID. A282396

SYDNEY OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

Sydney local councils and their communities are encouraged to respond to *Sydney Over the Next 20 Years - a new 20-year Metropolitan Strategy*.

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, has released a Discussion Paper on the key principles to underpin a new 20-year Metropolitan Strategy. The Government wants to hear from Sydneysiders on the housing and infrastructure needed to meet Sydney's growth challenge.

This Discussion Paper is the first step in the development of a new Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney. It will be followed by a draft Strategy for consultation, and a final Strategy by the end of 2012. The new Strategy has the potential to transform Sydney. Community, council and stakeholder involvement will set the groundwork for a vision for how Sydney will be in the next 20 years.

The Paper considers projected population growth and important issues relating to housing, jobs and economic opportunities, transport and infrastructure, liveability, the natural environment, rural and resources lands and connection with regional NSW.

It is important that all Sydneysiders have their say about this important initiative. This will help the Government define the key principles to underpin the new plan for Sydney and consider how these principles can be met. Community members can make formal submissions and participate in an on-line forum. The Discussion Paper and on-line forum can be accessed at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au

NSW councils are also encouraged to participate in the discussion. Community Strategic Plans will be an important source of information. Later this year councils will have further opportunity to participate in development of the draft Strategy for consultation, and the final Strategy.

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The active participation of community members and councils in this discussion is critical to developing a long-term vision for how Sydney will develop.



The Hon Don Page MP
Minister for Local Government
Minister for the North Coast



The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
Minister Assisting the Premier on
Infrastructure NSW

**6 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: BOARDING HOUSE
TARIFFS FOR RESIDENTIAL RATING AND FEE FOR SECTION 603
CERTIFICATES FOR 2012/13**

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator

File No.: CLM/12/1/4/11 - BP12/679

**This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on
12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting Circular No. 12-15 dated 29 May 2012 from Ross Woodward, Chief Executive, Local Government, A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding Boarding House Tariffs for Residential Rating and Fee for Section 603 Certificates for 2012/13.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Circular from the Division of Local Government dated 29 May 2012 regarding Boarding House Tariffs for Residential Rating and Fee and Section 603 Certificates for 2012/13

Precis of Correspondence 6 (continued)

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Circular to Councils

Circular No. 12-15
Date 29 May 2012
Doc ID. A277025, A277029 & A278958

Contact Helen Pearce
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BOARDING HOUSE TARIFFS FOR RESIDENTIAL RATING AND FEE FOR SECTION 603 CERTIFICATES FOR 2012/13

Boarding House Tariffs

In accordance with section 516(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP, has determined that for the purpose of the definition of 'boarding house' and 'lodging house' in that section, the maximum tariffs, excluding GST, that a boarding house or lodging house may charge tariff-paying occupants are:

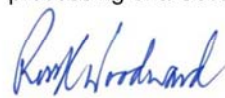
- (a) Where full board and lodging is provided –
\$323 per week per room for single accommodation, or
\$538 per week per room for family or shared accommodation.
- (b) Where less than full board and lodging is provided –
\$215 per week per room for single accommodation, or
\$359 per week per room for family or shared accommodation.

A notice giving effect to this decision was published in the Government Gazette 11 May 2012.

Fee for Section 603 Certificates

I have determined that the fee for a Section 603 Certificate for 2012/13 will be \$65.00.

The determination applies to the issuing of a certificate for the matters specified in section 603(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). Where a council offers to provide other information as an optional service, the council is not prevented from separately determining an approved fee for that additional service. Furthermore, a council is not prevented from determining approved fees for additional services required by an applicant for the expedited processing of a Section 603 Certificate.



Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
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7 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: CARBON TAX

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: GRP/11/7/1/6 - BP12/720

This Precis of Correspondence is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from The Hon Tony Abbott MHR, Leader of the Opposition dated 24 May 2012 regarding Carbon Tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from the Hon Tony Abbott MHR, Leader of the Opposition dated 24 May 2012 regarding Carbon Tax

Report Prepared By:

John Todd
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Roy Newsome
Group Manager - Corporate Services

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The Hon Tony Abbott MHR
Leader of the Opposition

24 May 2012

Clr Artin Etmekdjian
Mayor
Ryde City Council
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Councillor

The carbon tax, which begins on 1 July, will add to the operating costs of councils across Australia.

The Australian Local Government Association estimates the cost of the carbon tax (excluding landfill operations) on local government will be \$200 million nationwide. After taking into account increases in Local Government Financial Assistance Grants, the first order impact will be a minimum \$185 million.

In addition, councils across Australia will pay, directly or indirectly, carbon tax on the landfill operations they run or use.

Collecting and disposing of household rubbish is a core responsibility of local government -- and, under the carbon tax, councils will be slugged for undertaking this responsibility.

The carbon tax will make it more expensive to take rubbish to the tip, more expensive to run council trucks, more expensive to run local swimming pools and community centres. This increase in costs will result in local councils increasing rates or cutting services to local communities.

These impacts are just the start as the carbon tax is legislated to go up and up. The longer this tax is in place, the worse the consequences for the economy, jobs and families. It will drive up the cost of living, threaten jobs and do nothing for the environment.

