



**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHFIELD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
65 HOMEBUSH ROAD, STRATHFIELD
ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2009**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Open Forum is held prior to each Council Meeting to enable any person to address Council without notice on any matter NOT included in the Agenda of the meeting.

Speakers must give their name and address and are permitted 5 minutes to address council.

Speakers are not permitted to ask questions of Councillors or staff.

All comments made in Open Forum are recorded.

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING AT THE CONCLUSION OF OPEN FORUM

Please refer to Agenda attached

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"Tape record" includes a video camera and an electronic device capable of recording speech.
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1. Prayer
2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - a) Ordinary Council Meeting 7 April 2009
 - b) Extraordinary Council Meeting 28 April 2009
4. Apologies
5. Deferred/Outstanding matters awaiting report
Nil.
6. Planning and Development Matters
Nil.
7. Mayoral Minute(s) in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice
8. Councillors' Questions to the Mayor (submitted in writing in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice)
9. Reports from Committees
Traffic Committee Meeting 21 April 2009
10. Motions Pursuant to Notice
 - A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillors Barron, Carney, Lim and Maroun
 1. Code of Meeting Practice - Amendment 1
 2. Code of Meeting Practice - Amendment 2
 3. Traffic Issues – Underwood Road, Homebush
 4. Enfield Police Station

5. New South Wales Police Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament and Local Councillors
 6. Local Government Playground Grants Program
 7. Communications and Information Technology
- B. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim
1. Noise Control in the Strathfield Council Area
 2. Council Building Certifier Accreditation Scheme
 3. Roads and Traffic Authority Delegation for the Regulation of Traffic
 4. New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Recorded Crime Statistics for the Strathfield Local Government Area
 5. Illegal Dumping in the Strathfield Council Area
 6. New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy
 7. Healthy Eating Campaign
 8. Proposed Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination
 9. Library Funding
 10. Strathfield Police Station Opening
 11. Electricity Price Increase
 12. Strathfield to Hurstville Railway Link
- C. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Carney
1. Strathfield Square 'Goodwill' Fountain
- D. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Barron
1. Economic Development
11. General Business
1. Friendly City Relationship Gloucester Shire Council
 2. 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions
 3. Investment Report as at 31 March 2009
 4. Code of Meeting Practice Review
 5. Internet Kiosk for Seniors
 6. Draft Strathfield Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan (2011)
 7. Update on Draft Environmental Planning Instruments
 8. Cox's Creek Reserve Plan of Management 2009
 9. Council Flyer
 10. Update on Matthews Park Rezoning and 15 Parramatta Road Land Transfer
12. Matters of Urgency in Accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government General Regulation, 2005
13. Matters for Decision (for consideration and/or determination)
- Nil.

14. Closed Session

In accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the following matters will be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

1. Provision of Additional Permanent Car Parking at Dan Murphy's (Woolworths Ltd) Strathfield South
2. Tender Provision of Cleaning Services to Council Facilities and Offices
3. Tender Provision of Recycling Services to Council

The above matters are being considered in Closed Session as they relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

I endorse the recommendations contained herein.

General Manager

MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

- A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillors Barron, Carney, Lim and Maroun

1. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE – AMENDMENT 1

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to amend Clause 23 of the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* by the addition of the following sub-clause:

- (4) The Chairperson must put a motion of dissent, if so moved, pursuant to Clause 31 of this Code.

Rationale: To ensure that order and the rule of law is maintained at Council and Committee meetings.

2. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE – AMENDMENT 2

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to amend Clause 23 of the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* by the addition of the following sub-clause:

- (5) The failure to put a motion of dissent by the Chairperson must be treated as act of disorder pursuant to Clause 42 of this Code.

Rationale: To ensure that order and the rule of law is maintained at Council and Committee meetings.

3. TRAFFIC ISSUES – UNDERWOOD ROAD, HOMEBUSH

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the former Mayor of Strathfield, and current State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for failing to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2008, Council resolved, inter alia, to express concern at the decision of the then Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Dianne Virginia Judge, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September

12th, 2001, and to call on Minister Judge and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

By letter to Council dated Thursday, January 22nd, 2009, Minister Judge refused to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

In the aforementioned letter, Minister Judge further refused to commit to allocating additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

4. ENFIELD POLICE STATION

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government to reopen the Enfield Police Station.

5. NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL COUNCILLORS

IMOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to develop a policy/protocol on dealing with the New South Wales Police Force.
2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn a former Mayor of Strathfield and State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for having her photograph taken with police prior to elections and, subsequently, utilising the photographs in publications and other self promotional material.

Notes: Refer to the below press clipping.

Cops tell MPs to back off

By Yoni Bashan

Source: Sunday Telegraph, Sunday, February 01st, 2009

SENIOR police have begun drafting an extraordinary set of guidelines to stop politicians interfering with police investigations.

The list of demands is being compiled by high-ranking officers, along with the NSW Police Association, to address frustrations with local MPs who - police say - overstep ethical boundaries in the guise of helping constituents.

The rules are currently in the draft stage and will soon be handed to Premier Nathan Rees for consideration.

The Sunday Telegraph has learned the guidelines and a supplementary code of conduct would ban MPs and local councillors from approaching police officers during criminal investigations.

MPs would also be banned from having their photographs taken with police commanders prior to elections, with many frustrated superintendents privately upset about being treated like "political footballs".

"It will ensure these relationships are managed in a professional and ethical manner that reduces the risk of inappropriate or undue manipulation, threat or intimidation that could compromise either the police or local representatives," NSW Police Association president Bob Pritchard said.

"We'll be consulting with our members at Command level and other stakeholders including ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) and the Police Integrity Commission to make sure we get it right."

To maintain "operational integrity", police also want MPs to keep a formal record of all their meetings with police to avoid conflict-of-interest situations arising.

