

AMENDED ITEM



Item No: 7.3
Title: Notice of Motion - Central Coast Council to Recognise the Work of Local Firefighters and Emergency Service Workers in Response to the Recent Bushfires
Department: Councillor

10 February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

Reference: F2004/07102 - D13795020
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Councillor Hogan and MacGregor have given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 10 February 2020 they will move the following motion:

- 1 That Council formally thank the Rural Fire Services (RFS), Fire and Rescue New South Wales (NSW) and Emergency Services for their outstanding efforts in preventing loss of life, land, wildlife and properties during the recent bushfire emergency.**
- 2 That Council acknowledges and thanks staff from all directorates and their teams for their diligence and outstanding efforts in responding to the recent bushfires.**
- 3 That Council acknowledges that the impact on communities before, during and after a natural disaster is different depending on the type of disaster; storm, wind, flood, fire and the location. Therefore, a more coordinated 'localised' response is needed.**
- 4 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report outlining our roles and responsibilities before, during and after an event, in addition to identifying areas for improvement.**
- 5 That Council acknowledges that fire trails are essential for preventing loss and vital for firefighters to be able to access areas and contain fires safely and requests that the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the current staffing levels and the capacity to continue to build suitable fire trails to the level that is needed.**
- 6 That Council formally congratulate Viki Campbell, Superintendent of the Rural Fire Service for her appointment as Australia Day Ambassador for the Central Coast.**
- 7 On behalf of Council, our thoughts are with those who are suffering and our actions will reflect change and policy. I would also like to thank our broader community, residents and community groups who in the spirit of being Australian,**

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have come together to support and protect our people, our property, our wildlife and our landscape.

- 8** *That Council note the tragic loss of human life, wildlife, property and our natural environment over this bushfire season and the tireless and heroic efforts of the firefighters, emergency service workers and all those involved in responding to the recent bushfires not only across our LGA but NSW and our nation as a whole.*
- 9** *That Council formally express our appreciation and gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and workers who have so far responded to the recent bushfires.*
- 10** *That Council write to locally based RFS brigades and relevant parties to formally thank them on behalf of our local community.*
- 11** *That Council note that Shoalhaven LGA upon passing a similar motion resolved to hold a thank you event for volunteers and workers who were involved in responding to the Bushfires and that Council consider doing the same.*

Attachments

Nil.