

Committee for North Sydney

Meeting of 9 July 2018

The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm in the meeting room at the Genia McCaffery Centre at the Coal Loader.

1 Election of Chair

The meeting elected Ian Grey to Chair of the meeting.

2 Attendance and apologies

Kevin Alker, Iain Bartholomew, Terry Byrnes, Jeremy Dawkins (Convenor), Bruce Donald, Sid French, Ian Grey, John Hancox, Geoff Hanmer, Jon Lang, Genia McCaffery, Jan McCredie, Margaret Petrykowski, Lynne Sheridan, Bernard Smith, Peter Webber and James Weirick.

Apologies were received from Geoff Driscoll, Angus Finney, David Hensher and Warren Marsh.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the inaugural meeting on 29 June 2018 were received.

4 Business arising from the previous meeting

4.1 Contacts with decision makers

At a meeting on Friday with Felicity Wilson, the Member for North Sydney, she offered to arrange for representatives to meet with Sydney Metro this Tuesday. The Mayor has been informed that the Committee has been formed and we have asked for an urgent meeting to brief her and the General Manager, also on Tuesday. It was agreed that we should seek a meeting with the Chair of the Greater Sydney Commission and the GSC's Director Northern Region. We have approached the Department of Planning for a meeting with the Acting Secretary.

On Tuesday we will meet with Jacob Saulwick of the *SMH*. The *Mosman Daily* will cover the launch on Wednesday.

4.2 Submission on the Sydney Metro over station development

The draft submission, previously circulated, was considered by the committee to be comprehensive, accurate and appropriately strong. In a broad discussion of the issues, the following points were made:

- underground links may be important but have been neglected
- equally, removing traffic from the streets must be a high priority
- the submission correctly focuses on the nature of 'value capture'
- the submission correctly regards the scale of the development as contradicting every other value, including the principles adopted by the Council
- proper planning processes have been subverted by the use of a statutory transport corporation to engage in commercial development and using state strategic development short cuts
- the section on the development itself should precede the section on process.

The Committee resolved to strongly endorse the submission, subject to amendments arising from the discussion and any new information gained in the meeting with Sydney Metro, and to request that it be submitted as soon as possible.

4.3 Strategic principles for North Sydney city centre

The members working on this matter reported that they met on Sunday morning for a productive working session. A document had been prepared and circulated

prior to the meeting of the Committee, to capture the high level strategic principles for the city centre, in as concrete form as possible. This took the form of a one-page flyer emphasising the strengths and potential of the city centre contrasted with the 'sad reality', and employing a semi-graphic layout – the latter generating some lively discussion. The Committee's future publications should refer to previous successes so it is clear we are building on past 'wins' by the community.

The Committee resolved to strongly endorse the strategic principles document, subject to minor amendments arising from the discussion, and to request that it be released as part of the document package for the launch of the Committee.

5 Launch of the Committee for North Sydney on 11 July 2018

A lot has been achieved in a short time:

- Documents for the launch will include the submission, the principles document, a media statement and a list of members, enclosed in a visually impressive cover that has information on the origins and purposes of the association and the committee.
- These documents will give the address of the website and the email address, both only just registered. The website will be populated in coming days, and have a capacity to receive donations and membership fees.
- Speakers at the launch will be members of the committee.

The Committee resolved to proceed with the public launch on 11 July 2018.

6 Media statement

A media statement would be prepared by Jeremy to capture the core views of the committee and to reflect the documents that will be distributed at the launch.

The Committee resolved that Jeremy be requested to prepare and distribute a media statement.

7 Next activity

The next activity is the launch, in the front of the MLC building on Miller Street, at 11 am on 11 July 2018.

The date for the next meeting on the committee will be notified in due course.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.