



AGENDA

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

Tuesday 17 November 2015

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

Rik Hart
General Manager

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OUR VISION

A vibrant community, improving our quality of life by living and working in balance with our special bush and beach environment

OUR VALUES

Respect

Integrity

Teamwork

Excellence

Responsibility

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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Commencing at 6:00pm**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.0 APOLOGIES

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.0 PUBLIC FORUM

4.0 MAYORAL MINUTES.....

4.1 Mayoral Minute No 12/2015 - Response to NSW Local Government Reform -
Council Amalgamations 1

5.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Nil

6.0 COMMUNITY DIVISION REPORTS

Nil

7.0 ENVIRONMENT DIVISION REPORTS

Nil

8.0 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

9.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10.0 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11.0 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – CLOSED SESSION

Nil

13.0 REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 4.1	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 12/2015 - RESPONSE TO NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM - COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS
TRIM FILE REF	2015/335999
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

On Monday 9 November 2015 the General Manager and I met with the Mayors and General Managers of both Manly and Pittwater Council to discuss a collective response to the NSW Government reform proposal. Councils have until Wednesday to put forward merge preferences.

Sadly we were not able to come to an agreement and the northern beaches community will not receive \$25m in incentive funding from the NSW Government. We need to rise above petty politics.

Warringah remains committed to the final recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel (ILGRP) and IPART – that one Northern Beaches Council is essential for scale, capacity and sustainability in this region. The size is right, the combination is right and independent studies show it's far superior to other options, including the KPMG Study commissioned by Manly and Pittwater Councils. The expected savings of \$200m over 10 years makes it the best use of community resources ongoing into the future for example reducing staff by 100 is \$100m of savings over 10 years and savings in domestic waste services is \$100m over 10 years!

Our community knows this. We have received 3,424 messages of support since June 2015 with the overwhelming majority (98.5%) saying:

Please unite the northern beaches to form one new, effective and efficient Northern Beaches Council.

I do not support my rates being wasted on making two new, less efficient Councils and splitting the northern beaches.

This brings the total number of submissions from our community to nearly 8,000.

Splitting Warringah to form two councils on the northern beaches has been rejected by ILGRP and IPART. It would lock the region into rising rates and highly compromised outcomes. Three independent studies have also shown the split option to be the worst for the region financially with massive costs to the community of \$179m over 10 years (SGS Economics).

It would create the 'haves' and 'have-nots'. One council would inherit Kimbriki, an income-generating asset, and the other would be encumbered with the liabilities of the aging facilities of Brookvale Oval and funding the town centre upgrades to Dee Why and Manly.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise the NSW Government by 18 November 2015 of the following merger preference: Manly, Warringah, Pittwater Councils – One Northern Beaches Council.



Michael Regan
MAYOR

