

## PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER HOST SHOROC MAYORS TO DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NORTHERN BEACHES & NORTH SHORE

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SHOROC Mayors and General Managers met this week with Prime Minister The Hon Tony Abbott MHR and Speaker of the House The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP in Canberra to discuss major issues for the region.

The Prime Minister welcomed the Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah Mayors and General Managers into the Prime Minister's Sitting Room for a positive and productive meeting.

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Key issues discussed included priorities for major transport and road upgrades for the region, along with plans and the timetable for delivering faster broadband.

"The meeting was very encouraging and the Prime Minister made it clear that fixing the transport issues of the region was the number one priority," said SHOROC President and Mosman Mayor, Cr Peter Abelson.

The Prime Minister highlighted that the recent Infrastructure Australia audit identified the significant economic cost of congestion on the region's major roads, including both Pittwater and Warringah Road".

"We all know how bad these corridors are and it is clear the Prime Minister and Speaker agree we must fix the congestion for the long term to address the huge economic impact of congestion."

The NSW Government is implementing a Bus Rapid Transit system and road upgrades under its Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan and conducting feasibility studies for the Beaches Link (tunnel).

The Prime Minister said he will be speaking to Infrastructure Australia and working with NSW Premier The Hon. Mike Baird MP to identify and deliver major transport solutions for the region.

"The Prime Minister and Speaker are big advocates for fixing the region's roads and I'm confident there is good Commonwealth support for this much needed infrastructure."

"We advised the Prime Minister that we understand the feasibility studies are progressing and further information on the potential tunnel is expected toward the end of this year."

The Mayors and General Managers were in Canberra for the National General Assembly of Local Government Conference and Cr Abelson says it makes a difference when you can make the case for the region to Federal members personally.

The Mayors also provided the Prime Minister with a copy of SHOROC's regional plan for the coming year outlining the major priorities for the region.

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L-R SHOROC President and Mosman Mayor Cr Peter Abelson, Manly Mayor Jean Hay, The Hon. Tony Abbott MHR, The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP, Pittwater Mayor Jacqueline Townsend, Warringah Mayor Michael Regan.



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