

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Question From: Vincent De Luca

Meeting Date: 9 March 2004

Question:

I ask that Council consider the need for reform of the NSW Local Government Act particularly requirements for Councillors to disclose conflicts of interests and not vote, the need for legislation to require candidates for election to disclose their interests to the community before the election and the importance of introducing legislation to prevent those with interests in development, real estate agencies and extensive property interests from voting on development applications and any land use management issues before the Council on which they sit and make representations to the Minister for Local Government accordingly.

Response:

The Administrator advised he had a great deal of alignment with the issues raised. It is however a complex one. He has raised these matters with the Minister informally, although directly, and will make a formal submission if necessary after consultation with the General Manager and Director Public Office and advise Mr De Luca of the progress on the matter