

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

**No mayoral minute this round**

#### **5. PETITIONS**

**No Petitions this round**

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **6.1 Office of Environment & Heritage**

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##### **Attachments**

1. copy of letter from Office of Environment & Heritage
2. copy of Council's letter

Responding to Council's letter regarding the recent recommendation of a Legislative Council Inquiry concerning logging in National Parks.

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

##### **Council Meeting 10 September 2013 (Greiss/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



Office of  
Environment & Heritage  
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



Our reference: MD13/3213

Mr Paul Tosi  
General Manager  
PO Box 57  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

AUG22'13 08:08:35 RCOD

Dear Mr Tosi *Paul,*

I refer to your letter regarding the recent recommendation of a Legislative Council Inquiry concerning national parks.

The General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 recommended that the NSW Government consider tenure swaps between national parks and state forests in order to increase wood supply.

This recommendation does not reflect the Government's views on this issue. The Government does not support commercial logging in national parks, including Dharawal National Park, and has no plans to allow it.

The NSW Government recognises that our national parks are special and unique places that deserve enduring protection. The Government is committed to their important role in conserving native flora and fauna and cultural heritage, and to improving community wellbeing through increased opportunities for nature-based recreation and tourism.

Yours sincerely

*Bob Conroy 16/8/13*

**BOB CONROY**  
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## ATTACHMENT 2



25 June 2013

The Hon. Robyn Parker MP  
Minister for the Environment  
PO Box A290  
Sydney South NSW 1232

Dear Minister

### **Proposed Logging within NSW National Parks**

In response to a recent recommendation arising from an Upper House Inquiry into public lands to allow logging within NSW National Parks, Council at its meeting on 21 May 2013, resolved to:

*"write to the Premier and Minister for the Environment requesting assurance and guarantees that no logging will be permitted in Dharawal National Park".*

As you are aware the Dharawal National Park is one of NSW newest National Parks and is highly valued by Council and the Campbelltown community for its significant ecological and cultural heritage values. The National Park is home to unique ecological communities, including pristine upland swamps that feed the Georges River. Council is concerned that logging activities would negatively impact on these distinctive natural systems. Council is therefore seeking your assurance that no logging will be permitted within the Dharawal National Park as a result of this recommendation.

Council looks forward to receiving your advice on this very important matter. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 4645 4659.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
General Manager

## **6.2 Jai Rowell MP Member for Wollondilly**

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### **Attachments**

1. copy of letter from Jai Rowell MP
2. copy of Council's letter

Forwarding for the information of Council a copy of a letter he received from Minister for Local Government following his representations on behalf of Council regarding the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

### **Council Meeting 10 September 2013 (Lake/Hawker)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# ATTACHMENT 1



JUN25'13 08:05:30 RCVD

Thursday, 20 June 2013

Mr P Tosi  
Campbelltown City Council  
PO BOX 57  
Campbelltown NSW 2560

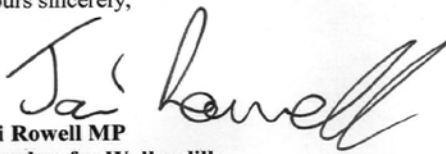
Dear Mr Tosi,

I refer to representations made on your behalf to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP regarding the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. A response to that representation, a copy of which is attached for your information, has been received from the Minister.

I trust that the information provided by the Minister will be of assistance to you.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. If I can be of assistance with any other State matters in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Jai Rowell MP**  
Member for Wollondilly

JR: sp/fb

Looking forward to Council  
submitting applications to the third  
round.



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13 JUN 2013

Our Reference: A311778  
Your Reference:  
Contact: Communications  
Phone: 02 4428 4100

Mr J Rowell MP  
Member for Wollondilly  
PO Box 1005  
TAHMOOR NSW 2573

Dear Mr Rowell

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2013 to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP, making representations on behalf of Mr Paul Tosi, General Manager of Campbelltown City Council, requesting that the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) be extended for a third round. The Minister asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am pleased that Campbelltown City Council has taken the opportunity to apply for funding under the scheme for several projects to secure financial benefits for its community and to provide sustainable infrastructure services into the future.


I can confirm that the NSW Government is committed to reducing the state-wide infrastructure backlog and has approved a third round of the scheme.

Applications will open later this year and can be made via the LIRS Online Project Management Portal. Dates and further information on eligibility criteria for projects under round three will be posted on the Division of Local Government's website in the near future:

[http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg\\_generalindex.asp?sectionid=1&mi=6&ml=22&AreaIndex=LIRS](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_generalindex.asp?sectionid=1&mi=6&ml=22&AreaIndex=LIRS) .

Should the Council require any further information, please advise them to contact Ms Daniela Heubusch, Coordinator Infrastructure, via email at [daniela.heubusch@dlg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:daniela.heubusch@dlg.nsw.gov.au) or on telephone (02) 4428 4133.

Yours sincerely

 13/6/13

**Ross Woodward**  
Chief Executive, Local Government  
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet



## ATTACHMENT 2



16 May 2013

Mr Jai Rowell MP  
Member for Wollondilly  
PO Box 1005  
TAHMOOR NSW 2573

Dear Jai

On 23 April 2013, Council resolved to write to the NSW Premier and Minister for Local Government to request favourable consideration be given to extending the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) or LIRS funding scheme to include a third round.

The enclosed letter is a copy of the correspondence that has been sent to your State Government parliamentary colleagues for your information.

As outlined in the attached letters, Council is aware that a third round of LIRS may be offered in the future and the recent Local Government Review Panel's proposal to maintain this scheme for at least five years. Campbelltown City Council has already received subsidised loan funding under round one and is currently awaiting advice regarding its submission to round two. A third round and future subsidised loans would also be considered by Council to address infrastructure maintenance projects and therefore assist in addressing the funding backlog.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss the above information.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi  
General Manager



14 May 2013

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

Dear Premier

**Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme - Third Round**

At its meeting held on 23 April 2013, Council discussed the positive outcomes achieved in capital works projects funded as a result of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) and seeks the Government's consideration to extending the scheme for a third round.

Campbelltown City Council has been successful in applying for subsidised loan funding under the LIRS scheme in round one and is under consideration for additional funding through round two. This initiative by the Government has provided Council with an affordable option to fast track and increase funding towards addressing Council's infrastructure backlog.

Round one of LIRS has enabled Council to allocate \$5m to road maintenance programs, and should Council be successful in round two, a further \$4m will be allocated to addressing the condition of local roads for the community. In addition to the road program, it is proposed to allocate a further \$1m to the upgrade and reconstruction of the Macquarie Fields public swimming pool.

Infrastructure renewal projects within the Local Government Area represent a considerable benefit to our community that extends far beyond the financial capacity of the current generation of ratepayers. The LIRS scheme enables Council to distribute the burden of major infrastructure projects across multiple generations and the reduced interest rate increases the Council's capacity to increase its borrowing amount.

Council has noted that a third round of LIRS may be offered in the future and the recent Independent Local Government Review Panel's proposal to maintain the LIRS scheme for at least five years is encouraging. At this stage, Council would appreciate the Government's ongoing commitment to the LIRS scheme.

Yours sincerely

Paul Tosi  
General Manager