



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

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NSW COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP

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SUMMARY:

Request that Council join a new NSW Coastal Councils Group.

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DESCRIPTION:

Further to Mayoral Minute 3 of March Council meeting, we have received further correspondence re the formation of a NSW Coastal Councils Group.

The request has originated from the Sydney Coastal Councils and it is proposed to lobby the NSW government to address their issues of concern.

At the same time we have received a Discussion paper from the National Seachange Taskforce outlining their proposals to lobby both Federal and State governments on the needs of coastal councils who are being impacted by the Seachange / Tree change phenomenon especially in regards to the infrastructure requirements.

While they are two distinctly different proposals the proposed NSW Coastal Council proposal is more to do with population pressures on the local environments specifically water quality.

While the Seachange taskforce is to do with all matters relevant to significant population shifts to non urban areas.

Additional to this is a proposal that there will be additional costs involved for councils joining the NSW Coastal Council group.

Tabled for your information is the correspondence from both the National Seachange Taskforce and Sydney Coastal Council Group.

From the information supplied it would appear to be a duplication of current arrangements at an additional cost.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental:**

Nil

- *Social:*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial):*

Additional cost for membership and also to attend meetings etc.

- *Policy or Statutory:*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline to join the proposed NSW Coastal Council group.

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MAYOR