

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club – Quad Bike

Question from: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

Meeting Date: 28 June 2007

Question:

a) Can the Administrator please advise whether Freshwater SLSC, South Curl Curl SLSC, Dee Why SLSC, Long Reef SLSC, Collaroy SLSC and North Narrabeen SLSC have Quad Bikes to aid quick response to emergency situations and rescues?

b) Is the Administrator aware that last year North Curl Curl SLSC's Quad bike had to be removed as it was irreparable and that Life Savers have to call by radio to South Curl Curl's professional Life guards to request support down the 1.2 kilometre beach?

c) Why has Council refused NCCSLSC's request for a new Quad Bike in view of the obvious safety issues involved without having a Quad Bike and will the Administrator ensure that this issue is properly reviewed?

Response:

The Acting Director Customer and Community Services advised that South Curl Curl SLSC has a quad bike that was purchased by Council, and that this bike could be transported quickly to North Curl Curl if a pressing need for assistance arises. Council has also purchased quad bikes used by Dee Why, Collaroy and North Narrabeen SLSCs, while Freshwater, Long Reef, South Narrabeen and Narrabeen SLSCs all have quad bikes that were purchased independently. It is not Council policy to purchase quad bikes for surf life saving unless there is a specific operational necessity as their primary use is generally operational rather than for emergency use. She noted that grants for equipment are made available annually to the surf clubs and that North Curl Curl could make a submission for replacement of their quad bike. The Administrator noted that he is advised that no danger is presented, but the Club was welcome to make a submission if they believe this advice is incorrect, by the absence of the quad bike at North Curl Curl.