



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

To be held at 5pm on

Wednesday 20 November 2024

Council Chambers

11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

Members

Mayor

Councillor C McDonald

Deputy Mayor

Councillor M Matters

Councillor M Brown

Councillor M Cains

Councillor I Draisma

Councillor S Larkins

Councillor M Lawton

Councillor Y Tatrai

Councillor E Warren

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18 LATE ITEMS

18.1 Australian Coastal Councils Association - NSW member nomination

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council endorses Councillor Larkins' nomination as a candidate for election to be a NSW representative on the Australian Coastal Councils Association Committee of Management for 2024-25.

REPORT

The Australian Coastal Councils Association Committee (ACCA) represents the interests of coastal councils and their communities, and advocates and commissions research on behalf of coastal councils.

Councillor Larkins nomination to the Management Committee requires Councillor endorsement. There is urgency to this matter as the ACCA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 29 November 2024.

18.2 Water and sewerage supply and upgrades to Kiama Local Government Area

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council seeks an urgent meeting with the Minister for Water, The Hon Rose Jackson and relevant staff of Sydney Water.

Report

Kiama's natural environment is one of its greatest attributes. Its natural beauty and pristine environment have helped contribute to its recent recognition as NSW Top Tourism Town. Every year visitors and locals enjoy our coastline, our oceans, waterways and green rolling hills.

Protecting the value of these assets and ensuring that the existing infrastructure that Sydney Water supplies to our local government area meets the existing (and future) needs of our communities is imperative to this Council, as it was to past Council's.

Council and the community is aware of aged, capacity and supply for growth challenges associated with the Bombo Treatment Plant. Often the community and Council have been alerted to leaks, overflow and network closures, as can happen. Our Council is concerned that recent Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) notification about reports of pea-sized, ball-shaped debris washing up on the southern end of Bombo Beach have caused concern.

An EPA officer and a Kiama Municipal Council ranger inspected Bombo Beach. As it is unclear what the balls are made of or where they may have originated, Council completed water testing and issued a public health notice advising members of the public not to touch any similar balls that wash ashore. Additional sightings of similar ball-shaped debris on Bombo Beach or surrounding beaches should be reported to the NSW EPA Environment Line on 131 555.

Council has been motivated by this recent issue and matters in the past to seek an urgent meeting with Minister for Water, The Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC and the relevant staff of Sydney Water. Advocacy to Sydney Water and the State Government is vital to ensure that our State provided infrastructure is fit for purpose and playing its critical role in protecting our waterways and coastline. Like many LGA's around Australia as we plan and grow to provide housing, we need to make sure that the fundamental supporting trunk infrastructure (like water and sewer) is suitable, well sequenced and

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effectively managed to protect our current and future supply and plays its necessary role in protecting our pristine environment.