

5. PETITIONS

5.1 Petition - Sweetenham Road - Minto

Forwarding a petition (distributed under separate cover – confidential – for privacy reasons this petition is not available to the public) containing 19 signatures requesting Council investigate a business located in Sweetenham Road, Minto in relation to noise and other issues to ensure compliance with development consent.

(Comment: This matter has been forwarded to Compliance Services for investigation and monitoring of consent compliance).

Officer's Recommendation

That the petition be received and a response provided to the head petitioner.

Council Meeting 16 February 2016 (Lake/Borg)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 4

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP Member for Macquarie Fields

Attachments

1. copy of letter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields (contained within this report)
2. copy of Council's letter (contained within this report)

Response to Council's letter regarding the installation of noise barriers adjacent to the southern railway line at Ingleburn.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 16 February 2016 (Borg/Lake)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Amendment: (Borg/Lound)

That Council write to the Minister expressing Council's dissatisfaction with the response from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and request action by the Minister to resolve this matter.

Council Resolution Minute Number 5

That the above amendment be adopted.

Councillor Mead asked for his name to be recorded in opposition to the resolution for Item 6.1 – Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP Member for Macquarie Fields.

ATTACHMENT 1



Anoulack Chanthivong MP

MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

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The General Manager
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
Campbelltown NSW 2560

14 January 2016

Dear Lindy,

As a result of your letter dated 28 July 2015 regarding noise barriers adjacent to the southern railway line at Ingleburn, I wrote to the appropriate Federal and State Government Ministers.

I have now received replies from both Mr Truss and Mr Constance. These are attached for your information.

You will note that in his letter dated 2 October 2015, Mr Constance states that the location in question is primarily the responsibility of the Commonwealth. Contradicting this advice is Mr Truss' letter dated 21 December 2015 which states the matter is the responsibility of the State Government.

Sadly it appears that both Liberal Governments are buck-passing their responsibility and refusing to address Council's concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack Chanthivong'.

Anoulack Chanthivong, MP
Member for Macquarie Fields



The Hon Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

ML15/08927

Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP
Member for Macquarie Fields
Shop 3, Ground Floor
2-6 Oxford Street
INGLEBURN NSW 2565

Dear Mr Chanthivong

Thank you for your correspondence about train noise at Ingleburn.

The NSW Government is conscious of the issues and concerns of the community in regard to noise from trains.

However, I understand the noise at this location is primarily the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government-owned Australian Rail Track Corporation. I have therefore referred your correspondence to the corporation for its consideration.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

THE HON ANDREW CONSTANCE MP



The Hon Warren Truss MP

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Member for Wide Bay

21 DEC 2015

PDR ID: MC15-005467

Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP
NSW Member for Macquarie Fields
PO Box 882
INGLEBURN NSW 1890

Dear Mr Chanthivong

Thank you for your letter dated 26 October 2015, on behalf of the General Manger of Campbelltown City Council, regarding the Council's request for noise barriers adjacent to the southern railway line between Gordon Avenue and James Street in Ingleburn.

While I note Council's concerns, addressing existing noise levels from freight and passenger rail operations on the identified section of track is a matter for the NSW Government. Therefore, you may wish to encourage the Campbelltown City Council to raise their request directly with the Hon Andrew Constance MP, NSW Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

I note that the NSW Government launched its Freight Noise Attenuation Programme in August 2015. The Programme aims to minimise the impact of freight rail noise on NSW residents. It offers noise reduction treatments to homes affected by high levels of freight rail noise along NSW Government managed rail corridors between Nowra and Newcastle and west to Lithgow, including the rail corridor through Ingleburn. Information on the NSW's Freight Noise Attenuation Program can be found from the following website:

<http://freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/sustainability/rail-noise/fnap/index.html>

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Campbelltown City Council.

