

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

26 May 2015

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 26 May 2015, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.33pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor G Vaccari (Chairman)
Councillor D Bott
Councillor R Datta
Councillor S Kokkolis
Councillor H McLucas
Councillor S Ok
Councillor A Soulos

STAFF: General Manager
Director Corporate Services
Director Technical Services
Group Manager Organisational Development
Governance Coordinator

1. **OPENING:** The prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

4. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTE (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

1. **Mayoral Minute 17/15 - Amalgamation**

145/15

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council once again reaffirm its previous position that it expects to meet the Fit for the Future benchmarks and its community support for Council standing alone.
2. That Council note and is greatly concerned that the Government has established the 'Scale and Capacity' criterion as the threshold criterion for councils to achieve in making their 'Fit for the Future' arguments, without actually defining 'Scale and Capacity'.
3. That Council note and is greatly concerned that the other criterion such as sustainability, effective management of infrastructure, service delivery to our community, efficiency and the

history and character of the area, will not be given any weighting in Fit for the Future considerations.

4. That Council note that the other 5 Inner West councils are not supporting the Inner West council merge recommended by the NSW Government or Independent Panel Report.
5. That any council which includes an amalgamation/merger proposal with Strathfield Council in their Fit for the Future submission be advised that Strathfield Council does not agree to any such proposals.
6. That the Mayor and any other Councillor or Council staff meeting with representatives from the other five inner west councils continue to inform them that a merger will not be entertained under any circumstances. Prior to the meeting formal advance notice of the meeting agenda and intent be given to all Councillors by the invited participant. It is understood that the participant will support Council resolution.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

5. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

146/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2015 be received and adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.58PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 2 June 2015.

Chairman _____ General Manager _____