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#### NSROC Regional Priorities (Attachment A- TBP)

At the 8 December meeting GMAC agreed to the initial development of a Regional Priorities document. This document would be created to assist NSROC participate in the State Government's NSW 2021 Plan development, specifically the Regional Action plan development process which is commencing in early 2012.

The Regional Priorities document consolidates and prioritises NSROC's existing policy positions and also where possible has drawn up common priorities revealed through each Council's individual Community Strategic Plans.

GMAC agreed for the Executive Director to commission a consultant to assist in this document. Alan Cadogan of Urban AC was appointed for the project at approx \$8750 plus GST. Mr Cadogan was formerly the Strategy Manager with the City of Sydney responsible for the Sustainable Sydney 2030 – the Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Attached is an initial draft of the document which Mr Cadogan will present to GMAC for comments.

#### Recommendation

That the report be received and noted, and an updated draft document be presented to the Board for consideration on 9 February 2012 for endorsement.

### F3-M2 Consolidation Report (Attachment B- TBP)

At the 10 November 2011 Board meeting, the Board agreed to part fund a consultant to prepare a consolidation report on the M2-F3 link.

Attached is an initial draft from consultants, Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Some further information is to be added including some commentary and analysis to be inserted from Lin Fox who have agreed to provide support and information. This has not been provided due to key Lin Fox personnel on leave. It is anticipated the final report will be provided in time for consideration at the Board meeting.

It is anticipated that this report combined with the NSROC Regional Priorities document will be the key formal documents for input into the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplanning consultation which is ongoing in 2012.

The first meeting of the Transport Masterplan Local Government Advisory Group was held on 15 December 2011. The LG advisory group consists of all NSW ROCs, and representatives from the LGA, SA and the City of Sydney Councils. The meeting program for this group is still being developed by the department but



#### **GMAC Meeting No. 88**

9.30am

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 Lane Cove Council

#### **AGENDA**

#### Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting No. 87 (page 17)
Meeting held 8th December 2011.

#### 3. Matters Arising

Actions arising from previous meeting

Action	Status	Comment
MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING NO.73		
7.6 NSROC Integrated Planning Group Carolynne to develop draft guidelines paper to IPR group.	See Item 5	Linked to development of Regional Priorities
MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING NO. 82		
9 Health and ageing Proposed presentation from Northside GP Network to GMAC	Ongoing See Item 12	For future GMAC and link to other Health Ageing issues.  Met with Northside Community Forum 8 November.
MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING No.85		
5. Outcomes NSROC Conference – - Proposal to 10 <sup>th</sup> November Board Meeting regarding Waste	Deferred	Revised project

# 4. Next Board Meeting- Draft Agenda - Thursday 9th February 2012 Hornsby Council Key Items

- NSROC Recruitment Proposal
- Destination 2036 Action plan (draft response)
- NSROC Planning Review Submission (draft response)
- Draft NSROC Regional Priorities for NSW State Plan (draft report)\*
- State Transport Masterplan regional consultation program\*
- M2-F3 Interconnector report (draft report)
- NSROC proposal for reform of the LGA Conference (draft response)

#### Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

 Women in Local Government 2012 in Dubbo, March 24-25. ED would like to attend. Accommodation and travel absorbed by ED only NSROC to pay registration at \$580.00.

#### Recommendation

That the report be received and noted and attendance at conferences approved.

#### 15. Executive Directors Report (from 8th December 2011 to 2 February 2012)

Main activities since 8th December 2011:

- St Leonards Development Grant Submission and DA Objection- 10 Jan
- NSW ROCs meeting 15, December
- Transport Masterplan LG Advisory Group meeting, 15 December
- Model Code of Conduct Submission 13 Jan
- LGA Conference Submission Jan
- Correspondence and State Government meetings re LG Super, Dec Jan
- Meeting and consultant guidance on M2-F3 Report, Dec-Jan
- Finalisation and media launch of the NSROC/ACELG ROCS report, 18 Jan
- Development of Job Spec and Advertisement of Senior Project Manager, 19 Jan
- 24 January Meeting with DLG and NSW Ministry of finance on LG Super possible NSW Auditor General review of LG Super to be initiated

Leave - Christmas to New Year break (Tues 27 to Wed 4 Jan)

#### First quarter 2012 program

- 2 Feb Whole of Gov Ageing Strategy Submission
- 9 February NSROC Board Meeting
- 15 February Destination 2036 submission
- 17 February NSROC Planning Review Submission
- 24 February LG Transport Masterplan Advisory Group meeting
- 24 February NSW ROCS Network Meeting
- February consultation on NSW State Plan
- March / April -Waste Industry workshop
- April Operation Jarek (ICAC) workshop

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Report be received and noted.

#### 16. Correspondence Reports (page 10 and 12)

16.1 Incoming correspondence

16.2 Outgoing correspondence

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Reports be received and noted.

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# The F3-M2 connector: Supporting research

April 2012

A project commissioned by the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils with Gosford City Council

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# Report commissioned by:

This report has been collectively commissioned by eight NSW Councils who are increasingly concerned about the critical missing motorway "link" between the M2 and F3 freeways in the Northern Sydney region.

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) is comprised of seven councils in the northern part of Sydney which have voluntarily come together to address regional issues, work cooperatively for the benefit of the region, and advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities. The seven member councils are Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby.

In addition to the NSROC council group, **Gosford City Council** has also supported this report as it also views this motorway project as a priority for the community.

