



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

<b>MM4</b>	<b>MEETING WITH ANDREW STONER</b>
	<b>FILE: 193 EAG {Folio No. *}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

To report the results of the meeting with Andrew Stoner on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February a meeting was held with Andrew Stoner MP to discuss State issues affecting the Kempsey Local Government Area. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a working relationship that would enable both levels of Government to understand the problems and restrictions being faced by the other. Representing Council were Councillors Bowell, McWilliam, Sowter, Saul and myself, and the General Manager.

Issues discussed were;

- Pacific Highway Upgrade – the accident rate is increasing in the fatigue zone
- Roads and Bridges
- Country Water and Sewerage Scheme – the Coalition is committing \$100 million a year to the scheme
- Regional Planning Strategy incorrect population projections
- Kempsey District Hospital is high on the Coalition priority list
- Indoor Swimming Complex – there is a need for information on the Regional Sports Facility Program to be given to the swimming club
- Economic Development and the need for industrial land
- Crown land at South West Rocks – Mr Stoner will ask questions when Parliament returns regarding the status of the Management Plan for the area
- Fuel Prices – Coalition will introduce 10% Ethanol Blend making fuel 3c / litre cheaper
- Kempsey Showground
- Kempsey Police Station – Mr Stoner will follow up proposed renovations
- Rural Fire Service – the Coalition will dismantle the RFS Administrative Empire
- For Kempsey – Mr Stoner will seek;
  - Improvements to Kempsey Hospital
  - Increased police numbers

- Legislative change in respect of juvenile offenders – 1 warning, 1 caution then to court
- Changes to the Summary Offences Act in respect of DNA Testing procedures
- Changes to Parental Responsibilities Act
- The construction of the Pacific Highway at Kempsey
- The establishment of a high school at South West Rocks

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Nil*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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**E A Green**  
**MAYOR**