

In these tough economic times I strongly believe that Warringah Council should be doing all possible and bending over backwards to facilitate and promote our local businesses and economy. Sympathy and compassion to the hard times our local businesses are experiencing must be shown.

This is why at the Council meeting on Tuesday night I called for an amnesty to be introduced to prevent our local businesses from being fined for their signage advertising their businesses and goods. Schedule 4 of the LEP about the prohibition on signage was introduced in 1999, however up until recently was never enforced.

I was horrified with Wake Up Warringah Mayor, Michael Regan's move at the Council meeting to introduce a fee for businesses to have signs. Fortunately Cr Regan's proposal in this regard was defeated.

I encourage all Warringah residents to support our local businesses in these tough economic times and thank our small business owners for their tenacity in keeping our local economy going.

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