



ORDINARY MEETING

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ITEMS 8A, 20A & 20B

**24 JULY 2007**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE FOLLOWING **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS** FOR THE **ORDINARY MEETING** OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT, ON **TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2007**.

Peter Head  
GENERAL MANAGER

**19 JULY 2007**

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**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

**DIVISION:** GENERAL MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Cost is approximately \$2,500 per Delegate for Registration, accommodation and meals.

**Policy Implications:**

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Sustainable Services and Assets

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

## **1. Purpose of Report**

To identify the 4(four), voting Delegates and Leichhardt Council motions for the Local Government Association of NSW Annual Conference in Coffs Harbour in October/November 2007.

## **2. Recommendations**

1. Council nominate 4 Councillor delegates to attend the conference.
2. Councillors wishing to attend as observers are to advise Graham Carnegie no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007 to ensure accommodation is arranged.
3. Council endorse the motions attached to this report to be submitted to the conference.
4. Any further motions for consideration at the conference to be submitted to the Mayor's Office by 3rd August 2007 for reporting to Council at the August meeting.

## **3. Report**

The Local Government Association of NSW Annual Conference will be held in the Coffs Harbour from 20<sup>th</sup> October – 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2007. Council is allowed 4 (four) voting delegates and is required to notify LGSA.

Cost will be approximately \$2,500 per Delegate for Registration, travel, accommodation and meals. Current Budget allocation is \$30,000 for this and other conferences Councillors may wish to attend. Numbers must be confirmed to guarantee the arrangements and make final payments.

The LGSA has called for motions for consideration at the conference and set a deadline of 5pm Friday 10 August 2007. Any motions received after 13 August will be considered late motions and will be published separately on 12 October 2007.

The resolutions attached to this report have been adopted by Council between August 2006 and June 2007 and are submitted for endorsement by Council to be forwarded to the Local Government Association of NSW for consideration at the 2007 Annual Conference.

Additional motions are to be forwarded to the Mayor's office by close of business on Friday 3 August 2007. These additional motions will be reported to the August Ordinary Meeting for endorsement and then forwarded to the LGA to be included in the list of late motions.

## **Draft Motions for adoption**

### **ANVIL HILL COAL MINE**

#### **That the Association:**

1. Notes growing concerns about global warming and the need for urgent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions world wide; and
2. Notes that coal mined from the Anvil Hill project is expected to produce more than 25 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum and will substantially add to global warming.
3. Expresses its opposition to the development of new coal mines in the Hunter Valley, in particular at Anvil Hill and the expansion of the coal industry in NSW;
4. Calls on the NSW Government to declare a moratorium on new coal mines, coal fired power stations and coal export facilities in NSW and initiate an Independent Inquiry into the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the current coal industry and proposed expansion of the Hunter Valley coal industry;
5. Calls on the NSW Government to introduce mandatory renewable energy targets of 25% by 2020 which would lead to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and the creation of many more new jobs;
6. Calls on the NSW Government to specifically target the creation of new employment opportunities in sustainable forms of energy production for local residents in the Hunter Valley.
7. Calls on the NSW Government to establish a levy on the coal industry to fund the transition to sustainability in the Hunter beyond coal which will also ensure on-going employment for Hunter Valley residents.

### **DIOXIN POLLUTION IN SYDNEY HARBOUR**

#### **That the Association:**

1. Notes that, since January 2006, commercial fishing in Sydney Harbour is no longer permitted due to the very high dioxin levels (over 100 times World Health Organisation recommended maximum levels) found in the prawns and fish of the harbour;
2. Notes that this suspension of fishing licenses in the harbour has affected the livelihood of 44 commercial fishing operators mainly living in the Inner West of Sydney;
3. Notes that after intense lobbying, the NSW Government agreed to test the dioxin levels of fishermen and their families showing very high dioxin levels,

many times over WHO maximum levels, with often the highest levels in the youngest members of extended families;

4. Calls on the NSW Premier and Minister for Primary Industries to:
  - fully fund compensation for both the loss of livelihood and the loss of health to all fishing people;
  - ensure that dioxins are reduced to safe levels from the whole of Sydney Harbour and not just in the area where new housing development will occur;
  - invest in state of the art testing facilities so that dioxin and other industrial contaminants can be properly tested in Sydney to guarantee proper monitoring of fishers and their families that have been exposed; and
  - extend the free testing on dioxins to the fishers and their families who were previously fishing operators on the Harbour.

