

## **Public Forum Question and Response**

**Subject: Community Consultation prior to Warringah LEP 2000**

**Question From: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM**

**Meeting Date: 12 February 2008**

### **Question:**

a) Will Council please outline the dates, efforts/initiatives of the past two previous Councils to consult the community prior to resolving to prepare the last Warringah Draft LEP?

b) Is it correct, that prior to Council preparing the Warringah LEP 2000 the Council consulted the community over several years, also had a Community LEP Advisory Committee and had numerous public meetings to canvass public opinion?

### **Response:**

The Administrator stressed that the current process is one of conversion from the existing LEP to the Standard Instrument template rather than a creative process for a new LEP. A rigorous and exhaustive consultation process preceded the submission of the Warringah LEP 2000 and the results of that process are being respected in the conversion to the new template, which is required by legislation of the NSW Government. The template includes fewer categories than the WLEP2000; where it is not possible to convert a current WLEP category to the new template, planning staff are applying the highest level of environmental protection and the lowest level of development opportunity. The Administrator assured the community that the spirit of their Warringah LEP 2000 was being maintained by Council staff using this method in the conversion to the Standard Instrument LEP template.