



New South Wales Government

Local Government Act 1993 NOTICE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Lynch MP, has appointed Mr Richard Colley as Commissioner to hold a Public Inquiry under section 740 of the *Local Government Act 1993* into Shellharbour City Council.

The terms of reference of the Inquiry are:

To inquire, report and provide recommendations to the Minister for Local Government as to whether all civic offices at Shellharbour City Council should be declared vacant.

The Inquiry will have particular regard to:

- 1. The conduct of the elected representatives of council (whether individually or collectively as the governing body of council) including their relationships with senior and other staff of council.*
- 2. Whether the elected representatives fully understand their roles and responsibilities and have adequately, appropriately and reasonably carried out their roles and responsibilities in the best interests of all ratepayers and residents.*
- 3. Any other matters that warrant mention, particularly when it may impact on the effective administration of the council area.*

The Commissioner may make other recommendations as the Commissioner sees fit.

Submissions are invited from persons with an interest in putting forward points of view relating to the terms of reference. Submissions received by the Inquiry will be made available to the public at the Commissioner's discretion.

Written submissions should be forwarded to the Office of the Commissioner, Shellharbour City Council Public Inquiry, Locked Bag 3030, NOWRA NSW 2541. Submissions may be emailed to shellharbourinquiry@dlg.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions should be received by 5 pm on 28 April 2008.

Persons intending to make a submission are encouraged to review the information paper available from the Office of the Commissioner.

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. 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.

Details of the venue and times of the public hearings will be announced shortly.

Further enquiries regarding the Inquiry can be made to the Office of the Commissioner at the address given or telephone (02) 4428 4200, fax (02) 4428 4199 or email shellharbourinquiry@dlg.nsw.gov.au. An Information Paper on the conduct of the Inquiry is available on the Shellharbour City Council Public Inquiry website on the Internet at <http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/shellharbour>.