## **CALLAN PARK**

### **That the Association:**

1. Fully supports the retention and upgrading of Rozelle Psychiatric Hospital and supports the preparation of a masterplan to guide the future of the site;
2. Supports the need for establishment of a Trust to manage the site for the future benefit of the community;
3. Support in principle the University of Sydney expanding its services within the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002, and urge that no binding agreement be entered into until there has been consultation and acceptance of the master plan;

## **WHITE BAY/GLEBE ISLAND & ROZELLE BAY**

### **That the Association:**

Calls for a moratorium on all development proposals until such time as a fully consulted strategic Masterplan is developed for White Bay/Glebe Island and Rozelle Bay.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE & SOCIAL HOUSING**

1. That the Association Calls on the Department Of Housing set up a working party to review the individual and wider social impacts of their policies which are currently forcing the young people of families in public housing to pay unfair rent and water charges.
2. This Working Party should address the following;

- a. the social and economic disadvantage being experienced by young people in social housing, the disincentive for these young people to achieve their full potential;
  - b. the additional financial and social stress imposed on already disadvantaged families, the pressures therefore put on these young people to leave the family home;
  - c. the fact that where the tenancy is held in the name of a sole parent, the children of that tenant have a right to succession in certain circumstances such that the tenant become deceased;
3. Supports a recommendation that young people of families housed in social housing once they turn 18 years of age and commence paying 12.5% of Youth Allowance or casual employment in rent that rent stay at 12.5% until they reach 21 years of age.

## **BANNING DEVELOPER DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES**

### **That the Association:**

1. Calls on the NSW Government to amend the Local Government Act 1993 in order to ban property industry donations to political parties and individuals in the future;
2. Calls on the NSW to ensure these amendments are passed through Parliament and come into force before the Local Government elections in September 2008;

## **OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR POWER**

### **That the Association:**

1. Opposes the development of all aspects of the nuclear industry in Australia including nuclear power production, nuclear waste dumps, uranium mining and the transportation of nuclear waste through local communities;
2. Calls on the NSW Government to amend the Uranium Mining and Nuclear Facilities Act to remove the loophole that permits the federal government to build nuclear facilities in NSW.

## **M4 EAST TUNNEL**

### **That the Association:**

1. Opposes the construction of the M4 East tunnel;
2. Calls for the project to be shelved and investment instead to be made to fully integrated, safe, fast public transport;
3. Calls on the State Government to immediately put into the public realm all documents relating to the planning of the M4 East and Inner West Motorway.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROPOSALS**

That the Association notes the release of the Department of Local Government's position papers on *A New Direction for Local Government* and *Planning for a Sustainable Future* and supports:

1. Mandatory local government reform initiatives based upon resource sharing/strategic alliances.
2. Sector wide cooperation and effective liaison between local government, State Government and the various State Government agencies for more effective planning and service delivery.
3. Integrated planning and reporting based on the option 3 position paper model providing for an integrated 10 year plus Strategic Plan.
4. Preparation of a long term asset management plan linking to a long term financial plan.

## **FUNDING FOR THE ASYLUM SEEKER CO-ORDINATOR PROJECT**

That the Association:

1. Supports the Asylum Seeker Coordinator Project which was established and funded by Leichhardt Council and City of Sydney Council;
2. Notes that Hornsby, Botany, Canterbury, Fairfield, Marrickville, Randwick, Strathfield, Waverley & Willoughby Councils also provide funding for this project;
3. Calls on all other Councils and Shires in NSW to support this project and allocate funding to ensure that it continues to provide vital services to vulnerable members of the community.

