

## SHOROC LAUNCHES NSW ELECTION PRIORITIES, CALLING FOR CANDIDATE COMMITMENTS TO NORTHERN BEACHES & MOSMAN

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One month from the NSW Election SHOROC has today detailed the major regional priorities for the Northern Beaches and Mosman, calling on all local candidates contesting the NSW Election to announce their commitments for the region.

Led by the Mayors of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah, SHOROC is a partnership of councils that advocates and plans for the Northern Beaches and North Shore.

The 2015 NSW Election Priorities policy announced today details the major regional issues and solutions for NSW Government infrastructure and services for the 2015-19 term of government.

“Our councils have a clear vision to make our beautiful region even better, with fast public transport, reduced road congestion, world class hospitals and great jobs close to home,” said Cr Peter Abelson, SHOROC President and Mayor of Mosman.

“SHOROC has worked collaboratively with our NSW MPs and the NSW Government over recent years to improve our region’s transport system and hospitals.

“We are now seeking commitments from NSW Election candidates on what they plan to do for the people of the Northern Beaches and North Shore in the coming term – particularly when it comes to transport, health and jobs,” Cr Abelson said.

Prior to the 2011 Election SHOROC developed the ‘Shaping Our Future’ strategy which outlined the major regional transport and health infrastructure needs. The incoming Coalition MPs committed to this plan and as a result the NSW Government is now delivering – constructing the new Northern Beaches Hospital and committing \$633 million to improve the region’s public transport and major roads.

Major priorities in the SHOROC 2015 NSW Election Priorities policy include:

- **Public transport and roads:**
  - implementing the \$633M Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan
  - fast-tracking Dee Why to Chatswood Bus Rapid Transit
  - Completing planning and committing funds for the Northern Beaches Tunnel
  - Mona Vale Road upgrades and Wakehurst Parkway flood mitigation works
- **Hospitals and health services:** Opening the Northern Beaches Hospital by mid-2018, retaining Mona Vale Hospital, and keeping the Manly Hospital site for community services
- **Local employment and containment:** supporting local jobs through regional economic development including tourism and events
- **Funding for regional environmental and recreational infrastructure**
- **Strengthening the partnership for planning and services between SHOROC and NSW Government**

SHOROC’s 2015 NSW Election Priorities policy, available online at [shoroc.com/nsw-election](http://shoroc.com/nsw-election), has now been sent to all parties and candidates requesting a response in writing.

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