

**7.2 LMM 26/09/2023 - 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEWCASTLE BY SHARON CLAYDON MP**

**MOTION:**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Expresses its heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation to Sharon Claydon MP for her remarkable ten years of service as the Federal Member for Newcastle; and
2. Commends her outstanding contributions to our community and her tireless efforts to enhance the quality of life for all residents of Newcastle; and
3. Notes some of Sharon's recent achievements include:
  - a. Delivering a \$6.2 million funding package in partnership with CN to deliver sand replenishment on Stockton Beach,
  - b. \$130,000 for upgrades at Heaton Public, Belair Public and Mayfield West Demonstration Schools,
  - c. Millions for roads in the Newcastle electorate to build back better following the 2022 floods,
  - d. Restoring the Calvary Matar GP After Hours Clinic service,
  - e. \$55 million to upgrade the international terminal facility at Newcastle Airport
  - f. Funding for live music to support local talent
  - g. Increased jobs and economic diversification via the Hunter Hydrogen Hub and declaration of the Newcastle Offshore Wind Zone.
4. Formally conveys this motion of congratulations and appreciation to Ms. Sharon Claydon MP; and
5. Further resolves that this Council reaffirms its commitment to working collaboratively with Ms. Claydon and all our State and Federal Government representatives to continue advancing the well-being and prosperity of our city.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sharon Claydon MP has diligently served as the Federal Member for Newcastle for the past ten years representing the interests of our community in the Australian Parliament.

Sharon's tenure has been marked by tireless dedication and a profound commitment to the welfare and progress of the residents of Newcastle. Her remarkable achievements in her role have significantly contributed to the betterment of our city, fostering growth, inclusivity, and prosperity.

Ms Claydon's advocacy for Newcastle has resulted in tangible improvements across various facets of our community, including but not limited to infrastructure, healthcare, education, and the environment and she has been a tireless champion

for local businesses, workers, and disadvantaged communities, consistently striving to create opportunities and address inequalities within our city.

Furthermore, Sharon's dedication to fostering unity within our diverse and vibrant community, and her deep commitment to environmental sustainability and addressing climate change has played a crucial role in making Newcastle a more socially cohesive and environmentally conscious and resilient city.