

Council Meeting – 26 May 2009

7.1 Draft Strategic Community Engagement Framework

Councillors De Luca / Clr Giltinan

That this Council resolves to:

- 1) Note that there are two types of Council Committees: Management Committees constituted under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 with delegated authority to exercise functions on behalf of Councils and Community Advisory Committees which are advisory only and have no decision making role.
- 2) Note the excellent work of Warringah Council's section 355 Management Committees that have managed youth, community and art centres in Warringah since 1993 and prior to that under s530A of the preceding Act and that the Commission of Enquiry into Warringah Council made no recommendations in relation to section 355 Committees.
- 3) Note the Commission of Enquiry report into Warringah Council made recommendations with regard to "Reforming Community Consultative Committees" particularly:
 - Despite the large number of community consultative committees in Warringah, there has been something of a breakdown in communications between the Council and the community ... and the constitutions need to be reformed to ensure that they are playing a positive role in encouraging effective public participation in the affairs of Council.
 - That Council Community Advisory Committees be enshrined in the Act, by inserting a new Section after Section 373 of the Act.
 - Committees must be able to report publicly, and independently.
 - That the Committees be expressly empowered to provide advice and recommendations to, and if so empowered, to exercise functions on behalf of, Councils.
- 4) Commence the process for appointment of community representatives to Warringah Council section 355 Management Committees.
- 5) That Council commence the process for appointment of community representatives to Warringah Council Advisory Committees for 2009/2010 and that once formed, these Committees liaise with Council Staff with a view to reforming the respective Committee structure in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission of Enquiry into Warringah Council which include reviewing:
 - Their functions and roles
 - The conduct of their proceedings
 - The number and manner of selection of members
 - The term for which members are appointed
 - The circumstances in which members may be removed
 - Such other matters as will give clarity to their conduct.

Notice of Motion No 31/2009 Currawong

Councillors Kirsch and De Luca

That Council:

1. Note the environmental, social and cultural heritage of Currawong, its important role as a recreational destination, and the desire of the people across Warringah and New South Wales to have it protected and heritage listed.
2. Congratulate the Friends of Currawong and all involved on their fantastic victory in the battle to save Currawong from development and preserve it for future generations.
3. Congratulate the Minister for Planning on her decision to reject the development and help preserve Currawong and urge her to ensure that the site is:
 - purchased by the Government
 - placed into the National Park where it belongs.
4. Support Pittwater Council call for the site to be acquired publicly and fully protected from any development in the future.
5. Write the Federal Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, and urge him to "Have the only surviving intact workers holiday camp in Australia placed on the National register".

Question Without Notice

Cr De Luca

FINES APPEAL PROCESS

Could Council, when issuing fines, provide clear guidelines on appeal processes regarding such fines?

Answer: The Acting General Manager advised that all processes in relation to fines are governed by the Fines Act which is State legislation, and all infringements are referred to the State Debt Recovery Office. She further advised that action will be taken to ensure infringements issued by Council will, in future, be further embellished for clarity.