

#### **4. MAYORAL MINUTE**

**No mayoral minute this round**

#### **5. PETITIONS**

**No Petitions this round**

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **6.1 Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health**

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##### **Attachments**

1. Copy of letter from Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health
2. Copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter concerning car parking spaces at the new Campbelltown Hospital.

##### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

##### **Council Meeting 20 November 2012 (Borg/Lake)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

##### **Amendment: (Oates/Borg)**

1. That the Mayor seek an urgent meeting with the NSW Health Minister to advocate for the construction of a free multi deck carpark to deal with the hospital expansion.
2. That Council write to the Local Member for Campbelltown, Mr Bryan Doyle and the Local Member for Wollondilly, Mr Jai Rowell seeking their support of this motion.

##### **Council Resolution Minute Number 191**

That the above amendment be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



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**The Hon Jillian Skinner MP**  
Minister for Health  
Minister for Medical Research

M12/5453

Mr Paul Tosi  
General Manager  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO Box 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

1 NOV 2012

Dear Mr Tosi

Thank you for your letter raising concerns over car parking spaces for the new Campbelltown Hospital. I recognise that car parking at the hospital is of vital concern not only for patients and staff, but also for the local community more broadly.

At present, because the hospital grounds are relatively large and with many undeveloped areas, a wide range of parking arrangements apply, both formal and informal. This parking is used by patients, staff, visitors and others who park within the grounds to access the nearby private hospital, council park and local shops for convenience.

With the construction of the new acute hospital building, the current informal arrangements will be formalised and parking areas will be rearranged. To maximise available parking during construction, a range of temporary parking measures will apply as well as some internal road changes.

Parking demand at the completion of the current redevelopment works will be met by the 1225 on-grade spaces being provided as part of the works. The calculations for the numbers being accommodated include observations of all on-site parking, without differentiating those cars directly associated with the hospital and those using the grounds for other purposes. The 1225 spaces therefore includes provision for staff and patient cars as well as for those associated with local convenience parking.

Although there are no current plans to construct a multi-deck car park at Campbelltown Hospital, the hospital's Masterplan includes future provision of such a facility. However at this point there are no details on specific location, sizing, demand profiles or funding mechanisms, and based on assessment of the impact of the current development, no need to include a multi-deck facility to meet additional demand resulting from the new development.

In order to ascertain future demand, a demand management study for a multi-deck car park at Campbelltown Hospital will be undertaken. It will include recommendations on potential timing for delivery, and will explore possible funding mechanisms in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Masterplan, and in consideration of the concerns you have raised.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. Representatives from the Ministry of Health will contact you directly in relation to your request for a meeting to discuss Campbelltown Hospital. In the meantime, should you wish to obtain further information, please contact the Health Infrastructure Project Line on 9978 5444.

Yours sincerely

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Jillian Skinner MP

## ATTACHMENT 2



4 September 2012

The Hon Jillian Skinner MP  
Minister for Health  
Minister for Medical Research  
Governor Macquarie Tower  
Level 31, 1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

### **Campbelltown Public Hospital**

Over a number of years, Council has received comments and representations from the local community expressing concern over a shortfall in parking available in the Campbelltown Public Hospital precinct and surrounding streets.

These representations have escalated in recent months, coinciding with the announcement of the Hospital upgrade and the onset of the Local Government elections.

Minister, as you would most likely be aware, Campbelltown Public Hospital is a highly valued asset in our community.

Campbelltown City Council would like to commence a serious dialogue with you and your Department, to work together to ensure that the recently announced investment by the NSW Government, in the enhancement of the Hospital, yields the maximum possible community benefit.

Central to the success of the upgrade will be the satisfactory provision of new parking facilities, both within the Hospital and in surrounding areas, as will be the availability of efficient and safe vehicular, public transport and pedestrian access arrangements.

