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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a Ordinary Northern Beaches Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Tuesday 15 October 2024

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

Scott Phillips
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

Delivering the highest quality service valued and trusted by our community

OUR VALUES

Trust Teamwork Respect Integrity Service Leadership

OUR OBLIGATIONS

I swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Northern Beaches and the Northern Beaches Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgement.

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7.0 MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE NO 15/2024 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 2024 - PROPOSED ADDITIONAL MOTION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER

PURPOSE

The purpose of this mayoral minute is to recommend an additional motion to submit to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) annual conference to be held Sunday 17 to Tuesday 19 November 2024.



**Sue Heins
MAYOR**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following motion for inclusion in the business paper of the Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

1. That Local Government NSW advocates against the planned banning of briefing sessions within the Office of Local Government's proposal for councillor conduct and meeting practice reforms.

BACKGROUND

As discussed in Item 9.3 at the council meeting held on 13 August 2024, Local Government NSW (LGNSW) holds an annual conference which is the primary policy-making event.

LGNSW members are invited to submit motions for possible debate at the annual conference. A motion that is endorsed at the annual conference by a majority of voting delegates becomes a resolution and resolutions eventually form LGNSW’s policy and advocacy agenda.

At that meeting, Northern Beaches Council resolved to submit 8 motions for inclusion in the business paper of the LGNSW 2024 Annual Conference.

DISCUSSION

In September the Office of Local Government released a discussion paper on a proposed new framework for councillor conduct and meeting practices.

This discussion paper suggests significant changes that will impact the entire sector. This includes the banning of briefing sessions for councillors.

Briefing sessions provide an important function for councillors, allowing them to better understand the matters being presented in council reports in advance of the formal council meeting. This is critical for councillors to ensure they are adequately informed and able to make appropriate decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

It is not effective nor practical to expect that a council meeting would be the only forum for councillors to ask questions and consider the complex and often voluminous material presented on important community matters in council reports.

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