

Leichhardt Municipal Council



AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING

22 MARCH 2011

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS –

ITEMS 32 AND 33

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 22 MARCH 2011**.

Peter Head
GENERAL MANAGER

17 MARCH 2011

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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 32 - WHITE BAY: REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO THE BAILEY'S DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL
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Cr Stamolis

Background

The community continues to express widespread concern about the process which resulted in the approval of the Baileys industrial and refuelling development.

The Premier's timing of the announcement of the Baileys development approval was at the same time as she announced the Bays Precinct consultation, in June 2009. To have announced the development approval of Baileys at the same time as the commencement of the Bays Precinct process was highly unusual and irresponsible. As such, the Baileys approval directly undermined the Bays Precinct process well before it started. The Bays Precinct process eventually failed dismally.

The approval of the Baileys industrial and refuelling development at White Bay Wharf 6 was contrary to advice from the NSW State Government and their agencies. That is, the Baileys development would not be determined before the Bays Precinct consultation and report were completed.

The Premier departed from and acted contrary to information provided through NSW Parliament (to Ms Sylvia Hale MLC), from the CEO SHFA (by letter to Cr John Stamolis) and contrary to the recommendation of an Independent Hearing into the Baileys development as detailed below:

- 1. Response to Ms Sylvia Hale MLC (re: Questions from Ms Hale to the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter**

representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts) —

... the Coordinator General has written to me requesting that any decision on the project be deferred pending further consideration and consultation on the future of the precinct.

2. Letter from CEO, Sydney Harbour Foreshores Authority to John Stamolis:

The Minister has agreed to await the taskforce's report before making a determination on the Bailey's application. The Minister will also consider the expert panel's report and recommendations as part of this process.

3. Independent Hearing into the Baileys Development

The recommendations of this hearing said that no approval of Baileys should occur prior to a planning process.

Recommendation:

Soon after the next State Election, Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the State Member for Balmain to:

- request an inquiry into the approval process for the Baileys Marine industrial and refuelling facility
- request that an alternative location for the Baileys development be investigated`
- ensure that any relevant documents pertaining to the Baileys development, such as leases, have an expiry of 2020 and that the Baileys ceases business at White Bay Wharf 6 in 2020
- request that NSW Government commit to making the 'headland' location of White Bay Wharf 6 a park

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Cr Stamolis

Background

Over recent weeks residents have contacted Councillors and Council regarding problems associated with use of public spaces for fishing. Meetings have been held with residents at Peacock Point and Mort Bay and Council rangers have monitored problem areas for some weeks in February/March 2011.

Councillors will recall that problems relating to fishing activity around East Balmain were raised at the April 2009 Ordinary Council Meeting with the resolution as follows:

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- Council to summarise policy on use of foreshore parks by persons involved in fishing activity.
- Council to find out and report on policy regarding use of ferry wharves by persons involved in fishing activity.
- Council to produce a brochure advising persons involved in fishing activity of the conditions of use of local parks and their responsibilities in using local parks. The brochure should detail issues relating to litter, safety, hygiene, obstruction of access and other.
- Brochures should be written in several languages.
- Brochures should be hand delivered to persons involved in fishing activity where it can be explained to these persons and any questions can be answered by Council rangers. At this meeting, persons involved in fishing activity should be advised that litter, lack of hygiene and safety, and potential injury poses the same risks to them, their children and their pets as it does to anyone else
- Council to investigate the provision of amenity for persons involved in fishing activity such as bins and plastic tidy bags, signage (e.g. directions to toilets)

- A program of ongoing 'sporadic' monitoring by Council should take place, especially weekends. This would include checking for licences and provide the opportunity to distribute the brochure to all users.
- Council should support the efforts of residents who clean-up these foreshore parks every morning by scheduling an early morning cleanup every day, 7 days per week, so that these areas are clean, accessible and safe for all other use that might occur during the day.
- That Council officers report to the next Council meeting on the issues regarding coverage and responsibilities of different levels of Government regarding fishing licences.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

East Balmain

The problems at East Balmain which have been reported in early 2011 are similar to those reported in April 2009:

