

25 May 2012 Removal of Warringah Council free parking stickers

I refer to the two articles about the changes to Warringah Council's free parking stickers policy.

As residents will remember, it was Cr Virginia Laugesen and I that successfully moved to overturn Council management and Mayor Michael Regan's moves to remove the second parking sticker from ratepayers.

At Tuesday night's Council meeting again, Council's management and Cr Regan were tinkering with a parking policy that is already acceptable to residents. The only submission in favour of changing it was from an internal Warringah Council staff member!

The fact is, the proposals in the report were to limit people's entitlement to free parking stickers, particularly our hard working bush fire brigade volunteers, our swimming club officials and for those volunteer life savers who now want a sticker they need to apply and provide evidence they are undertaking an appropriate "beach activity".

Also a Council staff memo of 12 April 2012 reveals that certain councillors claims that there had been no proposals to introduce parking meters in Manly Dam were misleading. The Memo concludes with recommendations that metered parking be installed at Manly Dam, Jamieson Park and Middle Creek Reserve.

I will always fight for our residents' and volunteers entitlements over Council management's and Cr Regan's dismissal of their interests.