

SUBJECT: LMM 23/08/22 – STATE ELECTION PRIORITIES

MOTION

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that the New South Wales State Election is to take place on Saturday, 25th March 2023.
2. Supports the projects and policies as listed within the City of Newcastle Advocacy document as election priorities for the benefit of the Newcastle community.
3. Seeks commitments from all parties, independents and candidates for these projects and policies including:
 - a. Hunter Park/Broadmeadow;
 - b. John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct;
 - c. Equity in access to government funding streams;
 - d. Richmond Vale Rail Trail;
 - e. Stockton Coastal Erosion Mitigation and Mass-sand renourishment – CN invested more than \$5 million on coastal protection measures prior to the Stockton CMP being certified in August 2020 and committed a further \$27.5 million to implement the Stockton CMP. Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) have been engaged to lead the work of successfully identifying sand sources in the Harbour and are well placed to continue this work with the mass nourishment campaign including identifying and project managing all remaining investigations and environmental assessments, as the proponents of the mining licence for offshore sand extraction for mass renourishment;
 - f. Commitment to social, affordable and public housing.
 - g. Meaningful action on climate change;
 - h. Catalytic Economic Development Actions:
 - i. Port of Newcastle diversification;
 - ii. Support Offshore Wind projects;
 - iii. University of Newcastle STEMM Regional Transformation Hub;
 - iv. Increased Arts & Culture funding streams;
 - v. Waste management and circular economy innovation investment, including reform of the s88 Waste Levy;
 - vi. Commitment to rebuilding Australia's Strategic Maritime Fleet;
 - i. Key transport projects:
 - i. Newcastle Light Rail expansion
 - ii. Expedited Lower Hunter Freight Corridor feasibility study
 - iii. Initiation of the Newcastle to Sydney Fast Rail business case
 - iv. Newcastle interchange ferry terminal
 - v. Minmi Road upgrade
 - j. Government Service Support, including:

- i. Establishment of a Local Government Natural Disaster Mitigation Fund;
 - ii. Restoring GP Access funding to the Mater Hospital
 - iii. Advocacy to the Federal Government to restore Financial Assistance Grants;
- k. Local Infrastructure:
- i. Flood mitigation at Wallsend – recent independent investigations indicate that costs for channel widening & bridge renewal now exceed \$35 million;
 - ii. Cottage Creek upgrades
 - iii. Local Centres Program
 - 1. Orchardtown Road
 - 2. Wallsend Stage 3A & 3B
 - 3. Mayfield Local Centre
 - 4. Georgetown Local Centre
 - 5. Waratah Local Centre
 - 6. East End Public Domain Stage 1 & 2
 - 7. Wood Street Centre
- l. Local sports infrastructure:
- i. National Park No. 1 Sportsground redevelopment
 - ii. Surf Lifesaving Club redevelopment funding
 - iii. Active Hub programs
 - iv. CN's equitable access to Sporting Facilities Fund
- m. Local Parks, Playgrounds and Pathways Program:
- i. Bathers Way
 - ii. City Centre to Merewether Cycleway – Stage 2
 - iii. Newcastle West Bi-directional Cycleway – West End Stage 2, Phase 1
 - iv. Newcastle East End Streetscapes Upgrades and Cycleway
 - v. Signalisation of Cycleway Intersections
 - vi. Link Road Cycleway connections cycleway connections
 - vii. Maitland Road rail crossings cycleway upgrades
 - viii. Active Transport Infrastructure Program
 - ix. National Park Cycleway.
4. Notes that our funding priorities have remained consistent, with the City of Newcastle advocating for funding to deliver these projects across multiple election and budget cycles, and their identification in various external stakeholder strategies including Infrastructure Australia *Priority List 2022*, Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation strategic planning, Hunter Joint Organisation advocacy, the NSW Government's Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 and the draft Hunter Regional Plan 2041.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: City of Newcastle, Advocacy dated August 2022.