

## **Council Resolution Item**

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Action is required from the Council Meeting on **04 June 2013** as per the Resolution outlined below.

<b>MM/10</b>	<b>Mayoral Minute: Rejecting Amalgamation and Moving Forward</b>
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<b>MAYOR:</b>	<b>Councillor Peter Abelson</b>
<b>MOSPLAN REF:</b>	<b>01.01</b>

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mayoral Minute be noted and Council adopt the resolution of the five Mayors.

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### **MAYORAL MINUTE**

In its draft report in May 2013 the Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended that Mosman Council be amalgamated with North Sydney, Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and Willoughby.

On 29 May the Mayors of these five Councils met in North Sydney Council chambers to discuss their Council's positions on this proposed amalgamation and a proposed response to this recommendation.

I am pleased to say that the five Mayors on behalf of their Councils UNANIMOUSLY agreed that

1. We reject the Sansom (ILGRP) report with respect to amalgamation as not providing evidence or a case for improving services.
2. We reaffirm our support for the State Government (policy) that there should be no forced amalgamation.
3. We support regional organisations of Councils as the instrument of shared services.
4. We support in principle the merger of NSROC and SHOROC.
5. The GMs be asked to investigate (a) a structure that would make the ROC more effective and (b) to identify further shared service possibilities.

The issue of amalgamation was also raised at a SHOROC meeting with local state MPs yesterday, 3 June. The MPs affirmed that the Government policy is no forced amalgamations and that this would change only if there were a mandate for a change, i.e. if the State Government were to announce a policy change BEFORE the next state election and then won the election.

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### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Motion** Sherlock/Menzies  
That the Mayoral Minute be adopted.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**