Yours sincerely



WARREN TRUSS

ATTACHMENT 2



28 July 2015

Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP
Member for Macquarie Fields
Shop 18, Carnes Hill Marketplace
Cowpasture and Kurrajong Roads
HORNINGSEA PARK NSW 2171

Dear Mr Chanthivong

Noise Barrier Request - Ingleburn

Council at its meeting of 21 July 2015 considered a petition from local residents requesting the installation of a noise barrier adjacent to the southern rail line at Ingleburn. Many of the petitioners are long term residents of this area and noted that newer suburbs in the area have been provided with noise barriers prior to the construction of homes. At Council's meeting of 21 July 2015 it was resolved as follows:

1. *That Council write to the appropriate Minister and Department requesting the urgent installation of a noise barrier at the railway line between Gordon Avenue and James Street, Ingleburn.*
2. *That Council writes to the Local Member requesting his support for the matter.*

Accordingly, Council requests your support for the installation of a noise barrier at the above location.

For your information, Council has also written to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to have the matter investigated and hopefully actioned.

If you require any further information please contact the Director City Works, Wayne Rylands, on 4645 4636.

Yours sincerely



Acting General Manager

Ref: ECM 41716837/41657862

6.2 The Hon. Catherine Cusack MLC

Attachments

1. copy of letter from the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC (contained within this report)
2. copy of letter from Council to the Hon. Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW (contained within this report)

Response from the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier of NSW to Council's letter regarding the proposed relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 16 February 2016 (Chanthivong/Lake)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 6

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



FEB02'16 07:52:08 RCVD

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

Reference: A1466401

28 JAN 2016

Ms Lindy Deitz
General Manager
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
CAMPLBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Ms Deitz

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Hurlstone Agricultural High School. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Premier.

I have carefully considered the issues you have raised and appreciate the reasons that have prompted you to write.

The issues you have raised fall within the area of portfolio responsibility of the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education and I have forwarded a copy of your letter to him for consideration.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Catherine Cusack".

HON CATHERINE CUSACK MLC
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

ATTACHMENT 2



12 January 2016

The Hon. Mike Baird, MP
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Premier

Proposal to Relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Associated Sale of Land

My Council has been disappointed to learn of the NSW Government's recent decision to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School from its current operational site at Glenfield to Richmond as part of a new facility to be established in conjunction with the Western Sydney University.

Council considered this matter at its meeting held on 15 December 2015 and again at its extraordinary meeting held on 22 December 2015. The Council has resolved to request the NSW Government to abandon its decision to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School from Glenfield to Richmond.

There are multiple dimensions to Council's disappointment with the Government's decision, including:

- The absence of any consultation with Campbelltown City Council, the greater community of Campbelltown, nor the Hurlstone school community over the reasons for the proposed relocation, and therefore not offering any opportunity for the Government to take into account what the relocation would mean to the "Campbelltown" community and what other alternatives may have been worthy of consideration
- A "complete inconsistency" between what was reported by the media as being proposed for the future redevelopment of some 140 hectares of land within the School's campus for future urban housing purposes and what had been previously (very recently) published by the NSW Government for the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site as part of the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy – a document which espouses NSW Government policy direction.
- An apparent lack of understanding by the Government over the iconic heritage, social and historic value of the school, and the associative value of its name as held by the broader Campbelltown and Macarthur Region communities
- There is no evidence to suggest that the social significance and military heritage connection to the Memorial Forest (which was planted on the school grounds in the

1950s as a tribute to over 600 students who fought in both world wars) within the local area has been fully understood by the NSW Government

- There is no apparent appreciation that the current Macarthur agricultural student enrolment needs and the future skills/knowledge demands for Agricultural Studies and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) within the Macarthur Region and South West Sydney District, and that these currently available opportunities deserve to remain to be met at Hurlstone Agricultural High School in its current form and location

This is particularly relevant given that the NSW Government has identified South West Sydney as the most significant growth area in metropolitan Sydney for the next twenty years, taking in new urban release areas at the South West Growth Centre, Mt Gilead and Menangle Park, Wilton Junction as well as significant urban renewal within business centres along the T2 Southern railway line. Council and the community have not been presented with any opportunity to discuss these issues with the Government and present a case that demonstrates that the major future urban growth area of metropolitan Sydney deserves to have close proximate access to a facility such as Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