For further information about these organisations go to:

www.nsroc.com.au

www.gosford.nsw.gov.au





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Our Ref: RM:ML:10352

26 April 2012

Ms Kim Mullins 7/54-56 Hunter Street Hornsby NSW 2077

By Post

By Email: kmullins@aapt.net.au

Dear Ms Mullins,

#### **Concerns Notice**

We act for Mr Nick Berman, Mayor of Hornsby, who has instructed us in relation to a letter to the editor published in the Hornsby Advocate newspaper in the edition dated 19 April 2012 under the heading "Mystified by mayor's statements" ("Letter").

This is a concerns notice for the purposes of the Defamation Act 2005 (NSW) and its counterparts in the other states and territories.

The Letter makes a number of serious charges against our client. In particular they give rise to the following imputations:

- 1. That Mr Berman was improperly and unfairly launching a concerted political effort against the community organization Community Voice;
- 2. That Mr Berman unreasonably and improperly demanded the membership list of Community Voice on three occasions;
- 3. That Mr Berman was unreasonably and improperly using his office to attack Community Voice rather than addressing issues of real importance in the community;
- 4. That Mr Berman was inappropriately, unfairly and unprofessionally expressing his anger at Community Voice by publishing in a newspaper rather than making an effort to resolve the issue by meeting its members in person.

We are instructed that each of these imputations is completely false and defamatory.

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- 2. Pay our client's legal costs in the sum of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars), by way of bank cheque addressed to Mitry Lawyers Law Practice Trust A/C.

Upon receipt of such draft apology, we will seek our client's instructions as to whether it is acceptable.

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If we do not have confirmation from you within the time specified above that you will adopt this course, our instructions are to issue proceedings without further notice to you. In any such proceedings damages will be claimed. Distribution of this letter or its contents to parties not directly affected may compound such damages.

In the meantime our client reserves his rights.

Mitry Lawyers Rick Mitry Lawyer

rick@mitry.com.au

#### CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST for Hornsby Council voters above is:

Mitry Lawyers letter to M/s Kim Mullins and 'Community Voice' about Mayor Berman's outrageous allegations

Free speech is an Australian right. I am not a member of 'Community Voice' but do support its Aims and Objectives

NICK, publish evidence justifying your despicable defamatory allegations, OR

voters in the September Council elections should



put Berman last

Peter Waite, 28 Warne St, Pennant Hills NSW 2120 16 August 2012



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Andrew Watt < A Watt @hornsby.nsw.gov.au>, Julie Williams < JA Williams @hornsby.nsw.gov.au>

Attachments: NSROC PRESS RELEASE-F3-M2 Connector Promise- 8 May 2012.pdf

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Dear NSROC Mayors, Delegates and General Managers

Please note that today a NSROC Press Release has been sent to media regarding the possible Federal funding of the F3-M2 link in tonight's budget. This budget announcement was leaked in today's Telegraph and NSROC President Nick Berman did a radio interview on this matter on 702 Morning in response.

We will be considering the F3-M2 Report at our NSROC Board meeting on Thursday night and the formal release of our study is due next week. However given the matter was raised in the media today it was appropriate to discuss and flag that the report would be coming out to make sure the issue get maximum coverage.

Please call me with any queries and hope to see as many of you at Thursday's 10 May Board Meeting (Hunters Hill starting at 6pm).

Cheers

Carolynne James, Executive Director
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# Promised F3-M2 Missing Link on the horizon?

Monday 21 May, 2012

Councils in northern Sydney are holding their breath over the possible funding in tonight's Federal Budget for the long overdue F3-M2 Connector.

It is expected that \$150 million will be available for development and planning of this important route.

Councils across the northern Sydney region including Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ringgai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde, Willoughby and Gosford have long supported the completion of this 'Missing Link' which would connect the F3 to the M2 with a tunnel under Pennant Hills Road.

We believe the F3-M2 Connection is national priority. It completes the National Road Network and provides a continuous uninterrupted motorway bypass around Sydney.

It is also a city, regional and local priority which will mean improved competitiveness for Sydney, relief of heavy truck congestion on Pennant Hills Road, and improved amenity for local residents, said Mayor of Hornsby, Nick Berman.

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) (which includes the Councils noted above), in partnership with Gosford City Council, commissioned their own study on the need for and benefits of the Connector. The study will be released next week.

We welcome the speculation and look forward to what actually comes out in tonight's Budget, added Mayor Berman who is also President of NSROC.

For further details go to the NSROC website at www.nsroc.com.au (http://www.nsroc.com.au)

For media queries: Hornsby Mayor & NSROC President, Cl Nick Berman, 0422 021 031

For further information: Carolynne James, NSROC Executive Director 0403 150 499

#### Documents

The missing link and missing out - Prioritising Sydney's F3-M2 Motorway Connector (2mb) (http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0020/38243/NSROC-F3-M2-LINK-APRIL-2012\_FA\_2\_WEB.pdf) of

The F3-M2 connector: Supporting research (740kb) (http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file /0003/38244/F3-M2-connector-report\_Final-260412.pdf)

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#### Transurban Sponsorship of Beecroft Bush Generation



Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman and Transurban's General Manager of NSW Assets, Mr Darren Moy, assist with bush regeneration in Beecroft where the Hills M2 Motorway will be provided much needed sponsorship to support the work of local volunteers.

#### **Nick Berman** Mayor



Please do not hesitate to contact me via the FEEDBACK function if there are any issues you wish to raise with Nick of if you believe he can be of assistance.

You are also welcome to subscribe to Nick Berman's regular e-newsletter.

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