Your council will pay the price for Julia Gillard's broken promise. It was Julia Gillard who promised days before the last election "there will be no carbon tax under the government I lead".

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Julia Gillard has no mandate from the people for this new tax. At the next election, I will seek a mandate from the Australian people to repeal this tax.

Repealing the carbon tax will be the first order of business for the next Coalition government.

I encourage council to publicly detail the impact of the carbon tax on its operations so that the community is fully informed about the damage inflicted by this toxic tax.

Yours sincerely



TONY ABBOTT

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: GLADESVILLE HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/6 - BP12/671

This Notice of Motion is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

MOTION:

That Council endorses a Commemorative Plaque acknowledging the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association 60th Year anniversary celebration in the City of Ryde.

That the presentation of the plaque to the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association committee be at the next SRAC meeting with all Councillors invited.

2 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: RECOGNITION OF NAIDOC WEEK - Councillor Gabrielle O'Donnell

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/6 - BP12/692

This Notice of Motion is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2012.

MOTION:

In recognition of NAIDOC Week 1 – 7 July, Council fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flag and organise a book display in the library celebrating aboriginal culture.

3 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: MORRISON BAY PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/6 - BP12/742

This Notice of Motion is deferred from the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012.

MOTION:

That Council consider the possibility of lighting the section of the pathway along Morrison Bay Park as part of the 2012/13 budget. That a report be prepared to Council with an implementation plan with all objectives underlined in the Morrison Bay Park Plan of Management.

**4 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: EASTWOOD FEASIBILITY STUDIES -
SCOPE OF WORK - Councillor Justin Li**

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/6 - BP12/803

This Notice of Motion is deferred from the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012.

MOTION:

That before any expenditure is made on the following approved projects in the 2012-2016 Management Plan:

- Feasibility study for a community hub in Eastwood
- Feasibility study for expanding the library service in Eastwood

Council staff first report back to Council to obtain Councillors' feedback on the intended scope of the studies and how the studies will be carried out.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

- 1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF RESCISSION - CITY OF RYDE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES - Councillor Nicole Campbell, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM, Councillor Roy Maggio**

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/7 - BP12/623

This Notice of Rescission is deferred from the Council Meetings held on 12 June, 26 June and 17 July 2012.

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to NOTICE OF MOTION 2 – CITY OF RYDE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES, passed at the Council Meeting held on 22 May 2012, namely:

That the General Manager conduct a detailed and thorough review of City of Ryde Procurement processes with particular emphasis on the Tendering Process and to ensure that all future Tender Evaluations include and clearly identify and report Tender Risks associated with potential contracts, thereby ensuring that Council has met all obligations with respect to minimising risk to resident and public safety as a consequence of Sub-Contractor activity within City of Ryde. The output of this Notice of Motion is a report for Council consideration.

- 2 DEFERRED NOTICE OF RESCISSION: 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION - CARETAKER PROVISIONS AND MEETING SCHEDULE - Councillor Michael Butterworth, Councillor Victor Tagg, Councillor Ivan Petch**

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/7 - BP12/750

This Notice of Rescission is deferred from the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012.

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to ITEM 13 – 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION – CARETAKER PROVISIONS AND MEETING SCHEDULE, passed at the Council Meeting held on 12 June 2012, namely:

- (a) *That Council note the caretaker provisions as set out in the Local Government Amendment Bill 2012.*
- (b) *That Council endorse 28 August 2012 as the last Council Meeting prior to the 2012 Local Government Elections, noting that caretaker provisions commence from 10 August 2012.*
- (c) *That notification of Council's remaining 2012 meeting schedule be placed on Council's website, in CityView and local newspapers.*

3 DEFERRED NOTICE OF RESCISSION: COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP OF THE WHEELED SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Councillor Terry Perram, Councillor Michael Butterworth, Councillor Victor Tagg, Councillor Ivan Petch

File Number: CLM/12/1/4/7 - BP12/765

This Notice of Motion is deferred from the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012.

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to ITEM 4 (PART 5) – COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP OF THE WHEELED SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, passed at the Council Meeting held on 26 June 2012, namely:

- (a) *That Council amend the Terms of Reference of the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee to include seven (7) community representatives.*
- (b) *That Council endorse the membership of the following seven (7) community representatives to the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee:*
 - *Kenrick Thompson*
 - *Ben Drayton*
 - *David McElroy*
 - *Brendan Gardoll*
 - *Brad Shaw*
 - *Le Zhang*
 - *Nathan Ho*
- (c) *That Council nominate two (2) Councillors as Councillor representatives on the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee as follows:*
 - *Councillor Maggio; and*
 - *Councillor Pickering*
- (d) *That the first meeting of the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee be held in early July 2012.*

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

4 DEFERRED REPORT: ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

This matter is classified confidential because it contains advice concerning legal matters that are:-

- (a) substantial issues relating to a matter to which the Council is involved.
- (b) clearly identified in the advice, and
- (c) fully discussed in that advice.

It is not in the public interest to reveal all details of this matter as it would prejudice Council's position in any court proceedings.

Report prepared by: General Counsel, Public Officer

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Report prepared by: General Counsel, Public Officer

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Report prepared by: General Counsel, Public Officer

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