

<b>ITEM 5.2</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 3/2015 - BROOKVALE MASTERPLAN</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2015/051222</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## BACKGROUND

I recently expressed concerns in the media about the continual residential pressures on the Brookvale area and the impacts (positive/negative) on any residential development in relation to the suburbs current standing as the Northern Beaches jobs hub. I further highlighted the negative impacts of spot rezonings in the absence of a guiding strategic document for the area and the importance of maintaining Brookvale's status as a Metro Centre for the Northern Beaches, just as they have for Dee Why and Frenchs Forest within the State Government's strategic planning *Metro Strategy* document.

I have also stated publicly that Brookvale's rich heritage is well recognised as our major industrial area on the entire Northern Beaches and as such is a major centre for our current and future jobs in the region. That has also been recognised by the State Government and by this Council. I believe this will not change even with the Frenchs Forest Hospital precinct under consideration. There are development pressures on Brookvale and that will continue which is why we need to plan appropriately and local jobs must be at the heart of any future plan for Brookvale.

A shared vision with local businesses, land owners and residents both in Brookvale now, and broadly across the region, need to explore the various challenges, test new ideas, and seek action from the State Government to deliver the necessary infrastructure that has been lacking for so long. Public transport for locals has to be at the centre of any change in Brookvale. 79% of jobs in the Northern Beaches are filled by locals, yet the public transport system only serves the 11% going to the city and 10% going west to Chatswood etc, hence local traffic is a nightmare due to our reliance on the car.

The community has expressed that Brookvale has potential and everyone has an opinion on Brookvale from what it is now to what it could be. The Facebook comments alone on the recent story in the Manly Daily (14 February 2015) demonstrated this point. Dee Why has a Masterplan that is currently being rolled out following extensive consultation with the community and this is finally happening. The Frenchs Forest Structure Plan is underway. Council has once again consulted extensively with information nights, workshops, letterbox drops, social media and our Your Say page on our website. All this feedback is being closely considered as we plan for the future around the hospital currently under construction and the roads being upgraded around it.

I believe Brookvale has waited long enough and I request that Council provide a report back to the next Council meeting outlining a timeframe for developing a Brookvale Masterplan in the upcoming 2015/16 financial year.

I understand that funding for the preparation of this report is available within the current operational Budget.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That Council staff:

- A. Present a short report at the next Council meeting to be held on 24 March 2015 outlining a timeframe for the development of a Brookvale Masterplan to be undertaken in the upcoming 2015/16 financial year.
- B. To conduct online engagement immediately to allow the community to provide their comments on the future of Brookvale that would include the existing comments made from

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the previous Manly Daily story and any emails/correspondence received already to Council.

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