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THE HONOURABLE CR PHILIP RUDDOCK

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The Hon. Dominic Perrottet, MP
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Dear Mr Perrottet

Compensation for Hornsby Shire Council

I am writing to you in response to our recent discussions about the financial position of Hornsby Shire Council and the need to ensure Council has not been left financially worse off due to past decisions of the State Government arising from the council amalgamation process.

On this point, I am seeking to clarify what funding proposals the State Government has in mind for this year and beyond to ensure Council can restore its financial position. It is also worth highlighting that recent State Government decisions such as the increase in the emergency services levy, and the non-granting of natural disaster funding extensions, have exacerbated the negative impact on Council's budget.

As the Mayor, I am keen to work with my fellow councillors to ensure we achieve a fair and just outcome for the community so that we can continue to deliver the services and infrastructure we had the financial capacity to deliver before the amalgamation changes.

~~I would be pleased to convene a meeting with you as soon as possible to ensure these matters do not get beyond us. I look forward in anticipation to meeting with you.~~

Yours faithfully

Philip Ruddock
Mayor

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