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FUNDING FOR HOSPITALS & TRANSPORT DISCUSSED BY MAYORS & MPS

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High resolution picture of MPs and Mayor available on request

Meeting with local MPs and Ministers Jillian Skinner, Brad Hazzard, Mike Baird, Rob Stokes and Jonathan O’Dea, the SHOROC Board today re-affirmed its position on the health and transport funding priorities for the Northern Beaches and Mosman.

The Mayors and General Managers of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah councils confirmed the priorities are:

- Immediate construction of the level 5 Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest while maintaining and upgrading Mona Vale Hospital in a long term complementary role.
- Constructing a Bus Rapid Transit system for fast reliable public transport from Mona Vale to the city and from Dee Why to Chatswood.
- Road upgrades for Warringah Road particularly the intersections with Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way, for Mona Vale Road and for the Wakehurst Parkway.

SHOROC President and Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said “it was a productive meeting focussed on working cooperatively to achieve big outcomes for our region and our residents. Our region has been ignored for too long and I am very pleased to see the progress being made.”

“The MPs outlined how they are getting on with the job of building the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest whilst continuing to maintain and upgrade Mona Vale Hospital, conducting planning studies for the Bus Rapid Transit system and environmental impact assessments for Mona Vale Road”, said Mayor Rose.

This meeting is one of series of ongoing meetings held between the SHOROC Board and the local MPs to progress the key transport and health projects and discuss other regional issues such as planning and infrastructure funding.

SHOROCs regional strategy *Shaping Our Future* outlines the priorities for the region in more detail and is available at www.shoroc.com

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