

## **5. PETITIONS**

### **5.1 Residents of Macarthur Gardens Retirement Village**

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Forwarding a petition containing 76 signatures expressing their opposition to AGL mining in the Campbelltown/Macarthur residential area.

(Comment: This petition has been forwarded to the Director Planning and Environment for inclusion in any future submissions regarding this issue.).

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

That the petition be received and the petitioners be advised in terms of the above comment.

#### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Mead/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

#### **Council Resolution Minute Number 2**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Macarthur Combined Churches Christmas Day Dinner Appeal Inc**

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#### **Attachments**

Copy of Letter

Thanking Council for its support of the 2012 Macarthur Combined Churches Christmas Dinner.

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

That the letter be received.

#### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Hawker/Lake)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

#### **Council Resolution Minute Number 3**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1

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## **Macarthur Combined Churches**

### **Christmas Day Dinner Appeal Inc; ABN 60 418 709 409**

19 January 2013

C.E.O. Mr. P. Tosi.  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO BOX 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr. Tosi and Council,

Over 400 people attended the 2012 Macarthur Combined Churches Christmas Day Dinner.

Our committee has agreed that we have once again brought this annual event to a very rewarding and auspicious conclusion.

As always, without the support of many of our local businesses and the good will of the citizens of our city this event would not achieve the success which it now enjoys.

Our special thanks must go to Campbelltown City Council for their support and caring attitudes which are very much appreciated. I wish to offer a special thank you to Mr. Terry Rouen who has worked with us, addressing any issues we might have had. Mr. Rouen has made my job so much easier with his polite and understanding manner. I do value his support.

We acknowledge your staff who took so many calls on our behalf. A special thank you must go to your caretakers who are so very eager to assist us at all times with our requirements. I wish to acknowledge David Cartwright for his design of programs

For the first time we placed a questioner on tables and although only 85 people returned them, we are very aware that our committee are doing things right. It was recorded that two people had attended this event for the last twelve years, four had attended four times while thirty four had attended for the first time. When asked the reason for their attendance forty four had indicated that companionship was the main reason and a good time came in at number two. When asked about what you liked best fifty one said the food, thirty four said the music. Atmosphere got forty eight votes and companionship got thirty seven. Seventy four said they had enjoyed themselves and seventy nine agreed that they had been made to feel very welcome

We were able to supply this food, drink, entertainment and gifts only through the generosity of the local community. Ingleburn RSL for Leg Hams, Kings Charcoal Chicken, St John Catholic Church, Willis Cake Shop, Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal, Council Staff for their very generous donation, Legacy Ladies, Broughton College, Streets Ice Cream, Hot Pot and Aunty Judy, and many others who donated gifts as lucky door prizes etc.

The committee is extremely grateful for the many generous and caring people in our community who come along and volunteer on the day. We feel this gives them the opportunity to express their pride in local affairs, and of course we are delighted to have them on board.

We are thankful for the bus drivers who pick up, and drop off our guests who has no other means of getting to the venue.

We did have one rather unfortunate issue when we realised that the freezer was malfunctioning and all our ice creams had melted. However nobody realised this and people went home without knowing of the drama in the kitchen.

We have always found that the atmosphere and the joy that we receive from this event which makes our effort so very much worth while. We all receive personal satisfaction for a job well done and we are happy to continue to come together for the 2013 event.

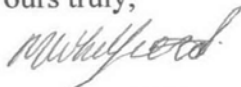
In February we will hold our AGM and then take eight months annual leave before we start planning our 2013 program.

Our committee appreciate all the cooperation and good will which we receive from Campbelltown City Council and trust that we will be able to work together to bring the same awe-inspiring results to the 2013 Christmas Day Dinner.

If you wish to have any further discussions relating to this matter please don't hesitate to contact me.

In the meantime may we send our sincere thanks and appreciation to all concerned.

Yours truly,



Mary Whitfield  
Treasurer—Co-ordinator

13 Hamilton Road Kentlyn 2560  
Ph 46253440

## **6.2 Bryan Doyle Member for Campbelltown**

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### **Attachments**

1. Copy of letter from Member for Campbelltown
2. Copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter concerning Coal Seam Gas issues.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Greiss/Rowell)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 4**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



**Bryan Doyle MP**  
Member for Campbelltown



21 December 2012

DEC27'12 08:18:41 RCVD

Mr Paul Tosi  
Campbelltown City Council  
Po Box 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr Tosi

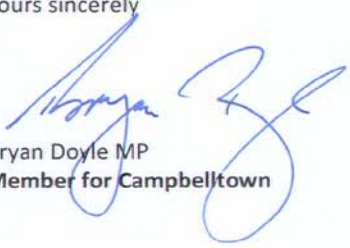
I acknowledge your correspondence of 20 December 2012 referring to motions moved by Council on 16 October 2012 regarding Coal Seam Gas issues.

