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Dear Premier

Review of Fit for the Future Proposals – release of IPART report

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Review Tribunal (IPART) is scheduled to provide the NSW Government with its assessment of Councils' Fit for the Future proposals in October 2015.

On behalf of Sydney Metropolitan Mayors we request that IPART's report to the Government be made public at the same time as is standard practice with other IPART reports. We also request that each Council be provided with its assessment and any recommendations arising from the assessment.

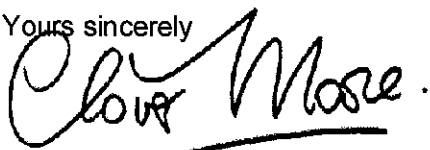
Councils are justifiably concerned that IPART's assessments may contain errors as a result of applying a flawed methodology, making incorrect assumptions or misunderstanding individual Council proposals. Councils will have no opportunity to correct these errors before IPART's report is provided to government. There is therefore a strong risk that the Government may make critical decisions about the future of local government based on a flawed report.

This risk can only be addressed if Councils have the opportunity to review IPART's assessments and recommendations as soon as its report is available. Councils will then be able to inform government of any errors or flaws contained in the Report. This will help ensure that the decisions about the future of local government are made on the basis of accurate and robust information.

In the interests of transparency, accountability and robust decision making we therefore request that you agree to immediate disclosure of IPART's report.

Given the time, energy and resources Councils have devoted to the Fit for the Future process it would also be common courtesy for them to be informed of the outcome of the assessments process in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely



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