



NOTICE OF MOTION

12th September 2006

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FILE: 879	CLR JHB

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 12th September 2006.

"That the Mid North Coast Group of Council's be requested to make representations to the Minister for Planning, The Hon Frank Sartor MP for the allocation of adequate resources for the implementation of Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategies within the proposed Regional Planning Strategy for the Mid North Coast (including necessary services and infrastructure over the life of the Strategy)."

NOTE:

Whilst an Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy aims to build upon existing local government strategies and resources it will require the cooperation of State agencies to meet Sustainability under the three pillars – environment, society and economy.

An action plan should be prepared on a regional basis and not necessarily restricted to individual local government boundaries. The ecologically sustainable committee recognised the benefit of a possible regional approach to sustainability.

The matter was subsequently referred to the Mid North Coast Group of Council's Strategic Alliance - Town Planning Group and on 9 June 2006 a letter [Appendix A](#) was forwarded to the Minister for Planning. No response has resulted. Mr Robert Pitt, Director Sustainable Development Services advises that the current Mid North Coast Planning Strategy does not include investigations in respect to environmental, social or economic matters.

The Strategy simply involves drawing broad lines around towns and villages based on existing settlement strategies of each of the L.G.As.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

A regional based Planning Strategy will increase Council's ability to respond to expected population increases without diminishing long term ecological processes.

- *Social*

Increased funding will allow for strategies to manage the social impacts of population growth and change.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Strategies that give equal consideration to economic development will require increased funding.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL