

Item 15 - LMM 27/07/2020 - City of Newcastle submission to the *Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs*

MOTION

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3. Notes that in March 2018, Council unanimously passed a Lord Mayoral Minute regarding the Status of the City of Newcastle, calling on the NSW Government to provide certainty regarding our eligibility for grant funding opportunities, acknowledging Newcastle's role as the State's second city.
4. Makes a submission to the *Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs*, highlighting the ongoing uncertainty regarding Newcastle's status, and raising concern about the significant amount of grant funding we have been deemed ineligible to receive.
5. Provides a copy of our submission to local State and Federal Members of Parliament, the Premier of New South Wales, and the Prime Minister.

BACKGROUND:

Email from NSW Legislative Council Public Accountability Committee:

Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

The NSW Legislative Council's Public Accountability Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs. The terms of reference for the inquiry and information guides are attached for your information.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to invite you to make a submission to the inquiry. The closing date for submissions is **Sunday 23 August 2020**.

You can lodge a submission by:

- uploading it to the committee's website
- emailing it to Public.Accountability@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- writing to The Director, Public Accountability Committee, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

When you lodge your submission please let us know if you are requesting that:

- your submission be published in full on the website including your name
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- all of your submission including your name be kept confidential.

Please note that it is the committee's decision on how to deal with your request. Personal contact details and signatures will automatically be removed from all submissions.

You can find further information about the inquiry on the committee's website or alternatively by contacting the secretariat on 02 9230 3672.

The committee would appreciate your contribution to this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Shoebridge MLC
Committee Chair
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RELATED PREVIOUS DECISIONS:

- LMM 27/03/2018 – Status of the City of Newcastle

ATTACHMENTS

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- Invitation to make a submission

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