

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Drug Ice and Other Harmful Drugs

Question From: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

Meeting Date: 17 July 2007

Statement: Made a statement regarding Ice and other harmful drugs, to the meeting, and asked the following question. In view of recent publications in the Manly Daily regarding police and Manly Drug and Education Centre's (MDECC) recent advice on the drug Ice, will Council please request SHOROC to review its previous decision not to support having a forum?

Response:

The Acting Director Customer and Community Services advised that progress was being made, and handed over to the Acting Manager Community and Cultural Services who advised that there have been a number of initiatives begun by Council since Mr De Luca raised the issue late last year. Key Council staff have met with drug service providers, MDECC and the Police, and a fact sheet was developed in relation to the drug Ice. It was acknowledged that Warringah would establish a Community Drug Action Team. The Acting Manager also advised that Warringah's Social Plan identified drug related issues, and the Community Drug Action Team, with assistance from the State Government aims to strengthen community and agency exchange of information to deal with these issues. The Acting Manager suggested that it was also an issue of marketing this information and awareness of available resources, as well as knowledge sharing, for example, the Warringah Library website has a youth lounge where there are links to information sites on drugs and alcohol, as well as other issues. The Acting Manager advised that a meeting will be held to discuss the Community Drug Action Team and invited Mr De Luca to attend.