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SHOROC MAYORS MEET TONY ABBOTT AND BRONWYN BISHOP AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO TALK TRANSPORT & HOSPITAL FUNDING

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The Mayors of Pittwater, Warringah, Mosman and Manly today met with the Opposition Leader Tony Abbott MHR and the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP in Canberra to talk infrastructure funding for the SHOROC region on Sydney's northern beaches and north shore.

"This is a unique opportunity, with the Mayors from all four councils in Canberra attending the National General Assembly of Local Government, for us to meet together to seek to discuss the priority issues for our communities," said Mayor of Pittwater and SHOROC President, Harvey Rose.

The Mayors provided a copy of the SHOROC *Shaping Our Future* strategy to Mr Abbott and Mrs Bishop and sought undertakings for their support for priority infrastructure funding for the region, including:

- the construction of the Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest and the ongoing complementary role of Mona Vale Hospital
- implementation of Bus Rapid Transit systems on the Northern Beaches to provide fast frequent and reliable public transport for the region
- road improvements including to Mona Vale Road, Wakehurst Parkway and the intersections of Warringah Road with Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way.

"Our communities continue to tell us that the priorities for our region are funding for the Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest and ongoing role for Mona Vale Hospital as well as investment in our public transport and roads" said Mayor Rose. "This meeting is about working together with our Commonwealth colleagues to get this funding flowing and the works happening on the ground."

"We were also interested to hear firsthand the Opposition's policies on the environment, infrastructure, health and the economy" said Mayor Rose. "This meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss matters which often fall under the radar of mainstream election coverage".

More on the *Shaping Our Future* strategy at www.shoroc.com/shapingourfuture

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Photos from this meeting (on location at Parliament House) are available on request.

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