

39 ORDER FOR PAPERS—THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND

Mr Shoebidge moved, according to sessional order: That private members' business item no.520 outside the order of precedence be considered in a short form format.

Question put and passed.

Mr Shoebidge moved, according to notice: That, under Standing Order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 7 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or the Minister for Local Government relating to funding grants allocated under the Stronger Communities Fund:

- (a) all documents concerning the assessment and approval process for determining funding allocations, including records of who was responsible for final approval;
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- (c) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Maclaren-Jones moved: That the question be amended by omitting "7 days" and inserting instead "14 days".

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Mrs Maclaren-Jones be agreed to—put and passed.

Original question as amended:

That, under Standing Order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 14 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or the Minister for Local Government relating to funding grants allocated under the Stronger Communities Fund:

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Question put and passed.

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 2:59 PM
 To: 'Tim Hurst' <Tim.Hurst@premier.nsw.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@minister.nsw.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@minister.nsw.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@deputypremier.nsw.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@deputypremier.nsw.gov.au>
 Subject: Central Coast

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Kevin Wilde

David Rodwell

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[Redacted signature block]

From: Mark Nolan

Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 11:27 AM

To: Darren Sear

Cc: Tim Hurst

Chris Allen

Subject: FW: Hilltops Council

Hi Darren

Please see below for preparation of a funding agreement etc. We shouldn't contact the council until it is announced.

Cheers

Mark Nolan | Director, Communications

Office of Local Government | Locked Bag 3015, Nowra NSW 2541



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From: Sarah Lau
Sent: Monday, 25 June 2018 5:44 PM
To: Tim Hurst
Cc: Kevin Wilde
Subject: FW: LG merger funds

David Rodwell

Hi,

Below are the additional metro council projects the Premier has approved.

Hoping to finalise Lane Cove, Georges River and Parramatta Council tomorrow.

Tim- Can you please prep media releases for these projects for announcement by the relevant Member? Happy to get them as they become ready. Pls also include a line by Min Upton in the ones for Burwood, Canada Bay and Ryde (Unless you have strong views on any particular councils Kevin/David?) Also, as discussed, please do not send out funding agreements to these Councils until announcements have been made.

Open spaces projects for metro local councils

| Council | Projects | Funding \$m | Member |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Burwood | 1) Henley Park Upgrades - sports field lighting, drainage and turf improvements, Futsal pitch, refurbish amenities (\$2.6m) | \$2.60 | Scott Fariow (he's the duty MLC for Strathfield) |
| Canada Bay | 1) Ron Routley Oval Concord - synthetic soccer pitch and all weather surface (\$4.3m total cost, Council prepared to fund \$2m). | \$2.30 | John Sidoti |
| Ryde | 1) Meadowbank Ovals 2 & 3 - facility building (\$700,000) 2) ANZAC Park, West Ryde for major upgrades, and soft-fall installation (\$200,000) 3) Meadowbank Park district | \$2.35 | Min Dominello |



From: Laura Clarke
 Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:54 PM
 To: Sarah Lau
 Cc: Daniel Newlan
 Subject: RE: Central Coast

Tim Hurst

Hi Sarah

I'm on leave from tomorrow. Can you pass onto Dan once approved by the Premier?


Thanks
 Laura

From: Sarah Lau
 Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:48 PM
 To: Laura Clarke
 Cc: David Rodwell
 Subject: RE: Central Coast

Tim Hurst
 Kevin Wilde
 Ellie Laing

Alexandra Tooth

Laura,

 Metro projects and funding guidelines should be hopefully signed by Prem tomorrow. Once the guidelines are signed, I'll pass them over to you to get the DP sign and then we can get Min Upton to sign.

Sorry for the delays Tim.

Sarah

Sarah Lau
 Senior Policy Adviser
 Office of the Premier

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From: Laura Clarke
 Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:45 PM
 To: Tim Hurst
 Cc: Sarah Lau

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Subject: RE: Central Coast

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| | playground (\$500,000) 4) Ryde Outdoor Youth Space - Skate Park) (\$400,000) 5) Morrison Bay Park - new basketball court and running track (\$500,000) 6) Santa Rosa Park, Ryde for BBQ installations and amenity upgrades (\$50,000) | | |
| Randwick | 1) Coogee Surf Life Saving Club upgrade (\$2.58) | \$2.58 | Bruce Notley-Smith |
| Waverley | 1) Tamarama Gully - remediation of landfill and improved access (\$600,000) 2) Tamarama Ecological Restoration Framework and Action Plan (\$120,000) 3) Bronte Ecological Restoration and Action Plan (\$155,000) 4) Bronte Gully and Tamarama Gully - creek mediation (\$225,000) 5) North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club upgrade (\$500,000) 6) Clarke Reserve Vacluse - upgrade to playground and fencing (\$100,000) 7) Bondi Beach playground - design work for upgrade (\$300,000) | \$2.00 | Min Upton Bruce Notley-Smith |

Thanks,

Sarah

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From: Sarah Lau
 Sent: Monday, 25 June 2018 2:46 PM
 To: Daniel Newlan
 Cc: 'Tim Hurst'

David Rodwell
 Laura Clarke

Kevin Wilde

Subject: LG merger funds

Hi Dan,

The Premier has signed the updated guidelines for this funding. I'll drop these off now to your Office for the DP to sign. As mentioned, once he's signed the brief, could you please provide to Kevin so that Min Upton can sign. They then need to go back to Tim at OLG.

