

## **7.2 LMM 26/04/2023 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT**

### **MOTION:**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Acknowledges the appointments of The Honourable Ron Hoenig MP as Minister for Local Government, and The Honourable Paul Scully MP as the Minister for Planning and congratulates them on their promotion to these critically important positions.
2. Notes the many financial and legislative impediments facing the local government sector and the concern amongst local government representatives right across the state.
3. Writes to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Planning requesting they hold a Local Government Summit to allow constructive discussions of these issues directly with the Ministers, their respective offices and departments.

### **BACKGROUND:**

There are many issues currently facing the local government sector related to financial sustainability, planning impediments, waste management, environmental protection, disaster mitigation and management, infrastructure maintenance backlogs and workforce shortages.

With the election of a new Minns Labor Government, it is imperative that there exists a transparent and open dialogue between its Ministers and the sector most impacted by their decisions, that is local government as the closest level of government to community.

A Local Government Summit would enable such dialogue to occur in a constructive manner, as well as allow the sector to hear directly from the Ministers about their policy and legislative agenda for the current parliamentary term.