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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (NO 92) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS HELD AT
WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL,
VICTOR STREET, CHATSWOOD, ON THURSDAY,
3RD MAY, 2001**

*The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm
Mayor Pat Reilly, President of NSROC, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates and Professor Kevin Sproats.*

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	
	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council
Clr S White (Alt)	Hornsby Council
Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr P Hart	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr Andrew Little (Alt)	Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr H Wong	General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr N Ritten (Alt)	North Sydney Council
Clr P Scardifield	North Sydney Council
Clr E Wilde	Ryde Council
Clr I Petch	Ryde Council
Clr P O'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

OBSERVER

Professor Kevin Sproats

1. APOLOGIES

Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr L Bennett	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr T Roach	Ku-ring-gai Council
Ms R Bignell	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr M McMahan	General Manager, Ryde Council

801/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr I Petch **CARRIED**
That the Apologies be received.

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2. **DISCUSSION WITH PROFESSOR KEVIN SPROATS, CHAIR OF ENQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES IN INNER METROPOLITAN AND SOUTHERN SYDNEY.**

Professor Sproats advised that the Report on Enquiry into Local Government Boundaries in Metropolitan and Southern Sydney was handed to the Governor on Monday 30th April for consideration and response most probably to be released sooner rather than later. Professor Sproats then gave a brief review on the following points –

- ❑ Enquiry established by State Government in the middle of last year.
- ❑ Appointed by the Governor, letters patent.
- ❑ Appointed as Sole Commissioner
- ❑ Independent to the Government
- ❑ No brief other than that was made public – review eight LG areas.
- ❑ Public Enquiry held.
- ❑ Called for Public Submissions – received some 500 submissions, some 3,500 written pages.
- ❑ Three quarters of submissions received from individuals
- ❑ Submissions received available over the website created.
- ❑ Boundaries became a big issue from the start, from eight Councils into one, then flowing down to many variations – including; divide on water catchment areas – leave us alone, we are fine as we are.
- ❑ Proposals received from Property Councils, Chambers of Commerce, no response received from the LGA.
- ❑ Public Hearings over a two week period some 100 presentations.
- ❑ Very long and arduous process.
- ❑ Final Report kept fairly short, and will become available on CD.
- ❑ One of the strongest findings and issues that emerged – clear identification of suburbs ‘peoples integrity of their area’ people identified with suburbs not Local Government areas.
- ❑ Another issue that arose was Strategic Planning – Management Plans not strong in the strategic planning area – we now need to look at strategic planning, look at regions and working cooperatively and ROCs need to be relooked.

Professor Sproats then fielded questions from the floor. Delegates then thanked Professor Sproats for his very informative presentation, and Professor Sproats then departed the meeting.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

802/01 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 91 1st February 2001, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4. **TREASURERS REPORT – NSROC PROPOSED BUDGET 2001/2002**

803/01 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Petch, Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**
 That the Proposed 2001/2002 NSROC Budget be adopted.

5. **GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Access to Information

General discussion on Proposed recommendation No.5, and it was agreed that this recommendation be deleted.

804/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**
 1. That the Privacy Management Plan distributed separately to Delegates is adopted.
 2. That Hunter’s Hill Council is requested to include the Executive Director in its proposed training program on the implementation of the PPI Act.

3. That the Executive Director be designated as the NSROC Privacy Contact Officer.
4. That the 'ACCESS TO RECORDS OR PROCEEDINGS POLICY' is adopted as a 'draft document and disseminated to all delegates and member Councils for comments prior to the next Board meeting.
5. That NSROC establish a Web Site, budget limited to \$2,500.00. The Web Site to include linkages to member Councils web sites.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

6.1 Request for general delegated Authority.

805/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr R Browne, Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**

That NSROC writes to its member councils, requesting that – Council delegate to the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils ('NSROC'), and the NSROC Supply Management Group ('the Group'), respectively, all functions of Council as are reasonably necessary or desirable to enable NSROC and the Group and each of them to do any one or more of the following:

- a) Seek quotations
- b) Call for expressions of interests, and
- c) Invite Tenders.

In respect of bulk purchasing agreements and other agreements entered into between member Councils of NSROC, where authorised so to do by the Board of NSROC subject to the provisions of Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and any resolution to the contrary by this Council.

6.2 Western Sydney Orbital Road

Clr Reilly gave a brief update of meetings held by the Task Force and meeting held with Minister Anderson.

806/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr S White, Seconded: Clr I Petch **CARRIED**

1. That the actions taken on this issue be endorsed.
2. That the Executive Director writes to John Anderson, thanking him for his offer to allow NSROC to comment on the Terms of Reference, also indicating that NSROC will make a submission by the 8th June.
3. That any of the member Councils be invited to comment upon the Terms of Reference and a suggested process for Community Consultation by the 25th May.
4. That the Sub committee meet during the week ending the 1st June, and be given authority to determine NSROC's position in regard to the Terms of Reference and the Community Consultation process.

6.3 PlanFirst

807/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**

1. That the Board endorses the actions undertaken so far by NSROC.
2. That NSROC makes a submission to DUAP on the White Paper.
3. That the questions posed to the Director-General of DUAP form the basis of any submission NSROC makes.
4. That NSROC form a separate, small Task Force to oversee both the preparation of such submission and the ongoing implementation of the enabling legislation.
5. That, given the final submission date of 1st June, the Board delegates to the Task Force the authority to 'sign off' on the submission on behalf of the Board.
6. That the President initiate contact with his metropolitan Sydney ROC counterparts with a view to holding a meeting over this issue.
7. That the Local Government Association be advised of NSROC's position.

6.4 SEPP5

808/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**

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That the Report be received and noted.

6.5 Regional State of the Environment

- 809/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr R Browne, Seconded: Clr I Petch **CARRIED**
That the Report be received and noted.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Changes to the Rural Fire Service

Clr White raised on behalf of Mayor John Muirhead, the matter of Changes to the Rural Fire Service - Clr Muirhead intends to bring together a delegation to approach Phillip Koperberg on the changes to the Rural Fire Service. If any Council wanted any input or wanted to receive any feedback please contact John Muirhead.

- 810/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**
That the Report be received.

7.2 Western Sydney Orbital Road

Clr Browne requested that all Councils resolutions regarding the Western Sydney Orbital Road be circulated to member Councils so that each individual Council's position is known.

7.3 Container Deposit Legislation.

Clr Ritten referred to the Report into the study of proposed Container Deposit Legislation undertaken by the Institute for Sustainable Futures and seeking NSROC's support in having this report released.

- 811/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr N Ritten, Seconded: Clr T Fogarty **CARRIED**
That NSROC write to Minister Debus seeking the public release of this Report.

7.4 Workshop with Commanders of Police Patrols

Clr Reilly raised the matter that NSROC should organise a Workshop with Commanders of Police Patrols that service the membership, covering local concerns of law and order and that all members of the ROC be invited to submit items for such an Agenda. This could then form the basis of discussions with Commissioner Ryan when he attends the next NSROC Meeting in August.

- 812/01 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr I Petch, Seconded: Clr S Hoopman **CARRIED**
1. That the Executive Director organise a Workshop with Commanders of Police Patrols, and
 2. That member Councils of the ROC be invited to submit items for such an Agenda.

8. HOST COUNCIL

- 813/01 Delegates expressed appreciation to Willoughby Council for that Council's generous hospitality in hosting the 92nd Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 p.m.

**The next meeting No 93 of NSROC
will be held on
THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2001
AT LANE COVE COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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