At its meeting on 31 July 2012, Council resolved to write to the Minister for Health respectfully requesting the Government to consider the allocation of additional funding to construct a time restricted, multi-deck parking station (providing free parking) as part of the redevelopment and expansion of the Campbelltown Public Hospital.

This request takes account of the future positioning of the Hospital to service a large and growing population, including the South West Growth Centre. As I am sure you would appreciate, a major regional hospital such as Campbelltown does already and will continue to generate (at an increasing rate) the need for well functioning parking and traffic access arrangements.

In the first instance, it would be appreciated if the Mayor and I could arrange to meet with you to discuss this issue in greater depth and work towards building a strong collaboration between Council and the Government to deal with the above matters.

I would also like to suggest that given Council has raised these issues with the Local Member for Wollondilly, Mr Jai Rowell, perhaps it would be appropriate that Mr Rowell be invited to attend any meeting that we might have with you.

Minister, it is important that the Government understands that Council is not looking to it to solve all the parking and access challenges associated with the Public Hospital precinct alone.

Council acknowledges that there are already some existing problems with parking and traffic management in the area. Council staff are currently investigating options to deal with these concerns for Council's consideration later this year. I have instructed my senior staff to ensure that future planning for the area takes into account the views of your Department and the operational requirements of the Hospital, both currently and in the future. To that end, I have sought to arrange for Council's senior staff to liaise directly with Mr Erik Maranik of Health Infrastructure.

Council looks forward to receiving your advice concerning its proposal for you, the Mayor and I to meet and discuss the future of Campbelltown Public Hospital.

I can be contacted by telephoning (02) 4645 4659.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
General Manager

## **6.2 Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Planning and Infrastructure**

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### **Attachments**

1. Copy of letter from Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
2. Copy of Council's letter

On behalf of the Premier responding to Council's letter concerning the recent approval of a modification to a development consent for the Camden Gas Project at Mount Taurus.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 20 November 2012 (Lake/Mead)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 192**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



## The Hon Brad Hazzard MP

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW

Councillor Anoulack Chanthivong  
Mayor  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO Box 57  
Campbelltown NSW 2560

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Dear Councillor Chanthivong

I refer to your letter to the Premier, the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP, concerning the recent approval of a modification to a development consent for the Camden Gas Project at Mount Taurus, which involves the development of a single additional gas well. The Premier has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I am advised the construction works for the additional gas well have been completed. I am also advised the Proponent, AGL Energy Limited, has informed the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that no complaints were received during the construction period.

I can assure you the Department carefully considered all potential impacts in assessing the modification and drafting the conditions of approval, including surface water, flooding, groundwater, noise and amenity impacts. The modification was also independently assessed and approved by the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC).

I would also like to advise you that the proposed northern expansion of the Camden Gas Project will now be assessed under the Government's new transparent State significant development system, under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* rather than the former Part 3A. As part of this change, the project will also be shortly re-exhibited for public comment and undergo an independent merit review assessment by the PAC that will include public hearings.

The assessment of the northern expansion project will have full regard to the stringent measures for the coal seam gas industry that have recently been released by the Government, including the Aquifer Interference Policy.

Yours sincerely

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**HON BRAD HAZZARD MP**  
Minister

7 NOV 2012

## ATTACHMENT 2



23 August 2012

The Hon Barry O'Farrell  
Premier  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Premier

**Modification of Development Consent  
Mount Taurus - MP 25 (DA 183-8-2004-i-MOD 2)**

I write on behalf of Campbelltown City Council to express Council's concern over the recent decision of the Planning Assessment Commission to approve the above application.

As you may be aware, Campbelltown City Council has continually stated its strongest objection to the application to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, including representations made by Council's General Manager and Director Planning and Environment at a meeting with the Planning Assessment Commission.

Importantly, Council raised in its original submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that it held deep concerns over the decision by the Department not to publicly exhibit the modification application. This decision has now met with consternation and distress by the community, as expressed in recent media reports.

Information has been received by the Council indicating that works associated with the approval have commenced over the last few days and Council has learned of the concern of residents living in proximity to the Mt Taurus well site (MP25) over the impacts of construction, particularly impacts relating to noise.