I note that Council has written directly to the Minister on 21 November 2012.

As you will be aware I am opposed to Coal Seam Gas in the Scenic Hills and under residential areas. This position I have communicated to AGL and the Minister.

I appreciate the support of Campbelltown Council in this matter.

Yours sincerely

  
Bryan Doyle MP  
Member for Campbelltown

## ATTACHMENT 2



12 December 2012

The Hon B Doyle  
Suite 2A 263 Queen Street  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr Doyle

### **Coal Seam Gas Extraction - Camden Gas Project**

Campbelltown Council continues to have concerns over potential health and environmental impacts associated with the Camden Gas Project and the coal seam gas industry in general. These concerns have been previously expressed to the NSW Government through a variety of forums including correspondence and representation to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas.

In relation to these matters, Council resolved at its meeting on 16 October 2012 to:

1. *Make further representations to the Minister for Resources and Energy requesting that no new licences for Coal Seam Gas mining or exploration be approved or renewed until such time as scientific evidence guarantees that such activities do not compromise the environment or health and safety of the community.*
2. *Write to the State members for Camden, Campbelltown, Macquarie Fields and Wollondilly asking them to support Council's position on this matter.*

Council seeks your support in making representations to both the NSW Premier and the Minister for Resources and Energy in accordance with the above resolutions. A copy of Council's correspondence sent to the Minister for Resources and Energy is enclosed for your information.

If you require any further information please contact Council's Director Planning and Environment, Jeff Lawrence, on (02) 4645 4576.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
General Manager

## **6.3 Chris Patterson MP Member for Camden**

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### **Attachments**

1. Copy of letter to Chris Patterson MP Member for Camden
2. Copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter regarding Coal Seam Gas Extraction - Camden Gas Project.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Greiss/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 5**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.



# ATTACHMENT 1



DEC27'12 08:22:09 RCVD

December 21 2012

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

Dear Mr Tosi 

Thank you for your letter regarding Coal Seam Gas Extraction – Camden Gas Project. As you would be aware the Northern Expansion project is currently on public exhibition and after personally approaching the Minister for Planning, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP I was able to get an extension to February 8 2013 for submissions to be lodged.

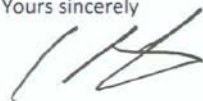
I have been approached by many of my constituents on the issue and understand the anger the public feel. I have publically announced I am vehemently opposed to this project and I have made a submission to the Department of Planning expressing mine and my constituents concerns on many aspects of the proposed Coal Seam Gas project.

The Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) will be responsible for any further decisions on this project keeping the government at arms length on any further assessment.

I am very happy to support Campbelltown City Council's opposition to the project as I have with Camden Council.

At any time I am happy to meet with you to discuss the issue.

Yours sincerely



**Chris Patterson MP**  
Member for Camden

## ATTACHMENT 2



12 December 2012

The Hon C Patterson  
66 John Street  
CAMDEN NSW 2570

Dear Mr Patterson

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Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
General Manager

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

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### **Attachments**

1. Copy of letter from Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
2. Copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter concerning the issue of children falling from windows in high rise developments.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Greiss/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 6**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1

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**The Hon Brad Hazzard MP**  
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW

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

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Dear Mr Tosi

I refer to your letter concerning the issue of children falling from windows in high rise developments.

The tragic consequences of children falling from windows have been a subject of concern and attention to my Government and the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (the Department) since the release of the Outcomes Report on the subject by the Children's Hospital at Westmead in February 2011.

Among a series of recommendations the Outcomes Report made for both new and existing buildings, community education and awareness campaigns were identified as a priority action. International approaches to this matter have shown that such campaigns are a powerful tool in effecting change in the rate of falls and can be implemented without the need for time consuming regulatory change.

I was pleased to launch the first stage of the NSW Government's education and awareness campaign in November 2011 with my Ministerial colleagues for Health, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP, and Fair Trading, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP. This first stage has served to provide vital information to many parents through the distribution of posters and flyers to real estate agents, strata managers and community housing providers. The same material in an updated form, including versions translated into ten main community languages, has been released this summer as part of the Government's "Kids Don't Fly" child safety campaign. The material is available for download from a number of websites including the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and NSW Health. Subsequent stages of this campaign will seek to reinforce the message of the practical steps parents and carers can take to protect children from falls.

