



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

Council Meeting

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6:30pm*

Cumberland Council Chambers

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Item No: MM12/19-16

MAYORAL MINUTE - CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

Author: Mayor Steve Christou
File Number: SC486

SUMMARY

As Mayor of Cumberland, ensuring Cumberland gets recognition as a city is one of my key priorities.

When proclaimed on 12 May 2016, there was one critical aspect overlooked in the proclamation - the name of Cumberland Council was set forward rather than Cumberland City Council.

Cumberland is the fifth largest Council in NSW and is continuing to experience population growth.

Cumberland is strategically situated in the Greater Sydney Region and is changing in terms of its economic landscape.

Cumberland is a progressive Local Government Area contributing significantly to the regional economy and new opportunities are on the horizon for industry, culture and city planning.

Cumberland is one of the most culturally diverse areas in NSW, if not Australia, and in many ways is an epicentre of modern multicultural Australia for others to look upon.

Cumberland already has the characteristics of a great city and Cumberland is set to play a critical role in the future of Greater Sydney.

This is why I believe Cumberland Council should be renamed Cumberland City Council. This move will strengthen our position as a Council, but also how others see us and in turn benefit of our local economy and community.

In November 2018, Council received a report on the options available to Council to take on a 'city' status in its name. One of the options available was that Council could register the name 'Cumberland City Council' through the Australian Business Registration Service and operate under a separate trading name. The process would be similar to that undertaken by the City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

I would therefore like to move tonight, that Council register the trading name of 'Cumberland City Council' with the Australian Business Registration Service, and progress this matter forward.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council register the trading name of 'Cumberland City Council' with the Australian Business Registration Service and implement the new trading name across all aspects of Council business.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: MM12/19-17

MAYORAL MINUTE - DIRECT TRAIN SERVICES TO THE CITY

Author: Mayor Steve Christou
File Number: SC486

SUMMARY

As Mayor of Cumberland, ensuring our residents have reliable and efficient train services is a key priority.

As one of Sydney's largest Councils, we are investing heavily in our local community and infrastructure to meet future growth in the region and with this comes the need for good transport.

We have concerns when the Metro City & Southwest commences in 2024, that there will be cuts to direct train services into the city.

This is a view that is also shared by many local residents.

The Restore Inner West Line (Liverpool via Regents Park) community action group has raised concerns that stations west of the Bankstown Line, including Regents Park and Berala, will lose a direct service to the city when this stage of the Metro is introduced.

Customers will instead need to change trains twice (interchanging at Bankstown and then at Sydenham or Central) before reaching existing stations located on the City Circle.

Asking customers to hop on several different trains isn't my idea of an upgrade.

In response to these concerns, Council has expressed its support in Cumberland 2030: Our Local Strategic Planning Statement for direct train services to the city from Liverpool and Bankstown via Regents Park to be restored.

If Sydney Metro is the future of our rail network and is about boosting capacity, then transport authorities should know what the new timetable will look like.

How will the Metro integrate with existing services provided by Sydney Trains? What train services will be available for commuters west of Bankstown?

I believe that transport authorities need to provide clarity on what customers can expect. The NSW Government also needs to reassure residents that they won't cut any direct train service into the city and show us that they've actually thought this through.

I would therefore like to move tonight, that Council write to the current Minister for Transport and Roads, Andrew Constance, and seek clarity on whether commuters west of Bankstown will have direct train services to the city when Metro City & Southwest is introduced.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Transport Minister, Andrew Constance, and seek clarity on whether commuters west of Bankstown, including those using Berala and Regents Park stations will have direct train services to the city when Metro City & Southwest is introduced.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil