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Dear IPART,

Commentary on Mosman Council Submission for FFTF from Cr Tom Sherlock / Serving Mosman

Mosman Council's submission appropriately portrays the council as an effective local government, delivering tailored local services to the local community, and meeting community needs to a high degree.

It must be clear to all that Mosman residents do not want any form of amalgamation.

Beyond Mosman, the submission makes clear that MC makes intelligent use of the regional ROC, SHOROC, as well as other cross-council groupings for services such as library support, recycling and internal audit. I think this is something that can be further developed, with state government support.

Mosman also makes effective use of outsourced providers in several areas, ranging from waste collection to heritage planning.

With regard to financial benchmarks, it is clear that Mosman is either meeting the benchmarks or has a credible plan to do so.

I think that the MC submission could be stronger in the area of social capital. It covers surveys and consultation, but does not provide as much data as it could on the high level of volunteering in Mosman; the high level of community fundraising. To me, these are important measures of critical local government functions; of community and social health. I very much hope that IPART does not continue to overlook these vital areas. The easiest things to measure are sometimes not the things that are the most important.

I'd like to thank IPART for their work and for this opportunity to comment on the MC FFTF submission.

Kind regards

Cr Tom Sherlock
Serving Mosman