

## Minutes

### Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street Manly  
on:

**Monday 22 June 2015**

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The Extraordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Manly, on Monday 22 June 2015. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Her Worship, The Mayor, Jean Hay AM, who presided  
Councillor B Aird  
Councillor C Bingham  
Councillor H Burns  
Councillor C Griffin  
Councillor J Griffin  
Councillor A Heasman  
Councillor A Le Surf  
Councillor S Pickering Deputy Mayor

**ALSO PRESENT**

Henry Wong, General Manager  
Stephen Clements, Deputy General Manager, Executive Manager, Landuse & Sustainability  
Beth Lawsen, Deputy General Manager, People, Place & Infrastructure  
Anthony Hewton, Executive Manager, Corporate Support Services  
Helen Lever, Manager, Administration  
Kathryn Parker, Principal Analyst – Corporate Performance and Strategy  
Secretariat Officer

**APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**GENERAL MANAGERS DIVISION****General Managers Division Report No. 8****Manly Council's Report on the NSW Government's Fit for the Future Program****MOTION (Le Surf / Pickering)**

It is recommended that Council, in its response to the State Government on Fit for the Future (FFF):

1. Strongly support the long-held and repeatedly affirmed position of the community for Manly Council to remain independent;<sup>1</sup>
2. Reject any proposal to amalgamate Manly with Warringah and Pittwater into one 'mega council';
3. In terms of the Fit for the Future requirements, submit Council's improvement proposal (Template 2) by 30 June 2015, advising the government and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of Council's business case to remain as a standalone council because:

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid 1

- i. Manly Council is and will continue to be a highly successful and sustainable council;
  - ii. Council has demonstrable strategic capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community into the future; and
  - iii. Council has the civic leadership to plan and secure a prosperous future for the whole community.
4. In relation to IPART's invitation for alternative options, Council to provide IPART a test business case for two Councils on the Northern Beaches.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Burns / Bingham)**

That the motion be split into 2 parts being points 1-3 and then point 4 separately.

**For the Motion:** Councillors Aird, Burns, Heasman, Bingham, Pickering, Le Surf, J Griffin, C Griffin and Hay AM  
**Against the Motion:** Nil.

**81/15 RESOLVED: (Burns / Bingham)**

That the motion be split into 2 parts being points 1-3 and then point 4 separately.

**MOTION (i) (Le Surf / Pickering)**

It is recommended that Council, in its response to the State Government on Fit for the Future (FFF):

1. Strongly support the long-held and repeatedly affirmed position of the community for Manly Council to remain independent;<sup>2</sup>
2. Reject the recommendation from the Independent Local Government Review Panel (Sansom Report) for one 'mega' Council on the northern beaches;
3. In terms of the Fit for the Future requirements, submit Council's improvement proposal (Template 2) by 30 June 2015, advising the government and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of Council's business case to remain as a standalone council because:
  - a. Manly Council is and will continue to be a highly successful and sustainable council;
  - b. Council has demonstrable strategic capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community into the future; and
  - c. Council has the civic leadership to plan and secure a prosperous future for the whole community.

**For the Motion:** Councillors Aird, Burns, Heasman, Bingham, Pickering, Le Surf, J Griffin, C Griffin and Hay AM  
**Against the Motion:** Nil.

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid 1

**82/15 RESOLVED: (Le Surf / Pickering)**

It is recommended that Council, in its response to the State Government on Fit for the Future (FFF):

1. Strongly support the long-held and repeatedly affirmed position of the community for Manly Council to remain independent;<sup>3</sup>
2. Reject the recommendation from the Independent Local Government Review Panel (Sansom Report) for one 'mega' Council on the northern beaches;
3. In terms of the Fit for the Future requirements, submit Council's improvement proposal (Template 2) by 30 June 2015, advising the government and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of Council's business case to remain as a standalone council because:
  - a. Manly Council is and will continue to be a highly successful and sustainable council;
  - b. Council has demonstrable strategic capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community into the future; and
  - c. Council has the civic leadership to plan and secure a prosperous future for the whole community.

**MOTION (ii) (Le Surf / Pickering)**

4. In relation to IPART's invitation for alternative options, Council to provide IPART with a test case for two councils of equal size on the Northern Beaches and ask the government to demonstrate and prove to the community of Manly how such an option will result in an overall reduction in rates in the long term, improve local infrastructure and Council services, enhance environmental management, and most important of all, how it will advance the democratic and community of interest of Manly's residents.

**AMENDMENT (Burns / Aird)**

4. That no supplementary business case be submitted.

**For the Amendment:** Councillors Aird, Burns and Bingham

**Against the Amendment:** Councillors Heasman, Pickering, Le Surf, J Griffin, C Griffin and Hay  
AM

The **Amendment** was declared **lost**.

**MOTION (ii) (Le Surf / Pickering)**

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid 1

**For the Motion:** Councillors Heasman, Pickering, Le Surf, J Griffin and Hay AM  
**Against the Motion:** Councillors Aird, Burns, Bingham and C Griffin

The **Motion** was put and declared **Carried**

**83/15 RESOLVED: (Le Surf / Pickering)**

4. In relation to IPART's invitation for alternative options, Council to provide IPART with a test case for two councils of equal size on the Northern Beaches and ask the government to demonstrate and prove to the community of Manly how such an option will result in an overall reduction in rates in the long term, improve local infrastructure and Council services, enhance environmental management, and most important of all, how it will advance the democratic and community of interest of Manly's residents.

**CLOSE**

The meeting closed at [8.55pm](#).

The above minutes were confirmed at an **Ordinary Meeting** of Manly Council held on [13 July 2015](#).

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**MAYOR**

\*\*\*\*\* END OF MINUTES \*\*\*\*\*