

## MINISTERS, MPS AND MAYORS WORKING FOR THE REGION AT BIENNIAL SHOROC LEADERS' FORUM

15 December 2015

Health, the Greater Sydney Commission, planning for the future of northern Sydney and local job creation were the key points discussed at the SHOROC Leaders' Forum of NSW Members of Parliament and Mayors.

The **Hon Brad Hazzard MP**, Minister for Family and Community Services and Social Housing, **The Hon Rob Stokes MP**, Minister for Planning, **The Hon Jillian Skinner MP**, Minister for Health and **Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP**, Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism, met with the SHOROC Board of Mayors and General Managers from Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah councils.

"Key to the successful delivery of results for the SHOROC region has been the partnership between state and local government," said SHOROC President and Manly Mayor Cr Jean Hay.

"These forums provide the platform for us to work together on a whole of government approach to improve our public transport, roads, hospitals and plans for the future."

This SHOROC partnership with the local NSW MPs has led to record NSW Government transport and health funding for the region.

"Progress on the new Northern Beaches Hospital and health centres, tourism and economic development and planning changes for northern Sydney were key points of discussion and it is particularly important for the SHOROC councils to continue the dialogue with the state while local government is under review during the *Fit for the Future* process," said Mayor Hay.

"The commitment our local MPs have for our region and willingness to work with local government is commendable and I thank them for working with us so we can make this fantastic area even stronger for the future," said Mayor Hay.

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*SHOROC Mayors and State MP meeting.*

*(L-R) The Hon Rob Stokes MP Minister for Planning; Cr Peter Abelson Mayor Mosman; The Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Family and Community Services and Social Housing; Mr Jonathan O’Dea MP Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism; Cr Jean Hay AM SHOROC President and Mayor Manly; Cr Michael Regan SHOROC Vice-President and Mayor Warringah; Cr Jacqueline Townsend Mayor Pittwater; The Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health.*