Kevin/ David/ Tim - Premier has signed off on almost all metro council projects - there may just be some small changes with Lane Cove and Georges River. I'll send through the list of all other approved projects shortly though so you can get started on releases and draft funding agreements.

Thanks,

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From: Tim Hurst
Sent: Wednesday, 27 June 2018 4:14 PM
To: Grant Gleeson; Teresa Hughes
Subject: Gleeson - email fr Hurst 27 June 2018 - Fwd: Hornsby SCF payments

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Lau
Date: 27 June 2018 at 4:09:57 pm AEST
To: Tim Hurst
Subject: RE: Hornsby SCF payments

Hi,

Yes, the last I heard re the guidelines is that they were with Min Upton to sign so hopefully you have them now. Announcement will be tomorrow for this. As mentioned, the Quarry is being funded from ConFund under the Budget rather than the Stronger Communities Fund but I understand both the Quarry and the Westleigh project will be subject to the revised guidelines. So what I can say is:

The 2018 Budget allocated \$50m to rehabilitate Hornsby Quarry and the Premier has determined to allocate \$40m for the Westleigh Recreational Area from the Stronger Communities Fund. Both of these projects will be administered by Hornsby Council and will be subject to the revised Stronger Communities Fund guidelines.

Is this sufficient?

Sarah

Sarah Lau
Senior Policy Adviser
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From: Tim Hurst
Sent: Wednesday, 27 June 2018 4:01 PM
To: Sarah Lau
Subject: Hornsby SCF payments
Importance: High

Hi Sarah – our lawyers have suggested it would help if I had something beyond your earlier emails to confirm the

allocation, would you mind sending me an email that says the following:

Following the decision to revise to the Funding Guidelines, the Premier has determined to allocate to Hornsby Council out of the Stronger Communities Fund amounts of \$50 million for Hornsby Quarry and \$40 for Westleigh Recreational Area

Also everything is on track to get them a funding agreement capable of being executed prior to tonight's council meeting.

Thanks

Tim.

Tim Hurst
Acting Chief Executive
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Hi Tim,

Apologies for the delay- we are looking at this.

Has Parramatta provided any indication of what alternative projects they are interested in?

Thanks,

Sarah

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Senior Policy Adviser

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From: Tim Hurst

Sent: Tuesday, 6 November 2018 11:53 AM

To: Sarah Lau

Cc: Matthew Crocker

Subject: FW: Stronger Communities Funding

Importance: High

Hi Sarah – can you please give me a call to discuss. The funding agreement is based on specific identified projects so ideally we would want them to commit to one or more from the list, rather than just leaving them to choose later. Parramatta have indicated that if I can get the revised agreement back to them today then they can get the settlement offer to Hornsby in time for their next meeting.

Tim.

From: Sue Coleman

Sent: Tuesday, 6 November 2018 8:54 AM

To: Tim Hurst

Subject: RE: Stronger Communities Funding

Hi Tim,

As hoped, City of Parramatta agreed last night to make a further offer to settle the dispute with Hornsby Shire Council. The resolution reads in part...

Further, that Council accepts in principle the offer of funding from the Office of Local Government as outlined in this report on condition that the scope of works be expanded to include other priority social infrastructure identified for the Epping precinct and authorises the A/CEO to negotiate and finalise the agreement.

Can you please confirm that a widening of the funding agreement to include several priority social infrastructure projects in the Epping precinct is acceptable and arrange the amended documentation?

The works will include implementation of priority improvements identified through the Dence Park master plan as



From: Tim Hurst
Sent: Tuesday, 31 July 2018 9:37 AM
To: Sarah Lau
Cc: David Rodwell
Subject: Re: Hunters Hill and Lane Cove merger funds

Kevin Wilde

I was hoping you would say that. Electronic copy will work fine. I'll send the package to you by email and then they can be printed as required.

Thanks

Tim

On 31 Jul 2018, at 9:33 am, Sarah Lau

wrote:

Hi

Thanks Tim.

Are they docs that can be emailed through or do we need the originals? If they can be emailed, feel free to just send them through today and we can get them to the Minister.

Thanks

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

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On 30 Jul 2018, at 10:18 pm, Tim Hurst

wrote:

Hi Sarah - we have draft documents already prepared. Depending on what time Minister Roberts wants to do the Lane Cove event it should be possible to get him the paperwork in time. I can arrange for them to be hand delivered to his office in 52MP or else we may need to have someone in his electorate office print them out if he will not be at 52MP prior. Can you let me know what his plans for tomorrow are?

Hunters Hill will definitely be ok for Friday.

Regards

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Jul 2018, at 4:57 pm, Sarah Lau

wrote:

Hi Tim,

Minister Roberts is planning to announce the Lane Cove and Hunters Hill merger funds at community events on Wednesday and Saturday respectively. When he announces the funding he would like to

physically hand over the funding agreement docs to the respective GMs.
I expect this might be a stretch for Lane Cove as it would mean we would need to docs tomorrow, but
is it feasible to get the Hunters Hill docs for Friday?

Thanks,

Sarah

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