The move comes in the wake of a recent controversy involving former minister Tony Stewart, who was the subject of a complaint from police Superintendent Dave Darcy.

Supt Darcy claimed Mr Stewart attempted to put pressure on him to drop an investigation into one of his associates, George Zeitoune, while he was the Bankstown police commander during the mid-1990s. Mr Stewart denies any wrongdoing.

Supt Darcy lodged an official complaint with the ICAC, but no official record of the alleged discussion was kept and the investigation was dropped.

The respected police officer was later moved out of Bankstown to Manly, which is considered a lower-profile area command.

A police source said a number of other conflict-of-interest scenarios involving politicians and police had taken place in recent years.

Councillors and parliamentarians often approach police and lobby them to prioritise key community issues.

Mr Pritchard said the issue has become a very sensitive topic for officers and must be addressed in a fair and sensible way.

"Obviously they'll need to find the balance between maintaining the role local representatives play in raising concerns with police commands, with the need for investigative and operational integrity within the police force."

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLAYGROUND GRANTS PROGRAM

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for failing to successfully support the application, under the Local Government Playground Grants Program, by Strathfield Municipal Council.

Rationale: By letter dated Thursday, November 20th, 2008, the Director General of the New South Wales Department of Local Government, Garry Payne AM, advised that Strathfield Municipal Council was unsuccessful in securing funding from this round of the Local Government Playground Grants Program..

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to consider the use of 'wiki' technology for the public exhibition of Council's codes and policies, on separate web pages linked to the official Council web site, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report accordingly.
2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to consider the use of 'blog' ('web log') technology for the dissemination of news and other information from, or linked to, Council's web site, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report accordingly.

Rationale: A 'wiki' is a web page, or a collection of web pages, designed to enable users who access it to contribute or modify content, using a simplified mark up.

Wikis are often used to create collaborative policies and have even been used for the exhibition of Acts of Parliament, such as the current review of the Police Act 1958 (NZ).

A news release issued by the New Zealand Police issued on 25 September 2007 states, inter alia:

Policing Act 'wiki' launched

Today's launch of a Policing Act wiki gives Kiwis an innovative way to suggest the wording for a new Act of Parliament.

The wiki is the latest step in a comprehensive review of the 1958 Police Act.

The officer in charge of the review, Superintendent Hamish McCardle, says the wiki provides an online space, similar to a whiteboard, where anyone can post their ideas on what a new Policing Act should say.

The "wiki" format is similar to that used for the popular on-line encyclopaedia, Wikipedia.

"Launching a wiki version of a statute is a novel move, but one we hope will yield a range of views from people interested in having a direct say on the shape of a new Policing Act," Superintendent McCardle says.

If successful, one outcome is for the wiki Act to be given to the parliamentary select committee considering the official Policing Bill next year, along with other consultation information generated during the 18 month long review.

"This may well be one of the first pieces of legislation developed in New Zealand with the aid of such an online tool."

The wiki can be accessed at <http://wiki.policeact.govt.nz>, or by using a link from the Police Act Review website (<http://www.policeact.govt.nz>).

"All the instructions are on the website and are easy to follow," says Superintendent McCardle, "and users can add their views within minutes."

The Policing Act wiki joins other wikis launched to encourage New Zealanders to engage with public sector agencies. A good example is the Participation Wiki (<http://wiki.participation.e.govt.nz>), hosted by the State Services Commission.

The use of wiki technology will enable all residents and ratepayers of the Strathfield local government area with internet access an additional opportunity to participate in Council's policy development.

C. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim

1. **NOISE CONTROL IN THE STRATHFIELD COUNCIL AREA**

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on noise control in the Strathfield local government area, including, but not limited to, the revised *Noise Guide for Local Government*.

Rationale: The New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Noise Guide for Local Government is being progressively revised.

The revised Part 4 of the Guide deals with the noise provisions of the Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997 (NSW) (hereinafter 'the POEO'), the POEO (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 (NSW) and other legislation for managing noise.

The revised text in Part 4 also reflects new or changed provisions introduced in the POEO (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 (NSW). It also clarifies how these provisions may be enforced.

Local councils, like Strathfield, and other stakeholders can now use Part 4 for up to date guidance on the use and enforcement of the POEO Act and the associated Noise Control Regulation for noise control purposes.

2. COUNCIL BUILDING CERTIFIER ACCREDITATION SCHEME

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the accreditation of council building certifiers, including, but not limited to the proposed scheme for the accreditation of council building certifiers.

Rationale: It is submitted that the proposed scheme for the accreditation of council building certifiers appears to: (1) be unnecessarily complex; (2) be onerous and costly for councils, like Strathfield to implement and administer; and (3) provide few, if any, tangible benefits to the community of the Strathfield local government area.

It is further submitted that the accreditation requirements also represent a cost shift from the Building Professionals Board to Strathfield Council and other local councils, and the short time frame for the implementation of the scheme appears to be impractical and ill-considered.

3. ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY DELEGATION FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the recent changes to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Delegation for the Regulation of Traffic, including, but not limited to, the operation of Local Traffic Committees such as Council's Traffic Committee.

**4. NEW SOUTH WALES BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH
RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE STRATHFIELD LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AREA**

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government, for the alarmingly and unacceptably high incidents of crime in the Strathfield local government area, as recorded by New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in the *2008 New South Wales Recorded Crime Statistics* released on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009, and, in particular, for the Strathfield council area ranking among the top crime hot spots in the state for robbery, personal theft, fraud and motor vehicle related crime, including, but not limited to:

- (1) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the SECOND (2ND) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of robbery; and
- (2) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the THIRD (3RD) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of 'steal from the person'; and
- (3) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the SIXTH (6TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of fraud; and
- (4) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the EIGHTH (8TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of personal 'steal from motor vehicle'; and
- (5) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the ELEVENTH (11TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of personal motor vehicle theft.

5. ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE STRATHFIELD COUNCIL AREA

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the incidence of illegal dumping in the Strathfield local government area, including, but not limited to, the development of an illegal dumping action plan, as well as prospect of utilising and/or trialing the range of strategic programmes and regulatory measures developed by the New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change, including, but not limited to, the Illegal Dumping Action Planning Tool (IDAPT).

6. NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING DRAFT CENTRES POLICY

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a submission in respect of the New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy, and, in particular, having regard to the Strathfield Town Centre.

Rationale: The New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy is now on public exhibition with submissions on the policy closing on Monday, May 11th, 2009.

The Policy provides a planning framework for the development of new and existing retail and commercial centres in NSW and is based on six principles:

- (1) Retail and commercial activity should be located in centres to ensure the most efficient use of transport and other infrastructure, proximity to labour markets, and to improve the amenity and liveability of those centres; and*
- (2) The planning system should be flexible enough to enable centres to grow, and new centres to form; and*
- (3) The market is best placed to determine the need for retail and commercial development. The role of the planning system is to regulate the location and scale of development to accommodate market demand; and*
- (4) The planning system should ensure that the supply of available floorspace always accommodates the market demand, to help facilitate new entrants into the market and promote competition; and*
- (5) The planning system should support a wide range of retail and commercial premises in all centres and should contribute to ensuring a competitive retail and commercial market; and*
- (6) Retail and commercial development should be well designed to ensure they contribute to the amenity, accessibility, urban context and sustainability of centres.*

7. HEALTHY EATING CAMPAIGN

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on promoting healthy eating within the community of Strathfield, including, but not limited to, through the Go for 2&5 Campaign.

Rationale: Go for 2&5 is a national campaign that aims to increase Australians' consumption of fruit and vegetables, in order to improve their overall health and wellbeing and to protect against diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

The current phase of the campaign focuses on the affordability of healthy food as opposed to junk food options. Promotion suggestions include:

- (1) inspiring the local community to incorporate fruit and vegetables into their day by featuring recipe and snack ideas on Council's website, publications and/or newsletters, community meeting facilities and community notice boards; and*
- (2) providing the local community with a five-day healthy lunch challenge to inspire them to add more fruit and vegetables into their day; and*
- (3) providing the local community with a weekly 'healthy eating tip' from one of the campaign's brochures or fact sheets; and*
- (4) providing a link to the Real Cost of Healthy Food competition on Council's website.*

8. PROPOSED GUIDELINES ON THE DUTY TO REPORT CONTAMINATION

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the proposed *Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination* under the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (NSW)*.

Rationale: The proposed New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change (hereinafter 'the DECC') Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination, under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (NSW) (hereinafter 'the CLM Act'), have been developed in light of the recent amendments to the CLM Act, under the Contaminated Land Management Amendment Act 2008 (NSW).

These amendments are scheduled to commence on Monday, June 1st, 2009.

The draft guidelines provide information on two key aspects of the duty to report contamination under Section 60 of the CLM Act:

- (1) the duty of landowners and persons who have responsibility for the contamination to report to the DECC – this includes a range of considerations for those who encounter land contamination and how to proceed where there is uncertainty; and*
- (2) how the DECC assesses and determines whether or not contamination is significant enough to require regulation.*

9. LIBRARY FUNDING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government, to provide funding in the amount of \$200,000 towards Council's High Street Community Library to match the funding provided to Ashfield Municipal Council towards its library redevelopment.

10. STRATHFIELD POLICE STATION OPENING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for her statement, as reported in the *Inner West Courier* of Tuesday, April 29th, 2009, at the recent opening of the downsized Strathfield Police Station that this smaller police station would "better serve the police needs of Strathfield."

11. ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASE

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, over the electricity price increase.

Rationale: Refer to the following recent press clipping.

Green, consumer anger over power price increases

By Marian Wilkinson, Environment Editor

Source: Sydney Morning Herald, Monday, April 20th, 2009, Page 2

ELECTRICITY consumers and environmental groups have reacted angrily to an announcement by the NSW Energy Minister, Ian Macdonald, that power companies will be allowed big price increases to pay for the largest energy expansion program in the state's history.

The head of the Energy Users Association, Roman Domanski, said the NSW power industry was becoming more inefficient and needed reform, not excessive spending.

"You won't solve the problem by throwing money at it," he said, adding that companies had not justified the big spending programs they were asking for.

Yesterday Mr Macdonald pre-empted the announcement of the independent energy regulator by declaring \$18 billion would be spent over the next five years to replace, renew or upgrade the state's electricity network.

The money will come from electricity consumers. Domestic users in Sydney are expected to have to pay extra \$ 2.50 per week.

Environment groups and energy-efficiency experts joined a chorus of criticism over the program, which is expected to be formally approved by the Australian Energy Regulator on April 29. The groups say it will increase greenhouse gas emissions and work against energy efficiency programs.

The NSW Total Environment Centre described the price increase as a money grab by the power distribution companies, Energy Australia, Integral Energy, Country Energy and Transgrid.

"Federal Energy Minister Martin Ferguson and NSW Minister Ian Macdonald need to be called to account for the colossal waste of money," said the centre's Jane Castle. "In NSW energy efficiency and demand management have proven to be four times cheaper than building more poles and wires."

The price increases for Energy Australia customers are expected to begin with a 16 per cent rise this year followed by an 8 per cent rise for the following four years.

A spokesman for Energy Australia, which will spend \$8.5 billion on its share of the program, said the spending would renew and upgrade an electricity system built in the 1960s and 1970s.

"It's now time to start renewing and replacing that network. It's got nothing to do with wanting to expand for the sake of expansion," said a spokesman, Anthony O'Brien.

