

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION – NOM 2709/22 – FOSSIL
FUEL AD BAN**

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DIRECTOR COMMENT

City of Newcastle (CN) owns several billboards in the Carrington and Honeysuckle areas. These however are restricted to advertising of CN only events and programs, and are not used for private advertising.

The Notice of Motion proposes that CN no longer accept or provide sponsorships from or to companies and organisations whose main business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil or gas.

CN has applied for, and has been awarded a total of \$1.3 million from the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund since its inception in 2014.

The fund exists to support projects that revitalise the Port of Newcastle and surrounding areas for the benefit of the community and its visitors. While the Port is diversifying, it currently derives the majority of its revenue from the export of thermal coal.

CN is also eligible to apply to the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program, which was created in 2012 to support the ongoing prosperity of mining communities in regional NSW.

CN has received \$11.7 million from the program to date, including recent funding towards the Orchardtown Road local centre upgrade. CN has applied for a further \$2.3 million in 2022/23 towards the upgrade of Foreshore Park for the central Awabakal and Worimi picnic area and the Industrial Play area.