

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (NO 101) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS HELD AT
HORNSBY COUNCIL
296 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ON THURSDAY,
7TH AUGUST 2003**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

***Mr Robert Ball, General Manager, Hornsby Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates to Hornsby Council***

QUORUM

The Chairman referred to Article 13.i) of the Constitution that provides:

A quorum at a meeting of the Organisation shall consist of a number being half of the number of Councils plus one.

Member Councils of NSROC include:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Councils represented on the evening included:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council (arrived late)
Clr N Berman	Hornsby Council (arrived late)
Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Mr M Woodward	Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr A Little	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr Ian Cross	Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr B Bell	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr J May	Lane Cove Council
Clr F Vissel (Alt)	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	Acting General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr N Ritten (Alt)	North Sydney Council
Mr G Cooper	Director, North Sydney Council
Clr R Lunsford	Ryde Council
Clr E Wilde OAM	Ryde Council
Mr M McMahon	General Manager, Ryde Council
Mr T Reed	Ryde Council
Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council (Chair)
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Mr John Owen	General Manager, Willoughby Council
Mr R Jones	NSROC Executive Director
Mrs. L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr P Scardifield	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr B Lucas	Hunters Hill Council
Clr R Quinn	Hunters Hill Council (Alternate)
Clr M Rawlings	Lane Cove Council
Clr J Muirhead	Hornsby Council

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417/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr F Vissel, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**
That the Apologies be received.

418/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr R Lunsford, Seconded: Clr F Vissel **CARRIED**
That a presentation by Mr Tony Reed, Ryde Council, on the progress of the NSROC Joint Disposal of Waste, be heard.

1. **NSROC JOINT DISPOSAL OF WASTE**

Tony Reed, Ryde Council, reported on the current status of development of the Joint Tender for the transfer, processing and disposal of waste.

- Preparation of Tender document
- Legal review of Tender document
- Termination of Memorandum of Understanding
- Implementation of Memorandum of Agreement
- Request for Expressions of Interest
- Appoint Probity Auditor
- Evaluate EOI, and report to Councils
- Develop Submission to ACCC

Tony also advised that due to problems associated with the Alternate Technologies of Bedminster and Bright Star that SHOROC Councils may wish to participate in the Joint Tender.

Now seek from the NSROC Board endorsement to proceed with advertising of Expressions of Interest.

419/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**

1. The NSROC Board endorses the documentation and agrees to proceed with the calling of Expressions of Interest for waste disposal for member Councils.
2. The NSROC Board agrees to an approach from SHOROC that its member Councils may be included as a separate cluster in the EOI process.

Note:

Ku-ring-gai Council abstained from voting on this matter as they have conflicting legal advice.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

420/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 100 1st May 2003, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

3.1 Transport – Epping to Parramatta Rail Link

421/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr F Vissel, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**

1. That the Report be received and noted.
2. That NSROC join with WSROC in making joint representations to the Minister seeking an assurance that the Parramatta Rail Link will proceed as originally indicated by the Government in the lead up to the recent election.

3.2 Transport – M2/F3 Link

Mr Max Woodward, Hornsby Council, gave a brief review of the proposed 4 route options and possible implications to Hornsby Council.

General discussion followed on impacts of all proposed routes to member Councils, also the lack of adequate time provided for public consultation.

422/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr R Browne, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**

1. That the report be received and noted.

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2. That NSROC seek an extension, (a minimum of one month), to the closing date of 12th September, for public comment, and
3. That NSROC write to the appropriate authorities and State MPs seeking their support in the extension of the closing date.

3.3 Government Relations – Tuckey Inquiry

423/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr R Browne, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
That the report be received and noted.

3.4 Resource Sharing – Award Development

424/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr E Wilde **CARRIED**
That the report be received and noted.

3.5 LGSA Forum Held 29th July 2003

Clr Reilly and Clr Wilde gave a brief review of their attendance at the Forum

425/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr A Little, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**

1. That the Report be received and noted.
2. That NSROC request the LGSA to release a copy of the Draft Discussion Paper to NSROC one month prior to the Local Government Conference to be held in Albury in November for their consideration.

4. Treasurers Report – NSROC Budget 2003/2004

426/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr A Little, Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**

1. That 'Noted item *3' be deleted from the Budget.
2. That the amended NSROC 2003/2004 Budget be adopted.

5. GMAC Report – Local Government Reform Review Discussion Paper

427/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr F Vissel, Seconded: Clr R Lunsford **CARRIED**
That NSROC:

1. Agrees to undertake a Regional Local Government Reform Study
2. Seeks support from member Councils for this approach and advice on any individual approaches that they have, or may be proposing to undertake.
3. Seeks information from the Minister for Local Government regarding support for the process as outlined in his correspondence to Councils dated 3rd July 2003.
4. Adopts the proposed reform process plan and broad timetable outlined in the discussion paper.
5. Proceeds to hold a Councillors Forum on the reform process as outlined in the discussion paper.
6. Forms a Working Party to undertake the Reform Study and authorises the Working Party to undertake any actions necessary for the Benchmarking Survey, organisation of the Councillors Forum and Community Consultation within the budgetary parameters contained in the report.
7. Seeks advice from the Minister for Local Government on the matters raised in the LGA Discussion paper.

Following adoption of the above resolution, the Chief Executive of Ryde Council, Mr. Michael McMahon advised the Board that Ryde Council was making a submission to the Minister that would involve boundary alterations affecting its neighbouring Councils.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Managing Sydney's Population Growth

428/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr A Little, Seconded: Clr E Wilde **CARRIED**

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That the paper, as presented, be considered for discussion at the next NSROC meeting with a view to developing a regional position on the issue raised.

6.2 Annual General Meeting

429/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr S Hoopman, Seconded: Clr F Vissel **CARRIED**
That the Annual General Meeting be postponed until May 2004.

6.3 Cables Down Under

It was advised that there is now an extension of time – mid September - for members to respond to the LGSA Campaign on Cables Down Under.

7. HOST COUNCIL

430/03 Delegates expressed appreciation to Hornsby Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 101st Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

**The next Ordinary meeting No. 102 of NSROC
Will be held on
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2003
AT KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**