- The remote location of the new proposed facility at Richmond together with the absence of direct public transport access from South Western Sydney will have the unwanted effect of disadvantaging students from these areas and will discourage their participation in agricultural related education pursuits at a recognised specialist agricultural education facility.
- The effect of the Government's decision to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School from Glenfield to Richmond will mean that the only two secondary education facilities with a focus on agriculture within the Sydney metropolitan area will be located in Sydney's north, far removed from south western Sydney at:
 - James Ruse Agricultural High School at Carlingford; and
 - The relocated Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Richmond

Further, the proposal to dispose and develop such a large area of land (140 hectares) of the current Hurlstone site for future housing purposes would potentially present a number of challenges for the Council. This reported housing development scenario would also seem to support a view that the NSW Government is seeking to reap maximum cash benefits that could stem from disposing of and redeveloping such a large portion of the school site, with only a portion of the financial gain being reinvested into the Campbelltown area.

Whilst it does not support the relocation of the School under any circumstance, Council is concerned and disappointed that the site has been earmarked for future housing without broader investigation of potential alternative land uses. In this regard, no announcement has been made pertaining to any investigation of the employment development potential that could be supported on the site. This potential has been previously documented and relates not only to the land's proximity to an existing and highly recognised agricultural high school, but also to its strategic metropolitan positioning, its close proximity to the M5/T2 Southern Railway Line, the Southern Sydney Freight Line, and other strategic infrastructure such as the Moorebank Intermodal Terminals and the proposed Western Sydney Airport.

The Campbelltown Local Government Area has been the subject of numerous recent announcements by the NSW Government concerning the Macarthur and South West Sydney's capacity to accommodate the greatest proportion Metropolitan Sydney's future population growth – both through new greenfield development and urban redevelopment.

For example, the Planning Minister – the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, recently identified significant future dwelling production for the Greater Macarthur Urban Investigation Area (i.e. 33,000+ dwellings), together with additional new housing development potential for the Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor Strategy (i.e. 15,000 dwellings).

This extensive new housing development must be 'actively' supported by the creation of new employment opportunities at accessible locations. This is a critical planning imperative that the Minister for Planning recently committed to when addressing a meeting of various Chambers of Commerce conducted at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club at Leumeah last November.

The Hurlstone Agricultural High School site encompasses an extensive area of land and has significant locational advantages. It is easily accessible to the regional community by both road and rail, making it an ideal candidate for future and significant employment development. This employment creation capacity should be integrated physically, systematically and economically with the educational opportunities afforded by the existing/future high school and other potential educational/research initiatives.

The Campbelltown community deserves a strategically advantageous outcome from any future development of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site. A major opportunity exists for the NSW Government to embrace the site's inherent prospects for employment and economic development to deliver real jobs to help service both the existing local and regional community and future new population growth in the Macarthur Region and South West Sydney District.

Council would also like to reiterate its concern that the Government's decision regarding the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site is not reflected in the recently exhibited Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Strategy. The Strategy makes a number of statements concerning the future use of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site, which appear inconsistent with the redevelopment proposals for the site as announced by the Minister for Education. For example:

- *Figure 22 of the Glenfield Precinct Land Use and Infrastructure Analysis (Glenfield Land Use and Infrastructure Plan) depicts the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site as being "Community Infrastructure"*
- *Figure 27 of the Glenfield Precinct Land Use and Infrastructure Analysis (Proposed Social Infrastructure Improvements) depicts the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site as being "Community Infrastructure"*
- *"Education and health related jobs will continue to provide an important employment base for the precinct"*
- *"It is anticipated that around 2,800 additional dwellings could be delivered in the precinct by 2036". This assumes no residential development on the site of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The development of the suggested 140 hectares of surplus land on the site for future urban housing could yield in the order of 2,200 additional dwellings or more, taking the planning estimate (under the Strategy) for Glenfield from 2,800 to more than 5000 new dwellings*

Importantly, Council has always understood the Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor Strategy to represent the Government's latest policy position with respect to future development at centre-based precincts along the Corridor.

