



SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Tuesday 23 February 2016

Beginning at 6.00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

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Acting General Manager

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to be held on Tuesday 23 February 2016
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ITEM 5.2	SUBMISSION ON COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEWS
REPORTING MANAGER	DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER ENVIRONMENT
TRIM FILE REF	2016/031389
ATTACHMENTS	1 Submission – Merger Proposal: Manly Council, Mosman Municipal Council and Part Warringah Council (Included In Attachments Booklet) 2 Submission – Merger Proposal: Pittwater Council, and Part Warringah Council (Included In Attachments Booklet) 3 Decisions of Warringah’s Strategic Reference Groups 17 February 2016 regarding the Government’s merger proposals (Included In Attachments Booklet)

REPORT

PURPOSE

To endorse the submissions (at Attachments 1 and 2) to the Delegates in response to the NSW Government’s merger proposals for the region.

REPORT

On 18 December 2015, the NSW Government announced a proposal to split the northern beaches region into two new local government areas creating a new northern council comprised of Pittwater and part of Warringah, and a new southern council comprised of Manly, Mosman and part of Warringah.

A submission has been prepared in response to the merger proposals and in accordance with the legislative criteria in Section 263(3) of the *Local Government Act* (1993).

SUBMISSION

The submission is based on the endorsed position of Council as resolved on 17 November 2015:

that Council’s merger preference is for the creation of a new single council on the northern beaches comprised of Manly, Pittwater and Warringah Councils.

For the northern beaches region, all evidence shows that the best model is the creation of a single new council in the region – this evidence includes the Government’s own independent assessments (ILGRP, IPART and Ernst & Young), the independent study commissioned by Manly and Pittwater Council (KPMG), as well as the independent analysis commissioned by Warringah (SGS).

The NSW Government’s current merger proposals would create two new councils, both smaller than Warringah in terms of population size and therefore not meeting the ‘Fit for the Future’ threshold criteria which Warringah had failed on account of population size only. Both councils would be in a strategically and financially weaker position than Warringah and Warringah’s ratepayers would be paying for the most costly amalgamation option possible for this region.

A boundary line through the existing community would not achieve the NSW Government’s objectives as it would leave Warringah residents worse off. Standing alone would be a better outcome for Warringah residents.

Warringah’s submission is based on robust financial analysis (assessed by Ernst & Young) as well as detailed analysis of strategic impacts. The submission highlights the complications of splitting the northern beaches region and identifies significant impacts on the long term sustainability of

local government in the region that would make it difficult for the Government to deliver on its plans for growing Sydney in a timely and balanced way that also would meet community expectations.

CONSULTATION

In preparing this submission Council's four Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) were consulted on 17 February 2014. Each of the SRGs were firm in their position that they did not *support the merger proposals as presented by the Minister for Local Government and supports One Northern Beaches Council*.

The SRGs Decisions are at Attachment 3. The Vibrant and Connected Community did not have a quorum, and those present made a recommendation.

In regards to wider community engagement, Council will provide each Delegate with copies of community engagement activities/materials, and a summary of community attitudes, up to the final business day of the NSW Government community consultation period.

TIMING

The submission needs to be received by the NSW Government by Sunday 28 February 2016 at 5pm.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of preparing the submission was funded from the existing operational budget.

POLICY IMPACT

If the merger proposals are approved by the NSW Government Warringah Council will be split and two new councils formed.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

- A. That the submissions on the NSW Government's merger proposals at Attachments 1 and 2 be forwarded to the Delegates.
 - B. That the decisions of Warringah Council's four Strategic Reference Groups in regard to the NSW Governments merger proposals at Attachment 3 be forwarded to the Delegates as a submission from the committees.
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