

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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CAMDEN COUNCIL ANNOUNCED 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE'

Only 9 out of 38 Sydney Metropolitan Councils were assessed as 'Fit for the Future' in a report released this week by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). Camden Council was one of the nine 'fit' councils.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said she was delighted with the announcement that Camden is 'Fit for the Future'.

"This is great news for our community. 71% of Sydney Metro Councils were deemed unfit. Camden is not one of them, despite the pressures Camden has as the fastest growing local government area in NSW. This assessment demonstrates that Camden Council are doing business the right way in a sustainable and financially responsible manner and we have the team in place to deliver on the challenges ahead."

"IPART's analysis stated Camden was better off as a stand alone Council and did not identify a merger alternative that was better than this. This analysis was consistent with Council's own self assessment and preferred option".

"Under the assessment, Council satisfies a range of criteria including scale and capacity, financial, sustainability, infrastructure and service management and efficiency".

"Despite the demands associated with managing large-scale growth, we are delivering a range of exciting projects and initiatives, enhancing our core services and making a quality investment in infrastructure for our community."

"To ensure we continue to meet the challenges of the future, Council has implemented a comprehensive organisational improvement plan. I am proud of Council's strong and favourable position and commitment to continuous improvement and best practice." Cr Symkowiak said.

The Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals report released by IPART recommends that Camden Council, by being 'Fit for the Future', remain as a stand alone Council.

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