For new buildings, I am informed the Department has successfully lobbied the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) to have changes introduced in the Building Code of Australia (BCA) 2013 to require barriers to openable windows where a person could fall more than 2m. The new provisions will apply from 1 May 2013 with the implementation of BCA 2013.

Regarding your comment on the application of proposed changes to the Building Code of Australia to buildings approved or under construction, the Environmental Planning & Assessment legislation does not apply requirements proposed for a future BCA to buildings approved or under construction, giving proponents the necessary certainty in designing buildings to set requirements.

I thank you for your letter and support of Government action to date to address child falls from buildings. Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Stephen Durnford, Team Leader, Building Systems Unit of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Mr Durnford can be contacted on 02 8575 4011.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Hazzard', written in a cursive style.

**HON BRAD HAZZARD MP**  
Minister

16 JAN 2013

## ATTACHMENT 2



22 August 2012

The Hon. Brad Hazzard  
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
Level 31 Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

### **Children Falling From High Rise Developments**

At a recent meeting of the full Council it was resolved that representation be made to your office on the matter of children falling from high level windows.

Campbelltown City Council notes recent media reports identifying an increase in the number of children falling from open windows in high rise developments and the tragic consequences to not only the child, but the wider effect such an incident has on the child's family and friends.

Council is also aware of (and fully supports) changes proposed to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) 2013 which will require barriers to openable windows in all new building work where a person could fall more than 2m. However, the Council is concerned that in the time it takes for the proposed changes to the BCA to come into effect, many more families will suffer from the consequences of children falling from high level windows that have no barriers. It is also of concern that the amendments to the BCA may only apply to new building works.

In this regard, Council seeks your advice on what measures the State Government is taking to prevent children from falling from high level windows in existing buildings, and what measures are being taken to ensure that buildings that are currently under construction and those that are currently being assessed or have been approved and are awaiting the commencement of construction, are not immune to the proposed changes to the BCA.

Council appreciates your consideration of this matter and fully supports any immediate and reasonable measures you may take in order to prevent further falling tragedies from happening again. If you wish to discuss this matter or the contents of this letter further, please contact Mr Jeff Lawrence – Director Planning & Environment on (02) 4645 4575.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
**General Manager**

## **6.5 Department of Health and Ageing**

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### **Attachments**

- 1 Copy of letter Federal Department of Health and Ageing
2. Copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter concerning mental health funding for the Macarthur Region.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Glynn/Kolkman)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 7**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



Australian Government 2013 08:05:05 RCVD  
Department of Health and Ageing

Mr Michael Sewell  
Director Business Services  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO Box 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr Sewell

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 December 2012 to the Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, regarding mental health funding for the Macarthur Region. The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Australian Government has heard the views of Australians who have experienced mental illness, their families, their carers and the experts. In response to this demonstrated need, the Government has through the 2011-12 Budget developed the \$2.2 billion *Delivering National Mental Health Reform* package which will deliver cross-sector reform that recognises the diverse impact of mental illness throughout a person's lifetime. Further information about the package is at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/budget/publishing.nsf/Content/budget2011-minstatement.htm>

A number of initiatives in this Budget package aim to rebalance the system to expand the focus of service provision to broader than just clinical care, and to better target and integrate service delivery. One such initiative is the Partners in Recovery (PIR): *Coordinated Support and Flexible Funding for People with Severe, Persistent Mental Illness and Complex Care Needs* initiative. Funding of \$549.8 million has been announced, over five years, to improve the system response to and outcomes for 24,000 people with severe, persistent mental illness and complex needs, and their carers and families. It is envisaged PIR Organisations in each Medicare Local region (including in the South Western Sydney region which includes Campbelltown) will start to come on board this financial year. Further information will be at [www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth](http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth) as it becomes available.

Another initiative as part of this Budget package is the allocation of \$197.3 million over five years to expand the *headspace* program. *headspace* provides a national coordinated focus on youth mental health, physical health, alcohol and other drug use, and social and vocational support. *headspace* aims to improve access for young people aged 12-25 years to appropriate services and supports better coordination between services. Funding for this program will result in 90 *headspace* sites across Australia by 2014-15 that, once fully established, will help up to 72,000 young people each year. There are currently 40 operational *headspace* sites across Australia.