Council is aware that as part of the preparation of the draft Corridor Strategy by NSW Planning and Environment (through its specialist consultants), consultation occurred with the Department of Education and Communities. It is surprising therefore that the draft Strategy that was placed on public exhibition between June and September last year, made no mention of plans to relocate the high school and develop a large portion of the site for residential purposes.

Council notes that the Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor Strategy website currently makes the following statement:

"Glenfield Precinct Update

On 18 November 2015, Minister Piccoli announced more than \$165 million for new and upgraded schools and classrooms across South Western Sydney. Around 140 hectares of surplus land at Glenfield will be made available for other uses as the Hurlstone Agricultural High School will move to the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury campus.

This provides an opportunity for the Department to review the current draft of the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, including infrastructure upgrades required to support the Glenfield Precinct.

The Department will continue to work closely with Campbelltown City Council, Department of Education, Transport for NSW and the community. There will be opportunity for the community to provide feedback as part of any future rezoning process that may be proposed for the Glenfield Precinct."

Council acknowledges that the Strategy has not been finalised to date, and awaits its further review to take account of the recent announcement associated with the identification of what is considered by the Government to be "surplus land" at the site of Hurlstone Agricultural High School for "other uses". This delay is unfortunate, as Council continues to receive enquiries from the community over the timing of the adoption of the Strategy by the NSW Government and the subsequent roll-out of precinct based plans across the various centre locations along the Corridor.

Should the Government reject Council's request for it to abandon the decision to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School to Richmond and dispose of surplus lands on the site for future urban residential development, then Council seeks your Government's assurance that it will review the Glenfield Precinct Land Use and Infrastructure Plan (Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Corridor Strategy) as a matter of urgency in collaboration with Council. The review must take account of the potential future development of surplus land at the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site, and incorporate provision for the:

- preservation of appropriate environmental buffers on the site as part of any redevelopment of the land
- provision of new and significant employment development initiatives on the site and elsewhere within the Campbelltown LGA to balance the extent of urban development on the site in addition to that already identified on land within the Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor
- articulation of an appropriate vision for the whole of the Glenfield Precinct
- the engagement of the community to reconsider:
 - housing supply and density

- services, facilities and community amenity
- job creation
- the movement network including traffic and transport
- built and natural environmental outcomes
- infrastructure capacity.

In conclusion, Council believes wholeheartedly that any such revised Land Use and Infrastructure Plan for the Glenfield Precinct (Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor Strategy) be agreed to by Council and must:

- form the basis of detailed site planning for the surplus land at the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site at Glenfield; and
- ensure that the outcomes for the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site complement the planning objectives set out for the whole of the Glenfield Precinct as set out in the Land Use and Infrastructure Plan for the Glenfield Precinct.

I note that staff from the NSW Planning and Environment, the Department of Education and Communities and Transport for NSW met with the Mayor of the City of Campbelltown and Council's Director of Strategy late last year to discuss the Government's decision concerning Hurlstone, and I have raised the matter in passing with you briefly at the Sydney Business Chamber event held in December.

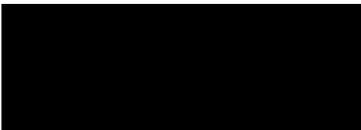
I would now greatly appreciate the opportunity to formally meet with you to expand on the matters raised in this letter and to convey to you the various expressions of concern over the Government's decision raised by Councillors at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held late last year.

It is certain that there are items that can be raised in our discussions that could potentially prove to contribute positively towards the achievement of enhanced outcomes for Glenfield, the community of Campbelltown and the Greater South West.

Campbelltown City Council has always sought to work in close partnership with the NSW Government, and in particular over matters associated with planning for future urban growth. Council would like to request that its demonstrated preparedness to assist the Government with the broader challenges of growth can be applied in resolving a number of the issues arising from the Government's decision to relocate the Hurlstone Agricultural High School and the associated sale of land.

It would be greatly appreciated if contact could please be made directly through my office on (02) 46 454 659 to make arrangements for a suitable meeting.

