



Local Government Act 1993

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

WARRINGAH COUNCIL PUBLIC INQUIRY

On 15 January 2003 Emeritus Professor Maurice Timothy Daly was appointed by the Governor as Commissioner to hold a Public Inquiry under section 740 of the *Local Government Act 1993* into the Warringah Council.

The public hearings conducted by the Commissioner will commence at 10:00am on Wednesday, 19 March 2003 in Lodge Room 2 at the Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (corner Goulburn Street). The hearings will generally continue commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm each day unless otherwise determined by the Inquiry Commissioner.

The terms of reference of the Inquiry are:

“To inquire, report and provide recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance of Warringah Council.

The Inquiry will have particular regard to:

- 1. the conduct of elected representatives of Council (whether individually or collectively as the governing body of Council); and*
- 2. whether the elected representatives command the community’s confidence and support as to their capability, and whether the elected representatives have been and will continue to be in a position, to direct and control the affairs of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, so that Council may fulfil the charter, provisions and intent of the Local Government Act 1993 and otherwise fulfil its statutory functions.*

The Commissioner may make other recommendations as he sees fit, including whether all civic offices in relation to Council should be declared vacant so as to ensure that an appropriate structure can be put in place to provide optimum community leadership.”

Persons wishing to make written submissions to the Inquiry are reminded that they should be forwarded to the Office of the Commissioner, Warringah Council Public Inquiry, Locked Bag A5045, Sydney South, NSW, 1235, by Friday, 28 February 2003.

Persons seeking to appear at the Public Hearings are asked to give advance written notice of their desire to make oral submissions, either within their written submission or in separate written advice. Such notice is to include a brief outline of the topics the person wishes to address. Persons who ask to make an oral presentation to the Inquiry will then be contacted regarding suitable arrangements.

It should be noted, however, that the Commissioner is not obliged to automatically give a right of appearance to all persons wishing to appear before him.

Further enquiries regarding the Inquiry can be made to the Office of the Commissioner at the address given or telephone (02) 9289 4000, fax (02) 9289 4099 or InquiryCommissioner@dlg.nsw.gov.au. Information is also available on the Warringah Inquiry website on the internet at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/warringah.