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## 0.0 Vale Paul Tosi

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### Recommendation

That a letter of condolence be forwarded to the family.

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Paul Francis Tosi was a visionary, a passionate public figure and highly respected member of Campbelltown City Council for 33 years and it is with much sadness that I acknowledge his passing on the evening of Thursday 23 November.

Campbelltown has lost one of its greatest advocates. Paul was committed to ensuring that the people and City of Campbelltown were at the forefront of government decision-making that would impact our community, and worked tirelessly to ensure that Council was in the best possible position to prepare for the tremendous growth that our area is experiencing.

Paul first commenced his employment with Campbelltown City Council as Property Manager in 1982. He was a qualified valuer and with a Diploma in Town and Country Planning from Sydney University. Following a short stint in the private sector, he returned to Council as the Director Property, Parks and Recreation in December 1987. He remained in this position until he was appointed as the General Manager in December 1999.

The position of General Manager of a Council can be fraught with challenges, but as the person in charge of one of the largest Local Government bodies in NSW at the time, Paul always met those challenges head on with determination and the desire to do the right thing by the Councillors, the staff and the community.

In the 16 years Paul spent as General Manager, he implemented significant change with an emphasis on long term strategic and financial planning, quality customer service, continuous improvement and innovation.

Paul's consistent advocacy for the city was instrumental in putting Campbelltown on the map, and ensuring that the voice of the community was heard by all levels of government. He was exceptionally well respected at the highest levels in politics, across the local government industry, and by leaders of councils and organisations across Sydney.

Something Paul often liked to say was that he wanted to leave the organisation in a better position than when he started. Paul was more than just an inspirational leader of the hundreds of Council staff that worked with him at Campbelltown City Council, he was also a strong advocate for the staff, and was always proud to say that it was the people who made the organisation great.

Paul raised his family with wife Denise in Campbelltown, and his children, Michael, Belinda and Katrina were schooled in the area. Paul has three grandchildren, Luke, Conor and Sean whom he loved to spend his time with, and was often seen out on the golf course with Luke, teaching him how to play the game. He was a passionate and well respected member of the Campbelltown community, and made an outstanding contribution to the city and its people.

The strength of Campbelltown City Council leading into the future is a lasting testament to Paul's passion, loyalty and love of Campbelltown City, and his legacy will live on in the groundwork he laid for the city's future development and its people.

On behalf of myself, my fellow Councillors, Council's Executive team and staff, and our community, I extend heartfelt condolences to Paul's family and loved ones.

### **Attachments**

Nil