

5. PETITIONS

No Petitions this round

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Attachments

Copy of letter from Hon B Hazzard MP (contained within this report)

Advising Council of the important changes that have been made to the Planning Bill 2013, which the NSW Government will introduce into Parliament over the coming weeks.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 12 November 2013 (Greiss/Dobson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 245

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

18 October 2013

Mr Paul Tosi
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Dear Mr Tosi

I am writing to you in regard to the important changes that have been made to the Planning Bill 2013, which the NSW Government will introduce into Parliament over the coming weeks.

The new planning system is based on three principles:

- Everyone gets a say
- Certainty in the planning process
- Local planning for local communities.

Importantly, the new Bill reflects significant changes as a result of our unprecedented consultation.

We have received almost 5000 submissions from the community and stakeholders and we will release a feedback report that addresses each of the issues raised in detail and outlines what changes we have made.

Many of these changes return greater planning powers to local councils and communities:

- Councils to modify statewide codes
- Councils to determine where code assessable development will apply, outside growth areas
- Scrapping the 80 per cent target for streamlined assessment
- Councils having majority representation on the new Subregional Planning Boards.

We will continue to provide you with further detailed information on the Planning Bill 2013 over the coming weeks. A series of initiatives are proposed to build the partnership between Local and State Government:

- Operational procedures for the Subregional Planning Boards will be developed in conjunction with councils who will hold the majority membership.
- The Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan, in which councils have invested a lot of time and resources in conjunction with their communities, will now become the core of the new Local Plans.
- As a matter of priority, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will look to reposition the Planning Reform Fund to support the delivery of the new planning system.

- The NSW Government committed \$21 million for the delivery of the new planning system in the 2013/14 Budget and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will work with Local Government to provide a range of tools including guidelines for community participation, the model community participation plan and the Community Participation Hub, which will provide up-to-date engagement resources.
- Local Government NSW is part of the newly established Culture Change Working Group which will help identify a series of actions for the Culture Change Action Group to progress, to improve the way business is done for all users of the new planning system.
- A Planning Advisory Service is proposed, to be jointly staffed by local council and departmental officers. It will be a new central resource specifically focusing on supporting councils in the new planning system, providing tailored tools, templates, information updates, expert technical advice and mentoring.
- The ePlanning Project Office will be working collaboratively with councils to ensure the best outcome for the program and the associated services and tools. Supported by LGNSW, the Department has launched its ePlanning Sponsors and Champions program and NSW Councils have been asked to nominate two staff members to participate, from a range of disciplines to ensure we are able to capture all the issues.

For the first time NSW will have a planning system that puts the community first, is easy to use, efficient, transparent and gives residents, through their councils, the right to be involved 'up-front' in strategic planning for their areas.

The NSW Government looks forward to working with you and your Council as we finalise the details for the new planning system that returns power to local communities.

Yours sincerely



HON BRAD HAZZARD MP
Minister