



# Hawkesbury City Council

## supplementary ordinary meeting business paper

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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**MM - Funding for Control and/or Eradication of Aquatic Weeds in the Hawkesbury-Nepean - (79353)**

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**REPORT:**

It has been reported in the Penrith City Star as part of a special report - "The State of our River, Part 3" that Penrith Council wrote to Premier Morris Iemma requesting funds for an aquatic weeds harvester, plus funds for its maintenance.

An Emu Plains company, Freshwater Environmental Management, removed 32 cubic metres of Egeria densa from parts of the Nepean River near the boat ramp at Tench Reserve, as part of Clean Up Australia Day. The company has built the harvester to specifically remove weeds such as Egeria. It is evidently the only harvester in the world, which cuts to a depth of five metres and collects the harvested material at the same time.

Egeria densa forms dense underwater masses and thrives in slow-moving waters with high nutrient levels. A significant increase in Egeria has been observed within the Hawkesbury River and has been reported as causing major difficulties within the prawning industry in the lower reaches.

I believe that Hawkesbury City Council should support the need for a deep-water harvester to manage the ever increasing outbreaks of exotic weed which are threatening our riverine eco-system and support our surrounding Councils by requesting the State Government to provide ongoing funding for the control and/or eradication of these aquatic weeds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Hawkesbury City Council support the need for a deep-water harvester to manage the ever increasing outbreaks of exotic weed which are threatening our riverine eco-system and support our surrounding Councils by requesting the State Government to provide ongoing funding for the control and/or eradication of these aquatic weeds.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**Item: 56                    IS - Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Advisory Committee - Nominations and Applications - (95495, 79633)**

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**REPORT:**

The Local Government Association and Shires Association have advised that the Australian Department of Environment and Heritage and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) are calling for nominations for the inaugural Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Advisory Committee. Terms of reference for the 12 person Advisory Committee specify two Local Government members.

The NSW and Commonwealth Ministers for the Environment will appoint the 12 Committee members, on an honorary basis, for three years, with half of the membership to turn over after 18 months. The Committee will meet at least twice a year. Appointees are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses. The Associations have been invited by the NPWS to nominate three-four possible candidates for the Advisory Committee.

The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area is managed by the NPWS and the Jenolan Caves Trust.

**Conformance to Strategic Plan**

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

*"Objective: Sustainable and liveable communities that respect, preserve and manage the heritage, cultural and natural assets of the City."*

**Funding**

No funding implications arising from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That nominations from members interested in being possible candidates for the Advisory Committee be forwarded to the Local Government and Shires Association.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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