Council has seen a number of reports suggesting that noise emanating from construction works have caused disturbance to local residents living in proximity to the well site, especially during early hours of the morning.

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Council notes the relevant conditions of approval relating to the construction works and including, in particular, a note which appears on the approval suggesting that construction activity shall not be heard at the nearest residential receiver outside of the hours of 7.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am - 1.00pm Saturday.

Most importantly, Council would now seek the Government's reassurance that this principle underpins the construction noise criteria for surface to in-seam wells (MP 25) included in the approval (Condition 13C). If such an undertaking cannot be provided, then Council and the community can be left with no confidence that local resident amenity will be protected. This outcome would be untenable, and demonstrate little regard by the Government for the welfare of the Menangle Park community.

Notwithstanding, please be advised that it is Council's intention to conduct its own independent noise monitoring program relating to MP25 to ensure that the conditions of consent are complied with. The outcome of that monitoring will be analysed and made available to the community. I would trust that arrangements will be put into place to ensure similarly independent monitoring will be conducted by the relevant Government Agency.

This is a particularly important issue as far as the Council is concerned, especially given the track record of AGL as it relates to compliance with the licence for the Rosalind Park gas processing facility that services the Camden gas field. Council has recently become aware that obligations imposed upon the operator of the Rosalind Park facility, concerning the monitoring of Nitrous Oxide emissions, have not been fulfilled for a number of years. This is unacceptable and leaves Council with some doubt as to whether compliance with noise generation standards specified in the approval for MP25 will be properly monitored.

Council has previously written to you and other Government Ministers and Members requesting that the Government implement a moratorium on all coal seam gas activities, and continues to be disappointed that its request has been refused.

The modification application for well site MP25 relates to a location in very close proximity to the Nepean River, which I am sure you would be aware, undergoes flooding from time to time, not excluding the potential for major flooding.

Council is not satisfied that the approval pays proper attention to this concern and is very concerned that should a flood occur, significant damage to the Nepean River and its associated ecosystems could potentially occur.

In addition, and as has consistently been the Council's position, not enough detailed knowledge exists, nor was sufficient information submitted with the modification application, to satisfy the community that coal seam gas extraction from this site, as well as others in the Camden gas field, will not damage precious groundwater resources in the area.

Council now urgently seeks your Government's reassurance that site MP25 will not, either alone, nor in concert with any other wells located within the Camden gas field, adversely impact our groundwater and other natural resources.



Premier, Council understands that this is the first approval issued by the newly elected NSW Coalition Government for a new coal seam gas extraction facility. Council is disappointed that a Strategic Land Use Plan has not yet been prepared for the Camden Gas field, and also that there is no right of appeal against the determination of the Planning Assessment Commission. Insufficient scientific evidence exists to ensure that extraction from the Camden gas field is not damaging and will not in future damage important water resources.

Until such time as that reassurance can be given, and until the shortcomings raised with the determination process and approval associated with the MP25 well site (as set out above and in Council's numerous submissions) are positively resolved, the community of Campbelltown cannot be confident that its best interests are of concern to the NSW Government.

Council looks forward to your most urgent response to these matters. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Council's General Manager, Paul Tosi on 4645 4659.

Yours sincerely

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Anoulack Chanthivong  
Mayor

## **6.3 Local Government and Shires Association of NSW**

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### **Attachments**

Copy of Letter

Advising that given the very recent and strong vote in favour of the amalgamation of the Associations at the Federal level the Executives of both Associations have resolved to seek an exemption from the requirement to hold a ballot to seek registration of the amalgamation process under State Industrial Law.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 20 November 2012 (Chanthivong/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 193**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1

Local Government  
Association of NSW



Shires Association  
of NSW

17 OCT 2012 09:01:21 AEST

Our ref: R10/0016 Out 20685

**\*EMAILED 17 OCTOBER\***

17 October 2012

Mr Paul Tosi  
General Manager  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO Box 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr Tosi,

## **One Association**

As you will be aware a secret postal ballot of members was undertaken in July and August this year under the auspices of the Australian Electoral Commission, following orders made by Fair Work Australia on 14 June, to decide if the amalgamation between the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW was approved by those members. The ballot returned large majorities from both Associations in favour of the amalgamation.