The independent regulator had been through the company's submission "with a fine tooth comb", he said, and Energy Australia needed to comply with its licence conditions to run electricity distribution safely and reliably.

The NSW Environment Minister, Carmel Tebbutt, recently introduced an energy efficiency target for power retailers to cut electricity use in NSW.

But Ms Castle said the new infrastructure spending could counter these efforts.

Part of the spending increase is to provide more power for the increased use of air-conditioning, which is boosting demand in peak periods. Energy Australia says it is using off peak pricing and other techniques to increase energy efficiency.

12. STRATHFIELD TO HURSTVILLE RAIL LINK

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, over the scrapping of the promised Strathfield to Hurstville railway link.

Rationale: Refer to the following recent press clipping.

Sidetracked and stuck in the past

By Paul Bibby, Urban Affairs Reporter

Source: Sun Herald, Sunday, April 19th, 2009, Page 14

A FAMILY living in the outer suburbs of Sydney with one parent working in the city will spend as much money running their car as they do on mortgage repayments over the course of a 30-year home loan.

This fact - revealed in a 2005 federal parliamentary inquiry into the sustainability of Australian cities - is the legacy of a rail network that is frozen in time.

Sydney's rail system has remained almost unchanged from the original vision developed by engineer John Bradfield in the 1930s and then updated in 1956. The city is now seeing the social consequences of this in the growing divide between those who have access to transport and those who do not.

The recent decisions by the State Government to dump the north-west and south-west rail links are just the tip of the iceberg.

The head office of RailCorp is littered with blueprints for grand rail projects that never made it off the page. Over the past 15 years the government has promised, but failed to deliver, at least \$28 billion of rail infrastructure, including 13 projects that would have provided more than 1000 kilometres of track and dozens of new stations.

Some, such as the Mosman to Mona Vale line, were envisaged by Bradfield himself. More recently, the Government has axed plans for a south-west connection between Strathfield and Hurstville, a fast train between Hornsby and Newcastle and the duplication of the Richmond line.

The physical reminders are easy to see. The Maldon to Dombarton freight line, begun in the early 1980s but dumped by the Greiner government in 1988, lies half-finished and gradually rotting in the Illawarra, and tunnels under North Sydney and St James have been empty for decades.

"There is a problem with NSW treasury not believing in rail in this state and Sydney in particular," says Garry Glazebrook, a transport expert from the University of Technology, Sydney.

"For 10 to 15 years we were able to build toll roads using private sector finance and that relieved treasury of the responsibility."

That the failure to provide new public transport infrastructure is having serious social consequences should not come as a surprise.

The 2001 Christie Report - commissioned by the government - warned of creeping social inequity, asserting Sydney would be "doomed to a future under which more than half the urbanised metropolitan area, and especially those areas at more distant locations, will not be served by the rail system". This result risked "creating and reinforcing significant inequalities".

The director of the Urban Research Centre at the University of Western Sydney, Phillip O'Neill, said this is exactly what is happening in western Sydney where less than 20 kilometres of new railway has been built since 1940 despite a fivefold increase in the population.

The most glaring error, he said, was the decision to cut the Parramatta to Epping Rail link, which reinforced the divide between inner-city dwellers and those further west.

"For most of the 20th century, Sydney had a very efficient radial public transport system so that when people arrived in a new suburb, the railway line was there and station was there for them to get to work," Professor O'Neill said.

"Governments lost sight of this basic transport rule some time in the 1970s. Sydney's population exploded but no new transport corridors were established, so western Sydney was forced to rely on a mishmash of local roads and poorly designed bus services."

While two out of three western Sydney workers are employed within the region, 80 per cent travel to work by car each day.

Sydney's newest business park, the Norwest Business Park, has more than 90 per cent car dependency, shopping centres are designed to be driven to and a generation of children expect to be driven to school each day.

Less tangible but equally problematic, Professor O'Neill said, is the uncertainty created by failure of successive governments to deliver on promised transport infrastructure.

"You cannot make a decision about where to live based on an assumption that the promised rail line will be delivered," he said. "The Government has to convince the people that it will implement its plans ... people have no confidence about public transport decisions, so they're reluctant to buy a place."

Failed rail links

A Hornsby to Newcastle (High speed rail)

B Parramatta to Epping

C North Sydney to Mona Vale

D Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach

E Bondi Junction to Maroubra

F Strathfield to Hurstville

G Waterfall to Thirroul (Tunnel)

H Maldon to Dombarton (Illawarra) Metro Lines proposal to government – 2001

I Parramatta to Wollri Creek (River Metro Line)

J Hoxton Park to Castle Hill (Parramatta Metro Line)

K Cronulla to Dee Why

(Central Metro Lin

Caption: THREE PHOTOS: Clockwise from bottom left, Disused St James station tunnels, unfinished Maldon tunnel and bridge, forgotten Queen Street signal control centre, and artist concept of what was to be a high-speed train service to Newcastle.

D. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Carney

1. STRATHFIELD SQUARE 'GOODWILL FOUNTAIN'

I MOVE:

1. That the resolution dismantling the 'Goodwill Fountain' be delayed pending a further report.
2. That the questions tabled by myself on 28 April 2009 be the subject of a further report to Council.

Rationale: To allow a full and proper debate on the future of the ' Goodwill Fountain.'

E. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Barron

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report identifying all business representative groups in the Strathfield Council area, including, but not limited to, information regarding each groups' key members, such as president, secretary, treasurers and number of members and whether or not it is a registered organisation.

Rationale: In light of the excellent Economic Development Plan, it is important for Council to know key stakeholder groups that Council should liaise with as part of implementing this plan



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Speakers are not permitted to ask questions of Councillors or staff.

All comments made in Open Forum are recorded.

