

## Minutes

### Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street Manly  
on:

**Monday 30 March 2015**

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The Extraordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Manly, on Monday 30 March 2015. The meeting commenced at 7.33pm.

## PRESENT

Her Worship, The Mayor, Jean Hay AM, who presided  
Councillor C Bingham  
Councillor H Burns  
Councillor C Griffin  
Councillor J Griffin  
Councillor A Heasman  
Councillor A Le Surf  
Councillor S Pickering Deputy Mayor

## ALSO PRESENT

Henry Wong, General Manager  
Stephen Clements, Deputy General Manager, Executive Manager, Landuse & Sustainability  
Beth Lawsen, Deputy General Manager, People, Place & Infrastructure  
Anthony Hewton, Executive Manager, Corporate Support Services  
Kathryn Parker, Principal Analyst – Corporate Performance and Strategy  
Secretariat Officer

## MOTION (Burns / Le Surf)

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillor Barbara Aird, for non-attendance.

**For the Motion:** Councillors Burns, Heasman, Bingham, Pickering, Le Surf,  
J Griffin, C Griffin and Hay AM  
**Against the Motion:** Nil.

## 33/15 RESOLVED: (Burns / Le Surf)

That the apology received from Councillor Barbara Aird, be accepted and leave be granted.

## DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

## GENERAL MANAGERS DIVISION

General Managers Division Report No. 4

**Manly Council's Position on the NSW Government's Fit for the Future Program  
(MC/15/37564)**

### SUMMARY

The NSW Minister for Local Government, the Honorable Mr Paul Toole, announced the Government's "*Fit for the Future*" (FFF) program on September 11<sup>th</sup> last year.

The FFF program assumes a number of quantitative and qualitative criteria to guide councils in their sustainability and strategic capacity assessments.

This Report affirms that Manly Council meets or exceeds the FFF sustainability and strategic capacity criteria.

In terms of the important “community of interest” test, it is a matter of record and historical fact that Manly is a cohesive community with a strong and vibrant community of interest that binds it to the geographic area its citizens proudly call home.

This historical attachment to the Manly community is one of the overarching reasons why Manly Council has consistently demonstrated its commitment to continuous improvements to anticipate and meet the changing needs and expectations of its residents and visitors. Council has achieved this by providing sound stewardship and strong leadership through the provision of Council services and infrastructure and in the protection of the environment.

Continuous improvement, service excellence and civic leadership are core corporate values that drive Manly Council.

It is the conclusion of this report that there is no reason, nor would it be in Manly residents’ interest to suggest other structural options in Council’s FFF response to the Minister.

#### **MOTION (Heasman / Burns)**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Affirms its support for the state government’s no forced amalgamation policy;
3. Supports Manly community’s long held position against structural change to their local area;
4. Advises the Minister for Local Government in Council’s *Fit for the Future* response that Manly Council is and will continue to be a sustainable Council; that the Council has demonstrable strategic capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community into the future and that the Council has the civic leadership to plan and secure a prosperous future for the whole community;
5. Rejects the Sansom structural option for a single council on the Northern Beaches because this option is incapable of delivering prosperity to the residents of Manly, while, *inter alia*, will harm the community’s democratic interests;
6. Affirms that it will not consider any structural option nor will it put forward any structural option in its *Fit for the Future* response;
7. Consults the community on options, if any, arising from the Workshop following the meeting and seeks their feedback; and
8. The KPMG report on structural options be made available to the public at the appropriate point in time in conjunction with Pittwater Council.

**For the Motion:** Councillors Burns, Heasman, Bingham, Pickering, Le Surf, J Griffin, C Griffin and Hay AM

**Against the Motion:** Nil.

**34/15 RESOLVED: (Heasman / Burns)**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Affirms its support for the state government's no forced amalgamation policy;
3. Supports Manly community's long held position against structural change to their local area;
4. Advises the Minister for Local Government in Council's *Fit for the Future* response that Manly Council is and will continue to be a sustainable Council; that the Council has demonstrable strategic capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community into the future and that the Council has the civic leadership to plan and secure a prosperous future for the whole community;
5. Rejects the Sansom structural option for a single council on the Northern Beaches because this option is incapable of delivering prosperity to the residents of Manly, while, *inter alia*, will harm the community's democratic interests;
6. Affirms that it will not consider any structural option nor will it put forward any structural option in its *Fit for the Future* response;
7. Consults the community on options, if any, arising from the Workshop following the meeting and seeks their feedback; and
8. The KPMG report on structural options be made available to the public at the appropriate point in time in conjunction with Pittwater Council.

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**CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

The above minutes were confirmed at an **Ordinary Meeting** of Manly Council held on [20 April 2015](#).

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**MAYOR**

\*\*\*\*\* **END OF MINUTES** \*\*\*\*\*