## **PAID MATERNITY LEAVE**

**That the Association:**

1. Notes the International Labour Organisation determines that 14 weeks paid maternity leave is recommended to ensure a productive, equitable workplace;
2. Notes the NSW Public Service and the private sector have offered 14 weeks paid maternity leave for a considerable period of time;
3. Calls on all Councils and Shires to increase paid maternity leave to the recommended rate of 14 weeks;

## **IRON COVE BRIDGE & VICTORIA ROAD WIDENING**

That the Association:

1. Notes the announcement by the NSW Government in February 2007 of plans to widen Victoria Road in Sydney's Inner west and to duplicate the Iron Cove Bridge to accommodate additional traffic and improve bus services;



2. Notes that while improvements to bus services are desperately needed, the road widening and additional bridge will result in traffic congestion, bottlenecks at Anzac Bridge and additional air and noise pollution to local residents in the inner west of Sydney;
3. Therefore opposes the plan to widen Victoria Road and duplicate the bridge and calls on the NSW Government to improve public transport services to the Inner west without proceeding with these projects.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 20A NORTON STREET CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND THE IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F97/00517 &
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**Councillor Porteous**

Construction works on Norton St began in October 2006. The intentions of Council have been to finish the works in a timely fashion and to ensure that there was as little impact on local high street businesses as possible. While the construction works have been staged for different sections of Norton St, the reality is that the impact on local businesses is still reported by them as being significant. Local businesses are recording significant drops in their turnover and some businesses have closed down. Local businesses are also concerned about the poor communications with council on the works and their impact, an uncertainty about how much longer the works will continue outside their premises and a lack of recognition by council of the impact these works are having on the viability of their businesses.

**Recommendation:**

- The Mayor, ward Councillors, the GM, the Director of Infrastructure and the Project manager for the street works urgently meet with the Norton St high street business owners, a representative of the Chamber to listen to businesses' concerns and to communicate the current stage of works and the programme for on-going works.
- Further that Council brings a report back to the August meeting regarding the waiving of footpath licence fees and a rate rebate for affected Norton St businesses.

## **Officer response**

This project has a budget in excess of \$2M and the current section presents the greatest complexity with the undergrounding of power, new lighting, terracing and drainage works. Council had minimal complaints in the first section of works and the current works will see the greatest benefit when the project is completed. Council has not paid compensation to shopkeepers in the past other than discount their footpath dining charges.

It is generally accepted in a number of Local Government Areas that the inconvenience will be more than offset with the long term benefit that the new work provides as long as Council is proactive at managing the construction works and is responsive to shopkeepers. The shopkeepers that have tables and chairs on the footpath do not get charged whilst the work is in progress.

The works are rather complex and there have been some delays due to wet weather, there was additional work in the redesign of timber terracing in order to retain the tree near Galletas and Energy Australia also delayed their commencement as they were working in Newcastle responding to the recent storms. At this stage the terracing areas will be available for use by the end of July, the existing power poles will be removed and new lighting will be installed by mid August and the project will be completed by the end of August.

Council staff have met with the businesses to discuss their issues and the project has been closely supervised by Council on a daily basis. Individual concerns which have been raised by businesses during construction have been dealt with by Council officers and managed with the contractor at a weekly contract meeting.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# NOTICE OF MOTION

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 20B DARLEY ROAD – FOSTER STREET – URGENT SAFETY MEASURES REQUIRED
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### **Councillor Porteous**

Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2006 considered a detailed report on pedestrian conditions and safety along the Darley Road - Foster Street corridor which included the results of an extensive resident survey of over 1600 residents. A high percentage of residents returned this survey, which indicates that the issues that it addressed were of great concern to them. Primarily residents identified the need to reduce the speed limit from 60km to 50km, the need for traffic calming measures and to introduce signalised pedestrian crossings at Allen and Charles St intersections with Darley. In addition there was strong support for a bus route to be introduced on Darley - Foster.

These recommendations were forwarded to the Minister for Roads, the RTA and the STA. To date there has been no response. It is understood that Council recommendations still under consideration by the RTA.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> there was a serious pedestrian accident at the intersection of Charles and Darley, this would almost certainly have been avoided if there had been a signalised pedestrian crossing at this site as advocated for by Council and residents

### **Recommendation:**

Leichhardt Council calls for an urgent meeting to strongly advocate the case for greater safety measures on Darley Rd and Foster St with the Minister for Roads and the local member, to be attended by the Mayor, GM and ward councillors.

Bring a report on the type and cost of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures that could be introduced onto to Darley – Foster to the August meeting for council's consideration.