

Adelaide Hills Council Public Meeting - Tuesday 3 September 2019

Message from Campbelltown City Council Mayor Jill Whittaker

Good evening everyone

I would like to thank Adelaide Hills for providing us with the opportunity to speak to you tonight. CEO Paul Di Iulio and myself have our scheduled council meeting starting at 7 pm and so we need to leave early. We appreciate the opportunity to address you early in the meeting and apologise that we cannot stay for the entire meeting.

I would like to acknowledge Deputy Mayor Nathan Daniel, (Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Aitken). I have a long friendship with Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom and great respect for CEO Andrew Aitken. I would also like to acknowledge David Waters GM Customer & Community Services, all Elected Members and staff from Adelaide Hills Council. I would also like to acknowledge Campbelltown's Deputy Mayor Anna Leombruno.

The investigation of a potential boundary realignment between Campbelltown and Adelaide Hills Councils is only at the very early stages. It has come about for a number of reasons. One of them is Adelaide Hills residents being involved in our council as volunteers and in clubs, and expressing the desire to myself and the previous mayors and councillors that they want to formally become part of the Campbelltown Community.

The new Boundary Reform process gives us a path to properly explore this option with all of you, the affected residents. We at Campbelltown are collating some data to help inform this exploration. A large piece of the data puzzle will be provided to us by Adelaide Hills Council and we appreciate their graciousness in being part of the process to get the best results.

As we gather information there will be opportunities for you to provide us your feedback on your thoughts about the proposed realignment; what you would like to see included; and what are essential components for you in considering a boundary realignment. It is important to us, that all residents' views are heard and considered throughout this process, and we will be back in touch with you when more information is available about the process.

The final decision sits with the Local Government Boundary Reform Commission, which is independent of both Councils. From Campbelltown's perspective, for the proposal to proceed to the Boundary Reform Commission there has to be benefits for residents and councils.

Campbelltown is committed to listening to you and taking your comments on board. So far we have heard that the planning regulations are very important matters, as are environmental considerations.

Our intent, should the realignment occur, is to maintain the current provisions that you have in the Adelaide Hills Development Plan. Our intention would be to set up a separate policy area.

Environmental considerations are also extremely important to Campbelltown and we understand its importance to you as well. We want to, and commit to protecting the Hills Face Zone. I would be very happy for you to examine our environmental policies and other relevant documents such as our Open Space Policy and Playground Policies, and our Annual Reports, which we are happy to discuss with you any matters arising from those key documents.

We have been asked if it is possible to rename the section of Rostrevor, currently in the Adelaide Hills Council area, to Morialta. We are very happy to support that and are currently investigating the process involved to change a suburb name.

We have a very close relationship with Adelaide Hills Council and we know that they are a good Council. We see, however, that there is a long standing and strong Community of Interest between you, as residents, living very close to our border and Campbelltown. You are part of the metropolitan area like Campbelltown rather than a rural area. We know that many of you already use our services, attend school or university, and have friends and family in Campbelltown.

What you currently can't do though, is influence and shape the services that you use or the policies which are developed. You aren't involved in our decision making which affects the services and facilities you use. If you were part of Campbelltown there would be many opportunities for you to do this. You could participate in our Community Consultations both online and face to face; you could influence our budget and the amenity of the area that you live in and the services you use.

A big part of our success has been because of the ideas our community provides on the directions we follow.

You could join one of our Section 41 Committees who consider things such as Youth, Active Ageing, Reconciliation, Access and Inclusion, Economic Development, Strategic Planning and Development and Audit & Governance.

You could also join one of our Friends groups who provide feedback to Council on areas of interest such as the Environment, the Library, Lochiel Park, Road Safety and Landcare Groups. We also have a wonderful group of volunteers and a very active social program that you may wish to be involved in.

Our job now is to gather more data and information. We will be in touch with you in the near future. We want to hear from you and we look to you for feedback. At Campbelltown we are working hard to make our community prosperous and our vision is for a quality lifestyle for our people; and our excellent services and facilities support that view.

At Campbelltown we place a high value on living together, respecting each other's views and building strong partnerships to support the needs of the community.

Thank you all very much for listening to me this evening. We look forward to speaking to you all again soon when more information is available about the process.

Thank you.