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING AT THE CONCLUSION OF OPEN FORUM

Please refer to Agenda attached

Persons in the gallery are advised that under the Local Government Act, 1993 a person may **NOT** tape record the proceeding of a meeting of a council or committee without the authority of the council or committee.
"Tape record" includes a video camera and an electronic device capable of recording speech.
Mobile phones must be turned off so as not to disrupt the meeting.

Anyone, including Councillors, found using a mobile phone will be told to leave the meeting immediately and for the duration of the said meeting.

An audio recording of this meeting will be taken for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Local Government Act

1. Prayer
2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - a) Ordinary Council Meeting 7 April 2009
 - b) Extraordinary Council Meeting 28 April 2009
4. Apologies
5. Deferred/Outstanding matters awaiting report
Nil.
6. Planning and Development Matters
Nil.
7. Mayoral Minute(s) in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice
8. Councillors' Questions to the Mayor (submitted in writing in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice)
9. Reports from Committees
Traffic Committee Meeting 21 April 2009
10. Motions Pursuant to Notice
 - A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillors Barron, Carney, Lim and Maroun
 1. Code of Meeting Practice - Amendment 1
 2. Code of Meeting Practice - Amendment 2
 3. Traffic Issues – Underwood Road, Homebush
 4. Enfield Police Station

5. New South Wales Police Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament and Local Councillors
 6. Local Government Playground Grants Program
 7. Communications and Information Technology
- B. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim
1. Noise Control in the Strathfield Council Area
 2. Council Building Certifier Accreditation Scheme
 3. Roads and Traffic Authority Delegation for the Regulation of Traffic
 4. New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Recorded Crime Statistics for the Strathfield Local Government Area
 5. Illegal Dumping in the Strathfield Council Area
 6. New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy
 7. Healthy Eating Campaign
 8. Proposed Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination
 9. Library Funding
 10. Strathfield Police Station Opening
 11. Electricity Price Increase
 12. Strathfield to Hurstville Railway Link
- C. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Carney
1. Strathfield Square 'Goodwill' Fountain
- D. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Barron
1. Economic Development
11. General Business
1. Friendly City Relationship Gloucester Shire Council
 2. 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions
 3. Investment Report as at 31 March 2009
 4. Code of Meeting Practice Review
 5. Internet Kiosk for Seniors
 6. Draft Strathfield Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan (2011)
 7. Update on Draft Environmental Planning Instruments
 8. Cox's Creek Reserve Plan of Management 2009
 9. Council Flyer
 10. Update on Matthews Park Rezoning and 15 Parramatta Road Land Transfer
12. Matters of Urgency in Accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government General Regulation, 2005
13. Matters for Decision (for consideration and/or determination)
- Nil.

14. Closed Session

In accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the following matters will be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

1. Provision of Additional Permanent Car Parking at Dan Murphy's (Woolworths Ltd) Strathfield South
2. Tender Provision of Cleaning Services to Council Facilities and Offices
3. Tender Provision of Recycling Services to Council

The above matters are being considered in Closed Session as they relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

I endorse the recommendations contained herein.

General Manager

MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

- A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillors Barron, Carney, Lim and Maroun

1. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE – AMENDMENT 1

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to amend Clause 23 of the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* by the addition of the following sub-clause:

- (4) The Chairperson must put a motion of dissent, if so moved, pursuant to Clause 31 of this Code.

Rationale: To ensure that order and the rule of law is maintained at Council and Committee meetings.

2. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE – AMENDMENT 2

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to amend Clause 23 of the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* by the addition of the following sub-clause:

- (5) The failure to put a motion of dissent by the Chairperson must be treated as act of disorder pursuant to Clause 42 of this Code.

Rationale: To ensure that order and the rule of law is maintained at Council and Committee meetings.

3. TRAFFIC ISSUES – UNDERWOOD ROAD, HOMEBUSH

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the former Mayor of Strathfield, and current State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for failing to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2008, Council resolved, inter alia, to express concern at the decision of the then Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Dianne Virginia Judge, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September

12th, 2001, and to call on Minister Judge and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

By letter to Council dated Thursday, January 22nd, 2009, Minister Judge refused to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

In the aforementioned letter, Minister Judge further refused to commit to allocating additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

4. ENFIELD POLICE STATION

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government to reopen the Enfield Police Station.

5. NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL COUNCILLORS

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to develop a policy/protocol on dealing with the New South Wales Police Force.
2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn a former Mayor of Strathfield and State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for having her photograph taken with police prior to elections and, subsequently, utilising the photographs in publications and other self promotional material.

Notes: Refer to the below press clipping.

Cops tell MPs to back off

By Yoni Bashan

Source: Sunday Telegraph, Sunday, February 01st, 2009

SENIOR police have begun drafting an extraordinary set of guidelines to stop politicians interfering with police investigations.

The list of demands is being compiled by high-ranking officers, along with the NSW Police Association, to address frustrations with local MPs who - police say - overstep ethical boundaries in the guise of helping constituents.

The rules are currently in the draft stage and will soon be handed to Premier Nathan Rees for consideration.

The Sunday Telegraph has learned the guidelines and a supplementary code of conduct would ban MPs and local councillors from approaching police officers during criminal investigations.

MPs would also be banned from having their photographs taken with police commanders prior to elections, with many frustrated superintendents privately upset about being treated like "political footballs".

"It will ensure these relationships are managed in a professional and ethical manner that reduces the risk of inappropriate or undue manipulation, threat or intimidation that could compromise either the police or local representatives," NSW Police Association president Bob Pritchard said.

"We'll be consulting with our members at Command level and other stakeholders including ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) and the Police Integrity Commission to make sure we get it right."

To maintain "operational integrity", police also want MPs to keep a formal record of all their meetings with police to avoid conflict-of-interest situations arising.