The *headspace* centre nearest to you is:  
headspace Campbelltown  
Level 8, 171-179 Queen Street  
Campbelltown NSW 2560

*headspace* also operates *eheadspace* which provides free, confidential and anonymous telephone and web-based support services to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years with, or at risk of developing, a mild to moderate mental illness.  
Further information on *headspace* and access to *eheadspace* can be found at [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

You may also be interested to know about the Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) initiative. ATAPS, which is funded through Medicare Locals, enables General Practitioners to refer patients, including children, who have been diagnosed as having a common mental disorder of mild to moderate severity for up to 12, or in certain circumstances, 18 individual sessions of short-term focused psychological strategies services per calendar year with a mental health professional.

The Government through the *Delivering National Mental Health Reform* package will provide an additional \$205.9 million over five years to significantly expand the ATAPS program, to provide services to an additional 184,000 people in hard to reach groups, 50,000 children and their families, around 18,000 Indigenous Australians; and around 116,000 people from other hard to reach groups, with a particular focus on low socioeconomic areas.

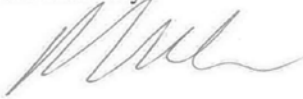
The ATAPS program is funded through Medicare Locals Australia wide which act as fundholders for the program. The Department of Health and Ageing funds Medicare Locals to ensure the provision of ATAPS services can be achieved through a service model appropriate to local needs. Accordingly, it is the role of the Medicare Local to engage appropriately qualified ATAPS mental health professionals, in line with the local model of service provision, to provide the ATAPS services.

The Medicare Local in your area is:  
South Western Sydney Medicare Local  
Level 3, 1 Bolger Street  
Campbelltown NSW 2566

Phone: 1300 179 765  
Fax: 02 4625 9466  
Email: [enquiries@swsml.com.au](mailto:enquiries@swsml.com.au)

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Welsh  
A/g Director  
Primary Care Programs Section

29 January 2013

## ATTACHMENT 2



21 December 2012

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP  
Federal Minister for Health  
Parliament House  
Suite MG46  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

### **Mental Health Funding for the Macarthur Region**

At the Campbelltown City Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2012, concern was expressed that the Campbelltown Private Hospital was closing its mental health ward.

Statistics surrounding the Macarthur region indicate that there is a high incidence of mental health illness in comparison to the Sydney statistical district. A contributing factor to this distressing issue is reflected by the socio economic profile, especially as it relates to the concentration of public housing within the Campbelltown Local Government Area.

Council formally resolved to write to both the State and Federal Ministers for Health regarding the provision of adequate funding to address mental health issues in the Macarthur area.

It needs to be reemphasised that this is an extremely important issue within our community. Should you require any further details please contact me on 4645 4662.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Sewell  
Director Business Services

## **6.6 Philippine Consulate General - Sydney**

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### **Attachments**

Copy of Letter

Forwarding on behalf of Secretary of Foreign Affairs a letter thanking Council for the warm hospitality afforded his Excellency President Benigno S Aquino III during his visit to Campbelltown in October 2012.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received.

### **Council Meeting 26 February 2013 (Lake/Mead)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 8**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



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Philippine Consulate General  
Sydney

14 December 2012

Dear Mayor Dobson,

I am honored to forward to you the enclosed letter from the Honorable Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, conveying appreciation, on behalf of President Benigno S. Aquino III, to you and to the officers and members of the Campbelltown City Council for the warm hospitality accorded the Philippine Delegation during their visit to Campbelltown last 26 October 2012 and for the Council's support and commitment for the Rizal Park project.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

  
**ANNE JALANDO-ON LOUIS**  
Consul General

**THE HONORABLE SUE DOBSON**  
Mayor  
Campbelltown City  
New South Wales, Australia

23 November 2012

Dear Mayor Dobson,

On behalf of His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III, I wish to thank you for the warm hospitality accorded to the Philippine delegation during our visit to Campbelltown City on 26 October 2012 to unveil the statue of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Philippine National Hero, at the Rizal Park in Rosemeadow.

Your assistance in ensuring that all possible arrangements contributed to the success of the event is highly appreciated by the Philippines.

I am glad to note the dynamic and productive working relationship among the Campbelltown City Council, the Philippine Embassy in Canberra, the Philippine Consulate in Sydney, and the Filipino Community led by the Rizal Park Movement of Campbelltown.

The support and commitment that the Campbelltown City Council has shown for the Rizal park project is commendable. I wish you success in your plans to further enhance the facilities of the Park.



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO

The Honorable  
**SUE DOBSON**  
Mayor  
Campbelltown City  
New South Wales, Australia