Yours sincerely



Lindy Deitz
General Manager

6.3 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Attachments

Copy of letter from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (contained within this report)

Letter from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal advising the review for the annual determination has commenced. The Remuneration Tribunal have advised that in view of the ongoing reforms to local government and proposed amalgamations, they will not be calling for general submissions from councils this year.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 16 February 2016 (Lake/Borg)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 7

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Clr Paul Hawker
Mayor
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

20 January 2016

Dear Mayor

I write to advise that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2016 annual determination.

Pursuant to s. 243 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act), the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, by no later than 30 April 2016, on the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2016.

As is the usual practice the Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each Category. In accordance with s. 242A of the LG Act the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination of ranges of fees for Councillors and Mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.

The Tribunal notes that on 16 October 2015 the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) provided its assessment of council proposals under the Fit for the Future reforms to the NSW Government. The Minister for Local Government has referred merger proposals to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for examination and report under the LG Act. The proposed mergers have been informed by four years of consultation with NSW councils, independent assessment, council merger preferences, and feedback from communities and stakeholders.

Delegates have been appointed to examine and report on merger proposals. Delegates will conduct a public inquiry, call for written submissions, and prepare a report with due regard to the factors in s. 263(3) of the LG Act. The factors in the LG Act include financial considerations, communities of interest, elected representation, employment of staff, services and facilities, and the attitude of residents and ratepayers. The reports of the Delegates will go to the Minister for Local Government as well as the independent Local Government Boundaries Commission for comment.

The Tribunal also notes that in the *Fit for the Future Progress Report – Stronger Councils, Stronger Communities* the Government has identified a number of strategies to strengthen local leadership. These include a review of councillor remuneration during 2016.

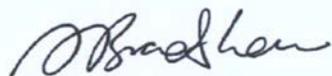
It is not expected that a decision on, or implementation of, any proposed reforms will be finalised prior to the Tribunal making its determination on or before 30 April 2016. On that basis, and given the limitations placed on the Tribunal in respect of determining increases in fees, the Tribunal will not call for general submissions from individual councils as part of this annual review.

However, the Tribunal will seek to meet with Local Government NSW, as it does each year, to receive a sector wide view on the future direction for local government in NSW.

Should Council amalgamations proceed it will be necessary for the Tribunal to categorise any new councils for the purposes of determining fees. If required the Minister for Local Government may direct the Tribunal to make any such determination(s) in accordance with s. 242 (Special Determinations) of the LG Act.

If you require any further information please email sarah.bradshaw@psc.nsw.gov.au or telephone me on 02 9272 6006.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Bradshaw
Principal Advisor
Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

6.4 New South Wales Rural Fire Service

Attachments

Copy of letter from New South Wales Rural Fire Service Association (contained within this report)

Letter from the New South Wales Rural Fire Service Association thanking Council for it's continued support.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 16 February 2016 (Lake/Borg)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 8

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



RFSA

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4th January 2016

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Clr Lindy Deitz
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Clr Deitz,

As we enter a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Councils, on behalf of the Association for the widespread support given to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

With the overall membership of the NSW Rural Fire Service being 74,000 volunteers, this Association is proud of its achievements in representing volunteers and staff by continuing to engage with Councils and State Government thereby ensuring also that resources and funding enable the Rural Fire Service to maintain its high standard of efficiency in protecting the community of New South Wales.

This Association certainly recognises the financial and other forms of support provided directly and indirectly by Council and the community. Our members very much appreciate this partnership.

Council may be assured of this Association's willingness to continue to work collaboratively with all councils responsible for the administration of brigades throughout New South Wales through its well established structure of 16 Divisions and over 40 Branches. The Association will also monitor the role-out of the Government's Emergency Service Property Levy proposals to ensure that the long term viability of the NSW RFS as a volunteer based, autonomously funded organisation is not diminished.

Thank you once again, for your continued support and I wish you all the very best for the year ahead. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call me directly on 0417203 088.

Yours faithfully

Ken Middleton
President

Supporting Our Members To Protect The Community