- Litter – this includes glass and plastic bottles, paper waste, food waste, fish bait, fishing tackle, fluorescent lures, fish hooks
- Safety – fish hooks are being left in many locations and at the wharf (a high volume pedestrian zone), on grassed areas which are used by all who enjoy the parks, along regularly used pathways
- Injury to park users and their pets – residents have been injured by fish hooks, dogs and birds have swallowed fish hooks or have received other injuries from these i.e. dogs attempt to eat bait which has been left on a fish hook.
- Damage to trees and grassed areas – branches have been broken from trees for fires/barbeques
- Lighting of fires – areas of the park show that fires have been started
- Public health - there is clear evidence that bushes and paths at Peacock Point are being used as a lavatory; fish blood was observed in grass and paved areas, used baby nappies are often found and, at times, the wharf area has extensive litter, food waste and bait during times of peak use by commuters
- Obstruction of public access to the wharf – during evenings the steps of the wharf are like an obstacle course where commuters dodge tackle boxes, lunch boxes, rods, fish buckets, thermos flasks, knives and fishing rods.
- Clean-up – currently residents conduct clean-up activities. Early morning walkers bag all sorts of litter and dispose of this.

Thames Street/Mort Bay

At Mort Bay local residents and ferry commuters experience similar problems to those at East Balmain. In addition, use of the Thames Street wharf by commercial boat activity is a significant concern for people living around this wharf:

- Dangerous littering – leaving (baited) fish hooks on the Mort Bay Park (cement) pier and surrounding areas (e.g. car park, driveway etc), discarding fishing line, breaking bottles, general throwing of litter in the harbour (e.g. plastics, butts, bottles etc).
- Injury to dogs and people from discarded fish hooks. Every day a number of fish hooks are found in the area.
- Damage to vehicles and surrounding property by fisherman and commercial operators who use the car park, park and wharf.
- Damage to council property (e.g. power poles, street signs etc)
- Danger to residents as the result of the waste discarded by fisherman and fishing charter operators (which deposits on our beach)
- Some nights there are 20-40 people on the wharf and pier. Extended families with very small children who are running around on the wharf and park, with no barriers to stop them from tripping/falling in and drowning.

Council should investigate the use of Thames Street wharf by private commercial operators to determine whether an alternative location can be found for this activity which is away from residences. Rozelle Bay is a likely area which has parking and other amenities and is away from residences.

Residents have suggested that a toilet facility be investigated which would be located near Thames Street Wharf and the new children's playground. While there are toilets near the childcare facility in McKell Street, these are too far away to serve much benefit to persons involved in fishing and for users of the children's playground.

Yurulbin Point

The Birchgrove Precinct have advised Council that Yurulbin Point is a very popular location for fishing. Generally, the regulars are responsible. They clean up after using the area and put rubbish in the bins. There are, however, some that leave rubbish lying around. Local residents are left to clean this up in the mornings. The Birchgrove Precinct has asked for a composting toilet/bin in the area which may assist in solving the problem.

Council - daily clean-up

It is unreasonable to expect that local residents continue to clean-up parks every morning. Residents risk their health and safety in doing this. Council should commit resources to clean-up foreshore parks and wharves where problems relating to fishing activity occur. This clean-up should be prior to 7.00am every morning.

Recommendation

1. Council to arrange for redistribution of the brochure advising persons involved in fishing activity of their responsibilities in using local parks and wharves. The brochure should detail issues relating to litter, safety, hygiene and other. These brochures should be written in several languages.
2. Brochures should be hand delivered to persons involved in fishing activity where it can be explained to these persons and any questions can be answered by Council rangers or other authorized persons.
3. Council to investigate the provision of amenity for persons involved in fishing activity such as bins and plastic tidy bags and signage.
4. Council should commit resources to clean-up foreshore parks and wharves where problem fishing activity takes place. This clean-up should be prior to 7.00am every morning.
5. Council to report on options available to restrict use of local parks and wharves by those persons deemed to be inappropriately using these public areas.
6. Council to investigate restriction of fishing activity in off leash areas for dogs to reduce risk for pets.
7. Council to investigate the use of Thames Street wharf by private commercial operators and determine whether an alternative location can be found for this activity which is away from residences.