The move comes in the wake of a recent controversy involving former minister Tony Stewart, who was the subject of a complaint from police Superintendent Dave Darcy.

Supt Darcy claimed Mr Stewart attempted to put pressure on him to drop an investigation into one of his associates, George Zeitoune, while he was the Bankstown police commander during the mid-1990s. Mr Stewart denies any wrongdoing.

Supt Darcy lodged an official complaint with the ICAC, but no official record of the alleged discussion was kept and the investigation was dropped.

The respected police officer was later moved out of Bankstown to Manly, which is considered a lower-profile area command.

A police source said a number of other conflict-of-interest scenarios involving politicians and police had taken place in recent years.

Councillors and parliamentarians often approach police and lobby them to prioritise key community issues.

Mr Pritchard said the issue has become a very sensitive topic for officers and must be addressed in a fair and sensible way.

"Obviously they'll need to find the balance between maintaining the role local representatives play in raising concerns with police commands, with the need for investigative and operational integrity within the police force."

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLAYGROUND GRANTS PROGRAM

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for failing to successfully support the application, under the Local Government Playground Grants Program, by Strathfield Municipal Council.

Rationale: By letter dated Thursday, November 20th, 2008, the Director General of the New South Wales Department of Local Government, Garry Payne AM, advised that Strathfield Municipal Council was unsuccessful in securing funding from this round of the Local Government Playground Grants Program..

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to consider the use of 'wiki' technology for the public exhibition of Council's codes and policies, on separate web pages linked to the official Council web site, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report accordingly.
2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to consider the use of 'blog' ('web log') technology for the dissemination of news and other information from, or linked to, Council's web site, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report accordingly.

Rationale: A 'wiki' is a web page, or a collection of web pages, designed to enable users who access it to contribute or modify content, using a simplified mark up.

Wikis are often used to create collaborative policies and have even been used for the exhibition of Acts of Parliament, such as the current review of the Police Act 1958 (NZ).

A news release issued by the New Zealand Police issued on 25 September 2007 states, inter alia:

Policing Act 'wiki' launched

Today's launch of a Policing Act wiki gives Kiwis an innovative way to suggest the wording for a new Act of Parliament.

The wiki is the latest step in a comprehensive review of the 1958 Police Act.

The officer in charge of the review, Superintendent Hamish McCardle, says the wiki provides an online space, similar to a whiteboard, where anyone can post their ideas on what a new Policing Act should say.

The "wiki" format is similar to that used for the popular on-line encyclopaedia, Wikipedia.

"Launching a wiki version of a statute is a novel move, but one we hope will yield a range of views from people interested in having a direct say on the shape of a new Policing Act," Superintendent McCardle says.

If successful, one outcome is for the wiki Act to be given to the parliamentary select committee considering the official Policing Bill next year, along with other consultation information generated during the 18 month long review.

"This may well be one of the first pieces of legislation developed in New Zealand with the aid of such an online tool."

The wiki can be accessed at <http://wiki.policeact.govt.nz>, or by using a link from the Police Act Review website (<http://www.policeact.govt.nz>).

"All the instructions are on the website and are easy to follow," says Superintendent McCardle, "and users can add their views within minutes."

The Policing Act wiki joins other wikis launched to encourage New Zealanders to engage with public sector agencies. A good example is the Participation Wiki (<http://wiki.participation.e.govt.nz>), hosted by the State Services Commission.

The use of wiki technology will enable all residents and ratepayers of the Strathfield local government area with internet access an additional opportunity to participate in Council's policy development.

C. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim

1. **NOISE CONTROL IN THE STRATHFIELD COUNCIL AREA**

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on noise control in the Strathfield local government area, including, but not limited to, the revised *Noise Guide for Local Government*.

Rationale: The New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Noise Guide for Local Government is being progressively revised.

The revised Part 4 of the Guide deals with the noise provisions of the Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997 (NSW) (hereinafter 'the POEO'), the POEO (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 (NSW) and other legislation for managing noise.

The revised text in Part 4 also reflects new or changed provisions introduced in the POEO (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 (NSW). It also clarifies how these provisions may be enforced.

Local councils, like Strathfield, and other stakeholders can now use Part 4 for up to date guidance on the use and enforcement of the POEO Act and the associated Noise Control Regulation for noise control purposes.

2. COUNCIL BUILDING CERTIFIER ACCREDITATION SCHEME

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the accreditation of council building certifiers, including, but not limited to the proposed scheme for the accreditation of council building certifiers.

Rationale: It is submitted that the proposed scheme for the accreditation of council building certifiers appears to: (1) be unnecessarily complex; (2) be onerous and costly for councils, like Strathfield to implement and administer; and (3) provide few, if any, tangible benefits to the community of the Strathfield local government area.

It is further submitted that the accreditation requirements also represent a cost shift from the Building Professionals Board to Strathfield Council and other local councils, and the short time frame for the implementation of the scheme appears to be impractical and ill-considered.

3. ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY DELEGATION FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the recent changes to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Delegation for the Regulation of Traffic, including, but not limited to, the operation of Local Traffic Committees such as Council's Traffic Committee.

**4. NEW SOUTH WALES BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH
RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE STRATHFIELD LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AREA**

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government, for the alarmingly and unacceptably high incidents of crime in the Strathfield local government area, as recorded by New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in the *2008 New South Wales Recorded Crime Statistics* released on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009, and, in particular, for the Strathfield council area ranking among the top crime hot spots in the state for robbery, personal theft, fraud and motor vehicle related crime, including, but not limited to:

- (1) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the SECOND (2ND) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of robbery; and
- (2) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the THIRD (3RD) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of 'steal from the person'; and
- (3) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the SIXTH (6TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of fraud; and
- (4) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the EIGHTH (8TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of personal 'steal from motor vehicle'; and
- (5) the Strathfield local government area being ranked as the ELEVENTH (11TH) highest of any council area in the State of New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of personal motor vehicle theft.

5. ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE STRATHFIELD COUNCIL AREA

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the incidence of illegal dumping in the Strathfield local government area, including, but not limited to, the development of an illegal dumping action plan, as well as prospect of utilising and/or trialing the range of strategic programmes and regulatory measures developed by the New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change, including, but not limited to, the Illegal Dumping Action Planning Tool (IDAPT).

6. NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING DRAFT CENTRES POLICY

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a submission in respect of the New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy, and, in particular, having regard to the Strathfield Town Centre.

Rationale: The New South Wales Department of Planning Draft Centres Policy is now on public exhibition with submissions on the policy closing on Monday, May 11th, 2009.

The Policy provides a planning framework for the development of new and existing retail and commercial centres in NSW and is based on six principles:

- (1) Retail and commercial activity should be located in centres to ensure the most efficient use of transport and other infrastructure, proximity to labour markets, and to improve the amenity and liveability of those centres; and*
- (2) The planning system should be flexible enough to enable centres to grow, and new centres to form; and*
- (3) The market is best placed to determine the need for retail and commercial development. The role of the planning system is to regulate the location and scale of development to accommodate market demand; and*
- (4) The planning system should ensure that the supply of available floorspace always accommodates the market demand, to help facilitate new entrants into the market and promote competition; and*
- (5) The planning system should support a wide range of retail and commercial premises in all centres and should contribute to ensuring a competitive retail and commercial market; and*
- (6) Retail and commercial development should be well designed to ensure they contribute to the amenity, accessibility, urban context and sustainability of centres.*

7. HEALTHY EATING CAMPAIGN

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on promoting healthy eating within the community of Strathfield, including, but not limited to, through the Go for 2&5 Campaign.

Rationale: Go for 2&5 is a national campaign that aims to increase Australians' consumption of fruit and vegetables, in order to improve their overall health and wellbeing and to protect against diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

The current phase of the campaign focuses on the affordability of healthy food as opposed to junk food options. Promotion suggestions include:

- (1) inspiring the local community to incorporate fruit and vegetables into their day by featuring recipe and snack ideas on Council's website, publications and/or newsletters, community meeting facilities and community notice boards; and*
- (2) providing the local community with a five-day healthy lunch challenge to inspire them to add more fruit and vegetables into their day; and*
- (3) providing the local community with a weekly 'healthy eating tip' from one of the campaign's brochures or fact sheets; and*
- (4) providing a link to the Real Cost of Healthy Food competition on Council's website.*

8. PROPOSED GUIDELINES ON THE DUTY TO REPORT CONTAMINATION

IMOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the proposed *Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination* under the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (NSW)*.

Rationale: The proposed New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change (hereinafter 'the DECC') Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination, under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (NSW) (hereinafter 'the CLM Act'), have been developed in light of the recent amendments to the CLM Act, under the Contaminated Land Management Amendment Act 2008 (NSW).

These amendments are scheduled to commence on Monday, June 1st, 2009.

The draft guidelines provide information on two key aspects of the duty to report contamination under Section 60 of the CLM Act:

- (1) the duty of landowners and persons who have responsibility for the contamination to report to the DECC – this includes a range of considerations for those who encounter land contamination and how to proceed where there is uncertainty; and*
- (2) how the DECC assesses and determines whether or not contamination is significant enough to require regulation.*

9. LIBRARY FUNDING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government, to provide funding in the amount of \$200,000 towards Council's High Street Community Library to match the funding provided to Ashfield Municipal Council towards its library redevelopment.

10. STRATHFIELD POLICE STATION OPENING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for her statement, as reported in the *Inner West Courier* of Tuesday, April 29th, 2009, at the recent opening of the downsized Strathfield Police Station that this smaller police station would "better serve the police needs of Strathfield."

11. ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASE

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, over the electricity price increase.

Rationale: Refer to the following recent press clipping.

Green, consumer anger over power price increases

By Marian Wilkinson, Environment Editor

Source: Sydney Morning Herald, Monday, April 20th, 2009, Page 2

ELECTRICITY consumers and environmental groups have reacted angrily to an announcement by the NSW Energy Minister, Ian Macdonald, that power companies will be allowed big price increases to pay for the largest energy expansion program in the state's history.

The head of the Energy Users Association, Roman Domanski, said the NSW power industry was becoming more inefficient and needed reform, not excessive spending.

"You won't solve the problem by throwing money at it," he said, adding that companies had not justified the big spending programs they were asking for.

Yesterday Mr Macdonald pre-empted the announcement of the independent energy regulator by declaring \$18 billion would be spent over the next five years to replace, renew or upgrade the state's electricity network.

The money will come from electricity consumers. Domestic users in Sydney are expected to have to pay extra \$ 2.50 per week.

Environment groups and energy-efficiency experts joined a chorus of criticism over the program, which is expected to be formally approved by the Australian Energy Regulator on April 29. The groups say it will increase greenhouse gas emissions and work against energy efficiency programs.

The NSW Total Environment Centre described the price increase as a money grab by the power distribution companies, Energy Australia, Integral Energy, Country Energy and Transgrid.

"Federal Energy Minister Martin Ferguson and NSW Minister Ian Macdonald need to be called to account for the colossal waste of money," said the centre's Jane Castle. "In NSW energy efficiency and demand management have proven to be four times cheaper than building more poles and wires."

The price increases for Energy Australia customers are expected to begin with a 16 per cent rise this year followed by an 8 per cent rise for the following four years.

A spokesman for Energy Australia, which will spend \$8.5 billion on its share of the program, said the spending would renew and upgrade an electricity system built in the 1960s and 1970s.