That result meant that the amalgamation of the two associations registered under Federal law will definitely take place, hopefully about 1 March 2013.

That successful ballot was a fundamental event in the legal process for amalgamation of the two associations, but applies to the Federal registered associations only.

As you will no doubt be aware, the Associations are also registered under NSW State Industrial law. Thus to fully complete the process of amalgamation, an amalgamation of the State registered associations also needs to occur.

The process to complete the amalgamation of the State registered associations has commenced, with the aim being to have that amalgamation come into effect on the same day as the federal amalgamation comes into effect.

While the amalgamation processes under State industrial law are very similar to those at the Federal level, an amalgamation between two State registered associations does not have to be approved by a ballot of members of the amalgamating associations if the NSW Industrial Registrar gives the associations an exemption. He can do that if satisfied that the proposed amalgamation is in effect a "flow on" of an amalgamation that has already taken place in the Federal jurisdiction. Given the very recent and strong vote in favour of the amalgamation at the federal level and the very many similarities and connections between the State and Federal associations, there is a very strong case for such an exemption being applied for and being obtained.

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The Executives of both Associations have considered this matter and have resolved to seek an exemption from the requirement to hold a ballot. All the required documentation has now been lodged with the Registrar.

The Associations are required to notify members of the application for exemption and a copy of the Notice is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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Peter Coulton  
Director Corporate Services

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION**  
**From**  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR A BALLOT OF MEMBERS**  
**For**  
**AMALGAMATION OF STATE REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES**  
**SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Members of the above named organizations of employers registered under the Industrial Relations Act 1996 (NSW) are hereby advised that these organizations have applied to the NSW Industrial Registrar for a certificate of exemption under Regulation 103A of the Industrial Relations Act 1991 (NSW).

The certificate if granted will exempt the organizations from the holding of a ballot of members to approve the amalgamation of the NSW registered organizations. This is because the NSW registered organizations are the state based counterparts of two organizations of the same names registered under Federal law, namely the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (Cth). The members of these two counterpart Federal organizations voted in favour of the amalgamation in a secret postal ballot of members conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission and declared on 8 August 2012.

The amalgamation of the federal organizations is planned to take place on or about 1 March 2013, which is the same date planned for the amalgamation of the state counterpart organizations.

The certificate of exemption that is now sought by the state organizations would if granted allow these federal ballots to be recognised as a sufficient expression of membership approval of the State amalgamation to permit the exception from the requirements of another ballot. Regulation 103A provides that any member who has an objection to the issue of a certificate should lodge its objection in writing with the Industrial Registrar, by no later than 5pm on 14 November 2012.

The address for the Industrial Registrar is Ground Floor, 47 Bridge Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

## **6.4 Marsden's Law Group**

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### **Attachments**

Copy of Letter

Congratulating Council on the outstanding success of the 2012 Fisher's Ghost Art Awards.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received.

### **Council Meeting 20 November 2012 (Hawker/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 194**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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Attention: Paul Hawker  
PO Box 57  
Campbelltown NSW 2560

25 October 2012

Dear Paul,

**Re: Councillor Paul Hawker & Members of the Sub-Committee  
Campbelltown Art Gallery**

I wanted to formally congratulate you and your team on an outstanding event on this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fisher's Ghost Festival.

Can I also applaud you for your delivery at the opening on Thursday evening.

Please pass on my best wishes to the Sub-Committee and all involved in the Campbelltown Art Gallery. I wish them every success in the future and look forward to Marsdens' continuing to support of the Arts in the Macarthur Region

Yours faithfully

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