

## COMMENCEMENT

The meeting opened with Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer at 6pm.

## IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor Zac Miles, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso, Councillors Ross Williams, Jim Sanderson, Richard Quinn, Tatyana Virgara and Julia Prieston.

## ALSO PRESENT

GENERAL MANAGER MITCHELL MURPHY, DIRECTOR FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY MARIA KENNY, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CUSTOMER SERVICES ANNIE GOODMAN, DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SAMANTHA URQUHART, DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND CULTURE, ROSANNA GUERRA, DIRECTOR OF TOWN PLANNING STEVE KOUREPIS, SHERY DEMAIN, MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS, JADE REED (RECORDING), SARAH JENKINS (MINUTE-TAKER) AND REV'D MICHAEL ARMSTRONG (PRAYER)

## MINUTES SILENCE

A MINUTES SILENCE WAS OBSERVED FOR THE PASSING OF LANG WALKER AO, MAUREEN O'BRIEN, FATHER KEVIN BATES OAM AND PETER ASTRIDGE OAM IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THEIR VALUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

## APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for Declarations of Interest without response.

## TABLING OF PETITIONS

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Nil

## ADDRESSES FROM THE PUBLIC

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Nil

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## COUNCIL REPORTS

### 1.1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSW HOUSING POLICY

#### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Mr Bob Hayes addressed the meeting. An extension of time was moved by Clr Williams, seconded by Clr Krasso and carried unanimously.

Ms Karyn Raisin, president of Hunters Hill Trust, addressed the meeting. An extension of time was moved by Clr Prieston, seconded by Clr Quinn and carried unanimously. A further extension of time was moved by Clr Williams, seconded by Clr Sanderson and carried.

Rev'd Michael Armstrong addressed the meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the attached submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure which raises serious concerns with the proposals outlined within the document titled '*Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing.*'
2. That Council work with the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to support collective regional action to address key issues for local government including the lack of clarity regarding the detail of the reforms, the move away from Council's local strategic planning framework, and the expected impact on our residential streets and neighbourhoods including our heritage conservation areas.
3. The Mayor and General Manager seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to highlight these concerns and seek an alternative collaborative approach to housing reforms as outlined within the submission included as Attachment 1 to this report.

MOVED on the MOTION of Mayor Miles, seconded Councillor Virgara

An AMENDMENT was moved by Clr Zac Miles seconded by Clr Tatyana Virgara that:

1. That Council endorse the attached submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure which raises serious concerns with the proposals outlined within the document titled '*Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing.*'
2. That Council continue to work with the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to support collective regional action, to ensure the reforms achieve desired aims and endorse the key issues expressed from the Extraordinary NSROC meeting on 15 February 2024, including the lack of clarity regarding the detail of the reforms, the move away from Council's local strategic planning framework, and not adopt a one-size-fits-

all approach to the expected impact on our residential streets and neighbourhoods including our heritage conservation areas.

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A FURTHER AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED BY CLR KRASSOI AS FOLLOWS:

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3. The Mayor and General Manager seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to highlight these concerns and seek an alternative collaborative approach to housing reforms as outlined within the submission included as Attachment 1 to this report.
4. That the Mayor convene an urgent structured community meeting and forum to consider the advice of our residents and to collect the concerns and opportunities that our own community see with the Explanation of Intended Effect as currently proposed by the department. Including an invitation to appropriate departmental representatives, the Minister for Planning and our federal and state members.

THIS AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MOVER, MAYOR MILES AND SECONDER, CLR VIRGARA AND BECAME THE MOTION

A FURTHER AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED BY CLR WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SANDERSON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Endorse and lodge the attached draft submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure which raises serious concerns with the proposals outlined within the document titled '*Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing*';

2. Convene an urgent, structured, Community meeting and forum to consider the advice of our residents and to collate the concerns and opportunities that our own community see with the EIE as currently proposed;
3. If, as a result of the public forum, alterations are made to the draft submission, Council reconvene to endorse the final and formal submission as soon as practicable;
4. Expresses deep concern about the State Government's irresponsible approach to planning for the future of the built and natural environment in NSW;
5. Rejects the proposed changes to planning controls and demands that they be withdrawn with genuine consultation to be undertaken with councils and their communities, as intended by the *National Housing Accord 2022*;
6. Explores all options to oppose the changes and stop them being implemented;
7. Rejects the proposed changes because they will have a profound and detrimental effect on heritage, the conservation areas, sustainability and the need to meet targets set by the *Greening Sydney Strategy* as the proposed reforms will leave inadequate space for trees and gardens, values held deeply by the Hunter's Hill Community;
8. Continue to actively inform the community, and request Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and Local Government NSW lobby against the proposed changes to planning controls;
9. Arrange for banners in key locations to alert residents to the proposed changes, with expenditure to come from unrestricted funds;
10. Continue to actively campaign against the proposed changes, collaborating with the community, councils and other stakeholders; That Council continue to work with the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to support collective regional action, to ensure the reforms achieve desired aims and endorse the key issues expressed from the Extraordinary NSROC meeting on 15 February 2024, including the lack of clarity regarding the detail of the reforms, the move away from Council's local strategic planning framework, and not adopt a one-size-fits-all approach to the expected impact on our residential streets and neighbourhoods including our heritage conservation areas; and
11. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to highlight these concerns and seek an alternative collaborative approach to housing reforms as outlined within the submission included as Attachment 1 to this report.

THIS FURTHER AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

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For	Against
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Councillor Jim Sanderson	Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi
	Councillor Richard Quinn

	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
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**001/24** The AMENDMENT became the MOTION and was CARRIED. RESOLVED on the MOTION of Mayor Miles, seconded Councillor Virgara

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THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

I confirm that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of Extraordinary Meeting No. 4529 held on 19 February 2024.

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Councillor Zac Miles  
MAYOR

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Mitchell Murphy  
GENERAL MANAGER