

4. MAYORAL MINUTE

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5. PETITIONS

No Petitions this round

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Premier of New South Wales

Attachments

1. copy of letter from Mr Mike Baird MP, Premier of New South Wales (contained within this report)
2. copy of Council's letter (contained within this report)

Responding to Council's letter concerning the South West Rail Link Extension.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 19 August 2014 (Borg/Lake)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 143

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



Premier of New South Wales
Minister for Western Sydney
Minister for Infrastructure

Reference: A896452

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28 JUL 2014

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

Dear Mr Tosi

Thank you for your letter dated 25 June 2014 concerning the South West Rail Link Extension and transport links from Campbelltown/Macarthur across Western Sydney.

The NSW Government recognises that the growth of regional cities such as Campbelltown/Macarthur will be critical in supporting Sydney's role as a global city as well as ensuring that jobs are provided closer to homes.

As you would be aware, I have announced plans to establish a Greater Sydney Commission. I envisage that the expertise and leadership of councils will be a key asset that the Commission uses in delivering better outcomes for the people of Sydney.

Delivering transport options for Western Sydney is a priority for my Government. I am pleased to read of your Council's engagement with the Government's recent consultation on public transport corridor protection for the South West Rail Link Extension.

I am advised that Transport for NSW is now progressing technical investigations and is closely investigating the suggestions raised during public consultation, including the possible extension of the public transport corridor to Campbelltown/Macarthur.

I understand that a further round of public consultation will be held on the specific alignment of the corridor in late 2014. Transport for NSW expects to be able to confirm at that stage whether a Campbelltown/Macarthur link will be included.

NSW is also working with the Commonwealth Government to deliver a comprehensive suite of infrastructure and service improvements for Western Sydney to support growth in the region and improve access to the second airport as demand grows.

Thank you again for your letter. I greatly value your Council's contributions to ongoing discussions about planning for Sydney's future.

Yours sincerely

MIKE BAIRD MP
Premier

ATTACHMENT 2



25 June 2014

The Hon Mike Baird
Premier
Level 40, Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

posted 24/6

Dear Mr Baird

South West Rail Link Extension

The recent announcements of the NSW Government concerning planning and funding commitments for a broad package of infrastructure works focused on improving road and public transport accessibility across western Sydney, addressing not only the significance of the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport, but more importantly, the economic and social needs of an expanding population, is welcomed by Campbelltown City Council.

Council has recently considered the proposed extension of the South West Rail Link beyond Leppington and in particular the Government's focus on seeking to identify potential corridor route options. Council is supportive of the need for the protection of a preferred corridor route (and station envelopes) at the earliest possible stage.

Council has lodged a comprehensive submission to Transport for NSW outlining a range of matters which are considered relevant to the proposed South West Rail Extension project, not the least significant being the absolute necessity to extend the connection beyond Narellan to Campbelltown/Macarthur.

I have enclosed a copy of Council's submission for your information.

Council seeks the support of the NSW Government to recognise the significance of planning and developing Campbelltown/Macarthur as Sydney's 3rd Regional City Centre in order to facilitate the long term sustainability of the rapidly expanding Macarthur Region. As you may be aware, the population of the Macarthur Region is set to grow exponentially over the next 20 years and has been earmarked for major urban growth. In the Campbelltown Local Government Area, much of that growth is set to take place:

- In a number of new urban release areas including, East Leppington (Willowdale), Edmondson Park, Mt Gilead, and Menangle Park.

These urban release areas are currently planned to accommodate in the order of 10,000 dwellings. Further, Council is currently considering a planning proposal request for an additional 12000 urban dwellings at Campbelltown South. This would be in addition to more than 20,000 dwellings currently the subject of planning proposals for land in the Wilton and Appin areas currently being reviewed by Wollondilly Shire Council

- Within the Campbelltown/Macarthur CBD and the Ingleburn CBD through multi-level apartment development.

It is of interest that recent research undertaken by Council indicates that as of June 2014, approximately 600 apartments were currently under construction within the Campbelltown/Macarthur precinct and in the order of 400 are the subject of current DA assessment.

Campbelltown City Council strongly holds the view that the recent and proposed extent of planned government and private investment in key regional level facilities at Campbelltown/Macarthur will drive further growth in population and economic development both in the Macarthur region generally as well as within the Campbelltown/Macarthur Centre and its environs. This important infrastructure includes:

- Campbelltown Public Hospital
- Campbelltown Private Hospital
- University of Western Sydney – Campbelltown Campus
- Campbelltown TAFE
- Macarthur Square Regional Shopping Centre
- Campbelltown and Macarthur Railway Stations
- Mt Annan Botanic Gardens
- Campbelltown Regional Arts Centre

On this basis, Council believes it essential that the NSW Government undertake metropolitan and regional land use planning in collaboration with Campbelltown City Council that nominates Campbelltown/Macarthur as a Regional City Centre.

