

PREMIER, MPS AND MAYORS MEET TO MOVE REGION FORWARD AS SHOROC ANNOUNCES PRIORITIES FOR 2015 NSW ELECTION

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The Premier, Ministers and MPs today sat down with Mayors from Manly, Mosman, Pittwater & Warringah to progress major issues and priorities for the future of the region at the SHOROC Leaders' Forum.

SHOROC presented its new 2015 NSW Election Priorities Policy to NSW Premier The Hon. Mike Baird MP together with The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, The Hon. Rob Stokes MP and Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP, detailing major priorities for NSW Government investment in infrastructure and services for the region for 2015-19.

"This partnership between NSW MPs and Mayors has delivered great results for our region and it was very valuable today to keep the major projects moving forward as we also discussed big priorities for the years ahead," said SHOROC President and Mayor of Mosman Cr Peter Abelson.

Transport was a key topic of discussion and a priority in the SHOROC Election Priorities paper, including:

- Delivering the \$633 million Northern Beaches Transport Plan including Bus Rapid Transit and road upgrades as soon as possible in partnership with councils
- Fast-tracking Bus Rapid Transit for the Warringah Road Dee Why to Chatswood link
- Bringing forward planning for the Northern Beaches tunnel under Mosman

Other topics of discussion included:

- Health and hospitals, including the future of the Manly Hospital site and need for continued funding of domestic violence support services
- 10/50 vegetation clearing laws and the need for further local revisions of the laws
- Fit for the Future
- Employment and economic development
- Proposed Belrose Mountain Bike Park

"Our councils put together the 2015 NSW Election Priorities Policy to clearly identify what we consider needs to be delivered for our region and I encourage everyone to get behind these priorities.

"The Premier and all of our local MPs were very positive and receptive to our proposals and we look forward to working with the NSW Government to ensure an even stronger region for the future.

"Positively the Premier also warmly congratulated the Mayors, MPs, councils and SHOROC, saying all should be congratulated for the collective leadership for the region and the outstanding outcomes achieved together over the past four years," said Cr Abelson.

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