

2. PRESENTATION – Mr Paul Freeman, General manager, Asset Management, Sydney Water

Mr Freeman provided a briefing on Funding growth services:

- Sydney Water growth investment recovery
- Recovery of infrastructure costs
- Date of effect and refunds
- When will developers construct major infrastructure

Ms Davies provided a briefing on Principles for future growth servicing:

- Objectives
- Key principles
- Role in the Land Release program
- Growth Servicing Plan
- Implementing the Growth Servicing Plan
- Detailed planning work
- Delivery model – if we invest in delivery
- Growth Servicing Plan developments
- Non-Growth Servicing Plan developments.

Summary:

- Water, wastewater and stormwater developer charges no longer apply as of 17th December 2008.
- Sydney Water's ability to service growth is unchanged by the abolition of developer charges.
- Sydney Water will publish Growth Servicing Plans annually
- Sydney Water will invest in delivering the services to development based on:
 - Land release program timeframes
 - Actual rate of development
 - Prudent commercial considerations
- Sydney Water will negotiate commercial agreements for developers to fund and construct major infrastructure where:
 - Developer wishes to proceed in advance of the program
 - Development is not on the GSP.

Members thanked Mr Freeman and Ms Davies for their very informative talk and they departed the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

762/09 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery Seconded: I Petch **CARRIED**
 The Minutes of Meeting No. 125 12th February 2009 copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 6.3 Regional Development Australia

- Expressions of interest for committee members for the RDA closed 27th March 2009 – no NSROC Councillors nominated.

763/09 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery Seconded: Clr I Petch **CARRIED**
 That the Actions arising from the Previous Meeting be received and noted.

4. TREASURERS REPORT –

4.1 Budget Review as at 31st March 2009.

764/09 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 That the Report be received and noted.

771/09 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Longbottom Seconded: Clr S Hoopmann **CARRIED**

That NSROC write to:

1. The Minister for Broadband, the Hon. Stephen Conroy, requesting that consideration is given to the undergrounding of the proposed broadband cables.
2. Other ROCs seeking their support in lobbying for the undergrounding of broadband cables.

6.2 NSW Reclaiming 1st

A "RECLAIMING 1ST" campaign launched by the NSW Business Chamber would focus on transport, infrastructure and planning needs and was about restoring NSW to its former place at the head of the federation.

NSW: Reclaiming 1st campaign will feature four symposiums over the next year focused on key themes for policy development:

- Improving infrastructure
- Boosting the economy
- Reducing the burden on business
- Reforming government

The first of the forums will commence on the 20th May and Clr Ian Longbottom, Lane Cove Council and Mr Nick Tobin, Willoughby Council advised that they will be attending.

6.3 LGMA – National Congress, 24th – 27th May, Darwin

Mr Barry Smith, Chair of GMAC (General Manager of Hunter's Hill Council) advised that he would be attending the National Congress and would be showcasing the NSROC Sustainability Plan.

6.4 Release of Draft Legislation and Guidelines for Integrated Planning and Reporting.

Citing NSROC within the document:

'Regional SoE reporting models have been established by regional groups of councils. An example of this is the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) State of the Environment reporting.

The NSROC model, which also includes a Regional Sustainability Plan, is an example of how councils can work effectively on a regional basis to take advantage of sharing ideas on sustainability reporting, environmental management practices and other innovations to establish stronger regional links and improve environmental outcomes.'

7. HOST COUNCIL

772/09 Delegates expressed appreciation to North Sydney Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 126th Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded 8.15 pm

**The next meeting No. 127
Will be held on
THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2009
AT RYDE COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**