Council further calls upon the Government to commit to planning for and the delivery of direct and strategic road, rail, and public transport connections between Campbelltown/Macarthur and the:

- Badgerys Creek Airport
- Broader Western Sydney Employment Area
- South West Growth Centre

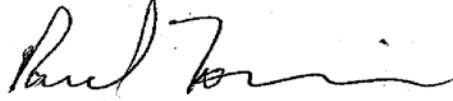
As raised above, Council believes that the current investigations for the South West Rail Link Extension project (public transport corridor protection) support the extension of the proposed rail corridor from Narellan to the Campbelltown/ Macarthur Regional City Centre and formally seeks your Government's support for this important work to be undertaken immediately.

Council would like to work in close collaboration with the Government, relevant planning agencies and Camden Council to explore potential route options for the connection between Narellan and Campbelltown/Macarthur, so that planning for corridor protection can be undertaken as part of the scope of the current project.

Council would appreciate your response to the matters raised in this letter and looks forward to the NSW Government's continued support of the Macarthur Region as a thriving and economically sustainable community into the future.

If I can provide any additional information or can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephoning (02) 46 454 659.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Tosi
General Manager

6.2 Federal Member for Werriwa

Attachments

1. copy of letter from Mr Laurie Ferguson MP (contained within this report)
2. copy of Council's letter (contained within this report)

Forwarding correspondence on behalf of Council regarding Financial Assistance Grants.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 19 August 2014

Note: A late item of correspondence was presented at the meeting - Letter from the Federal Member for Macarthur regarding Financial Assistance Grants.

Council Meeting 19 August 2014 (Dobson/Lake)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 144

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



Laurie Ferguson MP



Federal Member for Werriwa

31 July 2014

The Hon Jamie Briggs MP
Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have received correspondence from Campbelltown Council, which I would stress due to its political makeup is not indulging in partisan rhetoric. They have expressed concern with a number of aspects of Australian political life impacting on locals.

The initial issue is a call to restore indexation of Financial Assistance Grants connected with CPI and population growth. It has been alleged that throughout Australia this entails \$900 million across forward estimates. FAS has been a strong aspect since 1974. My electorate has an especially pronounced instance of housing infill, in formerly quasi-agricultural and other open space. Provision of services demands increase daily and this has been reflected in some Government road funding decisions.

It is a region where people sacrifice time with families through extended work travel times for lower land/house prices. Families are young and need services.

The Council also asks that I convey that it is very worried about the Commission of Audit suggestion that tied grants are eliminated, thus leaving local government on the beach. We all know their funding sources have been very stymied as State Liberal and Labor Governments courted popularity by restricting rate rises for long periods.

Finally, it is requested, quite understandably, that there be assurances that local government will be genuinely consulted on the Taxation and Reform of the Federation White Papers.

Yours sincerely

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Laurie Ferguson MP
Federal Member for Werriwa

ATTACHMENT 2



28 July 2014

The Hon Laurie Ferguson MP
Member for Werriwa
Federal Parliament
PO Box 191
INGLEBURN NSW 2565

Dear Mr Ferguson

Financial Assistant Grant

Council at its meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2014 passed the following resolution:

"That Council support the ALGA in making representations to the Federal Government via the Federal Members of Werriwa and Macarthur to:

- restore indexation of Financial Assistance Grants in line with CPI and population growth immediately
- reject Recommendation 22 of the National Commission of Audit in which the Commission recommends that tied grants to local government cease, and to the extent that programmes are identified as priorities, local and state government provide them to the communities they serve
- state it is imperative that the Commonwealth consult with local government, the states and territories and local communities in the development of the White Paper on Reform of the Federation and the White Paper on Taxation."

If you require any further information please contact Council's Director Business Services, Michael Sewell on 4645 4663.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Tosi', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Tosi
General Manager

Cc: President ALGA - Mayor Dr Felicity-ann Lewis

6.3 Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

Attachments

copy of letter (contained within this report)

Thanking Council for its support of Michael Tuffery's Transforma project in Airds.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 19 August 2014 (Borg/Lake)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 145

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

Museum of
Contemporary
Art Australia

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

22 July 2014

Dear Paul

I am writing to express my deepest thanks for your support of Michel Tuffery's *Transforma* project in Airds earlier this year.

For more than seven weeks, Tuffery and his crew took over the Airds shopping centre car park and transformed the burnt out shells of cars into an iconic sculpture, *Buru Transforma Kangaroo*, which now sits proudly above the Airds High School sporting field. This was a project first and foremost about the community of Airds, especially its young people. Tuffery worked closely with local students, teaching fine art techniques such as printmaking and discussing the importance of caring for the natural environment.

This project would not have been such a success without the valuable partnership between the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and Campbelltown City Council. We value our relationship with Campbelltown Arts Centre in particular, which is also a member of the C3West Steering Committee. Director Michael Dagostino and Curator Megan Monte should be acknowledged for their tireless efforts in particular. We also acknowledge the work of Lindy Deitz, Jeff Lawrence, Renee Winsor, Geoff Lussick, Shayne Neaves, Russell Hart, the Depot team, and many others within Council.

It was a pleasure and a privilege for our C3West team to work on this project to realise Michel Tuffery's vision – not least because of the spirit and assistance of Campbelltown City Council. I hope that you found the experience rewarding and that the sculpture adds to the identity of Airds for many years to come.

Yours sincerely



Blair French
Assistant Director, Curatorial and Digital