
**MM34/14 FIT FOR THE FUTURE MEETING - The Mayor, Councillor
Bill Pickering****File Number: COR2010/700 - BP14/1334**

I wish to advise that on Thursday, 30 October 2014, the City of Ryde hosted a well-attended and highly productive meeting to discuss the State Government's Fit For the Future process. The meeting was attended by various senior staff, Mayors and Councillors from our region including :

- Mayor Richard Quinn and General Manager, Barry Smith of Hunters Hill Council
- Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and Acting General Manager, Greg Woodhams of Willoughby Council
- Mayor Peter Abelson, Deputy Mayor Roy Bendall, General Manager, Veronica Lee, and Director Environment and Planning, Craig Covich of Mosman Council
- Mayor Jilly Gibson of North Sydney Council
- Mayor David Brooks-Horn, Councillor Scott Bennison and General Manager, Craig Wrightson of Lane Cove Council
- Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Councillor Elaine Malicki, and General Manager, John McKee of Ku-Ring-Gai Council

Attendees confirmed their Councils opposition to the proposed amalgamations, and shared information relating to the Fit for the Future programme. An overview of the options available to Councils in response to the Fit for the Future's programme was provided by Acting General Manager, Dominic Johnson. All those in attendance agreed to further explore a shared services model and a further meeting will be scheduled for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillors:

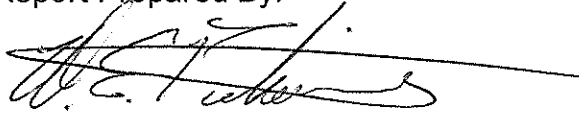
- 1) acknowledge the cooperation of Hunters Hill, Willoughby, Mosman, North Sydney, Lane Cove, and Ku-Ring-Gai Councils;
- 2) reaffirm Council's opposition to the proposal of the Independent Local Government Review Panel to split and amalgamate the City of Ryde; and
- 3) reaffirm Council's support for a shared services model.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



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The Mayor