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FOKE THANKS KU-RING-GAI DELEGATES TO NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment Inc President Kathy Cowley today thanked the voting delegates from Ku-ring-gai Council, Councillor Elaine Malicki and Councillor Christiane Berlioz for supporting the Local Government NSW Conference (LGNSW) motion last week:

"That LGNSW oppose any planning legislation which doesn't include the following principles:

- 1) That community participation is enshrined at all stages of planning.*
- 2) Councils are given equal status to the Minister in planning decisions.*
- 3) Requires triple bottom line outcomes for planning decisions.*
- 4) No requirement to re-write Standard instrument LEPs which are less than 10 years old.*
- 5) No Strategic Compatibility Certificates*

Further that any re-written legislation is placed on public exhibition for a reasonable time".

The Conference also passed the following amendment from Wollongong Council:

"That the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development be at the centre of any new Planning Act."

"We now call on the NSW Planning Minister Brad Hazzard and the Premier to implement the LGNSW motion which addresses the concerns not only of NSW Councils but that of the Better Planning Network with which FOKE is affiliated." Kathy Cowley said.

"We also ask the Minister to address the considerable corruption risks identified in the ICAC and NSW Law Society in the submissions to the White Paper and draft Planning Bills" Kathy Cowley said.

"The new planning system must from the very outset be transparent and accountable. So we are requesting that the Bills be withdrawn and rewritten before being presented to Parliament" Kathy Cowley said

"The community must be confident that the new system is fair and balanced and free from corruption risks" Kathy Cowley said.

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