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## SHOROC COUNCILS TAKE THE LEAD ON TRANSPORT, HEALTH, HOUSING AND JOBS

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Strategies to fix our region's gridlocked transport, ailing health system and plan for a rapidly growing population and the impacts of climate change were discussed yesterday by Councillors from the four SHOROC Councils of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah.

"These are regional issues best solved in partnership," said SHOROC President and Mosman Mayor Anne Connon, "we're taking the lead on this issue as we are strongly committed to maintaining and enhancing our way of life and natural environment as well as playing our part in making Sydney even greater".

The councillors heard advice from independent expert planning consultants on the best solutions for transport and health, as well as the most appropriate plans to accommodate the expected additional 35,000 residents over the next 20 years and the need for an additional 21,900 dwellings and 20,800 jobs as required by the NSW Government.

The advice from the independent experts will be considered in light of the consultations being held by SHOROC councils including Warringah Council's upcoming 'Talk of the Town' on its Housing strategy.

"These issues are all inter-linked as for example the best transport solution for our gridlocked roads and poor public transport depends on the most appropriate strategy for housing and jobs," said Manly Mayor Jean Hay.

"Health is a major issue for our communities", said SHOROC Vice-President and Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose, "we need immediate action now as things will only get worse in the future as our population grows".

*SHOROC Regional Directions 2010-2031* is currently being developed to encompass all these major issues as the overarching strategy for the region.

Warringah Mayor Michael Regan said "we need to think regionally to come up with the best solutions for everyone and speak with a united voice to get the action and investment we urgently need in our region".

*SHOROC Regional Directions 2010-2031* is expected to be released in the second half of 2010.

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