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Dear Coogee Precinct,

**Coogee Precinct Further Response July 2015 and response to
September 2015 meeting**

Further to the Council response to the precinct's July meeting, I can provide the following information.

Resolution 24/15: That the Coogee Precinct request that Council seek legal advice as to the legality of the move to amalgamate with Waverley and compliance with the Local Government Act in relation to necessary public consultation requirements stipulated in the Act

The NSW Government has a number of processes available to it in regards to council amalgamations. These processes include changing legislation to facilitate council mergers or following chapter 9 of the Local Government Act and referring merger proposals to the Boundaries Commission to conduct a public inquiry and consultation process.

As Council has no power to influence or control the actions of the State Government, we don't consider obtaining legal advice about the legality of these processes would provide benefit.

There have been a number of media articles written about the issue which provide more detail. One article you may like to refer to appeared in the June 2015 edition of Government News:
<http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2015/06/can-mike-baird-actually-force-nsw-council-mergers/>

The Local Government Act 1993 No 30, Chapter 9, is available at this location:
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/viewtop/inforce/act+30+1993+FIRST+0+N>

Resolution 27/15: That Council on behalf of residents seek a list of addresses of unit blocks in the Randwick City Council area identified by the UNSW Department of the Built Environment as being suited for redevelopment and make the list available on the Council web site.

Council's Manager Strategic Planning, Alan Bright, has advised me that Council does not hold this information; however, the following contact at UNSW may be able to assist the Precinct in gathering this information.

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Thank you for the minutes of the Precinct's **September 2015** meeting. Council notes the contents and in response I can provide the following information.

Resolution 34/15: Coogee Pavilion - The Precinct opposes DA 238/1998/C: 169-181 Dolphin Street proposing to increase the number of outdoor seats from 35 to 48 and to affix semi-permanent furniture to the public pedestrian plaza. The significant increase in the area of public space occupied by the hotel is not supported. This much valued and used public space should not become part of the hotel. Further the position of the proposed outdoor seating area should adjoin the hotel rather than being 4.2 metres from it. A further concern was access for emergency vehicles.

Resolution 35/15: DA 11/2015 – 293 Alison Rd – The Precinct requests urgent consideration of an appeal due to the reasons provided by the Commissioner

Resolutions 34/15 and 35/15, have been forwarded to Council's Manager Development Assessment, Kerry Kyriacou, for consideration in the DA process.

Resolution 36/15: NOX and Eco Living Fair – The Precinct would like to express their gratitude and thanks to Council for doing a marvellous job hosting two fantastic events; the NOX night sculpture walk and the Eco Living.

Council thanks the Precinct for its kind words, which have been passed on to both the Events and Sustainability & Strategic Waste teams.

Resolution: DA525/2015 The precinct objects to the increased size of the proposed rear balcony because it is considered adequate as it is and the adverse privacy impact on the adjoining property. Also given the topography of the site to the north we are concerned about the stormwater drainage and the garage not respecting the 900 mm setback to the boundary.

I can confirm that, following email receipt of the above resolutions on 8 September, the precinct's objections were passed to Council's Manager Development Assessment for consideration in the assessment process.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Giovanna Connolly', written in a cursive style.

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