

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (NO 99) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS HELD AT
NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
MILLER STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, ON THURSDAY,
6TH FEBRUARY 2003**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

*Clr Genia McCaffery, Mayor, North Sydney Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates to North Sydney Council and Clr Pat Reilly welcomed
Mr Peter Brown, Acting General Manager, Lane Cove Council to NSROC.*

QUORUM

The Chairman referred to Article 13.i) of the Constitution that provides:

A quorum at a meeting of the Organisation shall consist of a number being half of the number of Councils plus one.

Member Councils of NSROC include:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Councils represented on the evening included:

Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	Ryde
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Willoughby

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr Ian Cross	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr A Little	Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr B Bell	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr J May	Lane Cove Council
Clr M Rawlings	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	Acting General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr P Scardifield	North Sydney Council
Clr Nick Ritten	North Sydney Council
Clr T Delanty	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr E Wilde OAM	Ryde Council
Clr R Lunsford	Ryde Council
Mr M McMahan	General Manager, Ryde Council
Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council (Chair)
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Mr F Pursell	Willoughby Council
Mr R Jones	NSROC Executive Director
Mrs. L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms Kathleen Brigdale	National Office of Local Government
Mr Tony Reed	Ryde City Council

1. APOLOGIES

Clr B Lucas	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council
Clr J Muirhead	Hornsby Council
Mr John Owen	General Manager, Willoughby Council

395/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr J May, Seconded: Clr P Scardifield
That the Apologies be received.

CARRIED

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2. PRESENTATION BY MS KATHLEEN BRIGDALE, MANAGER OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Ms Brigdale advised that the National Office of Local Government (NOLG) manages key elements of the day-to-day contact between the Commonwealth and Local Government, and assists with the implementation of Commonwealth objectives at the local level. It is responsible for providing the Commonwealth Government with advice on Local Government.

The NOLG's responsibilities include:

- Administration of the Local Government Financial Assistance Grants.
- Annual preparation of the National Report on Local Government; and
- Managing the National Awards for Local Government

Ms Brigdale then described in more detail the National Awards programme for Local Government. Since 1986 the NOLG has been recognising, rewarding and promoting innovation, excellence and leading practices of Local Government. The National Awards for Local Government and the associated Leading Practice Guides highlight the excellent work being done by Local Government in communities around Australia to improve business practice and service delivery in their communities. The Awards also gives Local Government the opportunity to share their experiences in addressing the challenges being faced in their community, and to provide Local Government with practical ideas to consider, investigate and potentially adapt in their own locality.

Ms Brigdale then outlined the Leading Practice Seminar, managed in partnership with Councils, Regional Organisations of Councils or Local Government Associations. The Seminar Series provides an opportunity for Councils to connect across the country and to promote an exchange of information and expertise. The Seminar Series allows Councils to come together to hear about project case studies from their colleagues and to discuss how those case studies might apply in their particular situation.

Ms Brigdale then offered the Leading Practice Seminar opportunity to the Northern Sydney Region.

Questions were then taken from the floor, topics ranged over the following area: -

- FAG assistance programme
- Impact of NSW property values on the funding formulae
- Non rateable property
- Roads to Recovery
- GST Return of funds to NSW Councils – as occurs in other States
- Pilot programmes which raise community expectations, then funding withdrawn, leaving Council to carry the cost.

396/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**

1. That a vote of thanks be given to Ms Brigdale for her informative talk.
2. That NSROC write to the NOLG, outlining the concerns raised during question time.

3. PRESENTATION BY MR TONY REED, GROUP MANAGER PUBLIC WORKS & SERVICES, RYDE CITY COUNCIL

Tony provided an overview of work undertaken by himself and the Waste POG Working Party in formulating an opportunity for Joint Tender with NSROC Councils for the transfer and disposal of waste. In brief :-

- Reason for Joint Tender
 - Current arrangements with Waste Service NSW exists because of Monopoly Market
 - Approval for Clyde Transfer to Woodlawn Landfill results in a Competitor in the Market

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- Local Government Act, Section 55.
- Purpose of Tender
 - Comply with Local Government Act
 - Cost Effective Strategy
 - Test the Market for Price Advantage in Clustering

397/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 1. That Tony Reed and the Waste POG Working party to be thanked for their excellent work undertaken to date.
 2. That NSROC endorses the proposal.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

398/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 98 21st November 2002, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

5.1 Government Relations & Service Delivery – Presentation by National Office of Local Government

399/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 That the Report be received and noted.

5.2 Resource Sharing - Waste

400/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 That the report be received and noted.

5.3 Transport - AusLink

401/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 That the report be received and noted.

5.4 Land Use and PlanFirst – Metro Open Space

402/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr R Lunsford, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**
 That the report be received and noted.

5.5 NSROC Strategic Plan – Progress Report

403/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
 That the Strategic Plan Update be received and noted.

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 Tunnel – Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Seaforth/Balgowlah to the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray.

Mayor McCaffery raised concerns in relation to this matter, and that no consultation about the proposal has occurred with either the Council or its community, and tabled for members' information a copy of a Mayoral Minute dated 31st January 2003.

404/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr I Cross, Seconded: Clr T Fogarty **CARRIED**
 1. That NSROC endorses the recommendations contained within the Mayoral Minute, namely –
 ✓ Council seeks answers from the proponents of the proposed Tunnel to the following questions –
 ○ How can the 6.5km tunnel cost \$950m when the 2.3km Harbour Tunnel cost \$738m more than 10 years ago? How will the shortfall be funded if the project cost has been so drastically underestimated?

- If the tunnel is to run between Manly Vale and Cammeray, where will the access ramps be sited?
 - If residents' homes are resumed to provide the land for access ramps, how will they be compensated?
 - How many residents' homes will be resumed to make way for access ramps?
 - Is Cammeray Golf Course being considered for the access ramps" If so, what consultation will occur with Council (as landowners) or members before compulsory acquisition occurs?
 - Given the length and depth of the proposed Tunnel, how many ventilation stacks will be required and which communities will be forced to accommodate them?
- ✓ Council seeks a series of public consultations with the affected communities and the Tunnel proponents to discuss the proposal.
2. That NSROC seek a meeting with Mr John Brogden MP, Leader of the State Opposition, to discuss this matter.

CONSEQUENTIAL MOTION

405/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr I Cross, Seconded: Clr M Rawlings

CARRIED

That NSROC writes to SHOROC in relation to this matter, outlining concerns at the lack of consultation undertaken with affected neighbouring Councils, prior to development of a proposed tunnel option.

6.2 Lane Cove Tunnel

General discussion ensued in relation to the possible closure of Epping Road during the Lane Cove Tunnel construction.

406/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr J May

CARRIED

That Ross Jones, Executive Director, NSROC, makes urgent inquiries with the relevant bodies and circulates their response to members.

6.3 Drought Relief – Direct Assistance

General discussion followed in relation to the varying methods of Drought Relief assistance, being undertaken by member Councils.

7. HOST COUNCIL

407/03 Delegates expressed appreciation to North Sydney Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 99th Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.

**The next meeting No 100 of NSROC
Will be held on
THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2003
AT LANE COVE COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**