"It's now time to start renewing and replacing that network. It's got nothing to do with wanting to expand for the sake of expansion," said a spokesman, Anthony O'Brien.

The independent regulator had been through the company's submission "with a fine tooth comb", he said, and Energy Australia needed to comply with its licence conditions to run electricity distribution safely and reliably.

The NSW Environment Minister, Carmel Tebbutt, recently introduced an energy efficiency target for power retailers to cut electricity use in NSW.

But Ms Castle said the new infrastructure spending could counter these efforts.

Part of the spending increase is to provide more power for the increased use of air-conditioning, which is boosting demand in peak periods. Energy Australia says it is using off peak pricing and other techniques to increase energy efficiency.

12. STRATHFIELD TO HURSTVILLE RAIL LINK

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, over the scrapping of the promised Strathfield to Hurstville railway link.

Rationale: Refer to the following recent press clipping.

Sidetracked and stuck in the past

By Paul Bibby, Urban Affairs Reporter

Source: Sun Herald, Sunday, April 19th, 2009, Page 14

A FAMILY living in the outer suburbs of Sydney with one parent working in the city will spend as much money running their car as they do on mortgage repayments over the course of a 30-year home loan.

This fact - revealed in a 2005 federal parliamentary inquiry into the sustainability of Australian cities - is the legacy of a rail network that is frozen in time.

Sydney's rail system has remained almost unchanged from the original vision developed by engineer John Bradfield in the 1930s and then updated in 1956. The city is now seeing the social consequences of this in the growing divide between those who have access to transport and those who do not.

The recent decisions by the State Government to dump the north-west and south-west rail links are just the tip of the iceberg.

The head office of RailCorp is littered with blueprints for grand rail projects that never made it off the page. Over the past 15 years the government has promised, but failed to deliver, at least \$28 billion of rail infrastructure, including 13 projects that would have provided more than 1000 kilometres of track and dozens of new stations.

Some, such as the Mosman to Mona Vale line, were envisaged by Bradfield himself. More recently, the Government has axed plans for a south-west connection between Strathfield and Hurstville, a fast train between Hornsby and Newcastle and the duplication of the Richmond line.

The physical reminders are easy to see. The Maldon to Dombarton freight line, begun in the early 1980s but dumped by the Greiner government in 1988, lies half-finished and gradually rotting in the Illawarra, and tunnels under North Sydney and St James have been empty for decades.

"There is a problem with NSW treasury not believing in rail in this state and Sydney in particular," says Garry Glazebrook, a transport expert from the University of Technology, Sydney.

"For 10 to 15 years we were able to build toll roads using private sector finance and that relieved treasury of the responsibility."

That the failure to provide new public transport infrastructure is having serious social consequences should not come as a surprise.

The 2001 Christie Report - commissioned by the government - warned of creeping social inequity, asserting Sydney would be "doomed to a future under which more than half the urbanised metropolitan area, and especially those areas at more distant locations, will not be served by the rail system". This result risked "creating and reinforcing significant inequalities".

The director of the Urban Research Centre at the University of Western Sydney, Phillip O'Neill, said this is exactly what is happening in western Sydney where less than 20 kilometres of new railway has been built since 1940 despite a fivefold increase in the population.

The most glaring error, he said, was the decision to cut the Parramatta to Epping Rail link, which reinforced the divide between inner-city dwellers and those further west.

"For most of the 20th century, Sydney had a very efficient radial public transport system so that when people arrived in a new suburb, the railway line was there and station was there for them to get to work," Professor O'Neill said.

"Governments lost sight of this basic transport rule some time in the 1970s. Sydney's population exploded but no new transport corridors were established, so western Sydney was forced to rely on a mishmash of local roads and poorly designed bus services."

While two out of three western Sydney workers are employed within the region, 80 per cent travel to work by car each day.

Sydney's newest business park, the Norwest Business Park, has more than 90 per cent car dependency, shopping centres are designed to be driven to and a generation of children expect to be driven to school each day.

Less tangible but equally problematic, Professor O'Neill said, is the uncertainty created by failure of successive governments to deliver on promised transport infrastructure.

"You cannot make a decision about where to live based on an assumption that the promised rail line will be delivered," he said. "The Government has to convince the people that it will implement its plans ... people have no confidence about public transport decisions, so they're reluctant to buy a place."

Failed rail links

A Hornsby to Newcastle (High speed rail)

B Parramatta to Epping

C North Sydney to Mona Vale

D Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach

E Bondi Junction to Maroubra

F Strathfield to Hurstville

G Waterfall to Thirroul (Tunnel)

H Maldon to Dombarton (Illawarra) Metro Lines proposal to government – 2001

I Parramatta to Wollri Creek (River Metro Line)

J Hoxton Park to Castle Hill (Parramatta Metro Line)

K Cronulla to Dee Why

(Central Metro Lin

Caption: THREE PHOTOS: Clockwise from bottom left, Disused St James station tunnels, unfinished Maldon tunnel and bridge, forgotten Queen Street signal control centre, and artist concept of what was to be a high-speed train service to Newcastle.

D. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Carney

1. STRATHFIELD SQUARE 'GOODWILL FOUNTAIN'

I MOVE:

1. That the resolution dismantling the 'Goodwill Fountain' be delayed pending a further report.
2. That the questions tabled by myself on 28 April 2009 be the subject of a further report to Council.

Rationale: To allow a full and proper debate on the future of the ' Goodwill Fountain.'

E. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Barron

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report identifying all business representative groups in the Strathfield Council area, including, but not limited to, information regarding each groups' key members, such as president, secretary, treasurers and number of members and whether or not it is a registered organisation.

Rationale: In light of the excellent Economic Development Plan, it is important for Council to know key stakeholder groups that Council should liaise with as part of implementing this plan