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Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting.

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2. Pecuniary Interest

Note: Councillors who declare a Pecuniary Interest at the Council Meeting are also required to complete a Pecuniary Interest Declaration form.

3. Mayoral Minute

3.1 Submission in Reply to the Shellharbour City Council Public Inquiry (8934306)

To my fellow Councillors

Mayoral Minute

Summary

This report brings before Council for its consideration the Submission in Reply prepared on Council's behalf for submission to the Public Inquiry.

Recommendation

That Council consider the draft Submission in Reply and, subject to any alteration deemed necessary by Council, authorise its forwarding to the Public Inquiry.

Background

Council resolved on 29 April 2008 (Min. 119) to engage Mr G Holmes of Holmes & Reynolds to represent the Council corporate body at the Inquiry. At the conclusion of the Inquiry hearing, the Commissioner indicated that he would accept Submissions in Reply up until 5pm on 25 June 2008. Mr Holmes is preparing a Submission in Reply based on the evidence tendered at the Inquiry.

This submission complies with the Local Government Act 1993, as well as the statutory provisions and Terms of Reference of the Public Inquiry into Shellharbour City Council.

There are major public/social impacts and consequences to this Report. The potential dismissal of the Council would deny the Shellharbour residents their democratic right to have an elected Council.

Council has the option either to adopt the Recommendation and forward the Submission in Reply, OR, to decline to forward a Submission in Reply.

This Report, as stated above, is of huge importance to this Council. Shellharbour City Council is facing the prospect of dismissal. Council has previously forwarded a submission outlining why the Council should be allowed to serve its term and would be expected to now submit a Submission in Reply answering matters raised during the Inquiry.

I strongly recommend the adoption of the recommendation.

Approved for Council's
consideration:



Attachments

1. The draft Submission in Reply will be circulated to all Councillors as soon as it is received from Mr Holmes.