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Sutherland Shire COUNCIL



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President's Message

COUNCILLOR JOHN FAKER



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OVERVIEW

Almost 1.7 million people live in the 700 square-kilometre area of the southern Sydney region. Our local councils exist to serve those communities, providing the local services that keep our society functioning effectively from day to day. Our work also underpins our local economy and environment, and is critical to the state and national economy by servicing key infrastructure such as the Port and Airport, major world-class teaching hospitals and universities, as well road and rail connections. In short, what we do as councils is not only important locally, but contributes very much to the economy of NSW and the nation.

Throughout my year as President of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), I have been, and continue to be, struck by the impressive results that can be achieved when we work together. Our joint procurement initiatives continue to bring real financial savings to all the member councils, and our other shared services enable great work to be done through collective advocacy, joint projects and shared resources.

My thanks to all member councils, especially the Delegates, for their support of SSROC. My fellow Executive members, Cr Kent Johns from Sutherland Shire Council, and Mayor of Canterbury Bankstown, Cr Khal Asfour, have demonstrated their commitment this year, and I appreciate their support.

SSROC's Secretariat coordinates, facilitates, and delivers many services and projects for our councils, achieving great results. I thank our General Manager, Namoi Dougall, for her key role in all that SSROC does and achieves. I thank also our Secretary and Treasurer, Matthew Stewart, General Manager of the Canterbury Bankstown for his input.

I thank the SSROC core staff and I am impressed by how much they can achieve. Thanks also to council General Managers and the many council officers who work together in the strong and mutually beneficial collaboration that is SSROC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Dramatically escalating energy costs for running our street lights, aquatic centres and all operations gave rise to one of our major projects for the year. The **Program for Energy and Environmental Risk Solutions (PEERS)** aims to improve our energy efficiency, achieve the best value pricing for electricity and gas, reduce the risk of future price shocks, and increase the proportion of energy consumed that is derived from renewable sources. We extended the opportunity to aggregate our spend to other councils, and that invitation was enthusiastically embraced by 20 councils.

First, to help councils to improve their energy efficiency, several panel contracts were established to provide expert advice and metering and analytical services. Then we aggregated our electricity and gas consumption and made a carefully timed approach to the market, achieving savings of more than ten per cent compared with the market rate. Our separate procurement of a proportion of energy from renewables continues next year, and is currently looking as if it will achieve still greater savings as well as price stability.

PEERS presented SSROC and councils with a series of challenges, involving a steep learning curve for both Councils and SSROC staff. But together, and with our non-SSROC colleagues, we have achieved solid financial savings and reduced our exposure to volatile energy prices at the same time assisting us in meeting our carbon emissions targets for many years to come.

Our **Model Public Lighting Strategy for Council-owned lighting** was developed this year. Councils can easily adopt it to help bring more rigour to their lighting standards and procurement. The model strategy includes minimum lighting and electrical design requirements across our LGAs, a list of approved luminaires and columns, as well as procedures for ensuring compliant lighting designs for safety and standardisation.

Our Energy Future, our regional program designed to increase the proportion of energy consumed that is derived from renewable sources, has achieved a major milestone this year. The pilot community energy service, which was tendered last year, has successfully concluded its year-long term and ten of the eleven councils have agreed to subscribe to the service for another year. The pilot generated a lot of interest, and four more councils from northern Sydney will be taking up the service next year.

At 30 June 2018, the program, targeted at residents, had delivered almost three hundred new solar pv installations on homes in the region, representing an extraordinary 1.3 MW of generating capacity. The website has been visited 34,000 times, and 36 information sessions have reached over 1200 people. So I am delighted that pilot has proved the service to be worthwhile, and that the service will continue.

2017/18 has also delivered a revised **Regional Strategy for Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery**. I am pleased to acknowledge and thank the NSW Environment Protection Authority for funding the review under their Waste Less, Recycle More package. I thank them also for continued funding for our Regional Strategic Coordinators, and for a wide range of projects under the Better Waste and Recycling Fund.

The year saw the sudden proliferation of bike-share schemes, particularly in inner part of our region. The many problems included bikes being left in inappropriate places, and being wilfully, sometimes maliciously, vandalised. SSROC responded by coordinating a forum with the operators, council officers and other stakeholders including Transport for NSW. The inner city councils developed a set of guidelines and tested them with operators. SSROC met with Transport for NSW to advocate for a metropolitan-wide approach. A few months later the NSW Government announced that it would introduce regulation.



Our **Affordable Housing Forum** in July was a great success. Participants from all levels of government, development industry, community housing sector, NGOs, private sector, housing researchers, urban development and planning professionals were in attendance and worked collaboratively to develop a Communique on Affordable Housing. The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State opened the conference and received the forum recommendations.

The need for action has been demonstrated by studies showing that as of 2017, 373,000 households in NSW could not get into housing at market rates or were under rental stress, and that this would increase to 670,000 households by 2025. Although more than 5,000 dwellings of social and affordable housing were required in Sydney every year, only 10,000 in total were planned for the next 20 years.

The Forum presenters and participants provided a wealth of information, experience, and ideas that informed the Communique on Affordable Housing. The key issues raised in the Communique included:

- Recognise and approach affordable housing as essential infrastructure for a sustainable, inclusive and productive city;

- Designate the Sydenham-Bankstown Corridor as a priority target area for affordable housing in the Central and South Districts which should be subject to a Growth Infrastructure Compact agreement;
- The importance of adopting a consensus position around capturing an even share of value uplift, through a consistent policy that is clear and transparent for the development community;
- Planning mechanism changes necessary to allow for greater affordable housing provision;
- Establishment of a bond aggregator model is supported to enable access to lower cost finance;
- A new approach needed for the “missing middle” to promote the idea of small dwellings, intergenerational, and affordable housing rental options.

NSW Department of Planning and Environment responded to these and other calls with a proposal to expand the provisions of the **Affordable Housing State Policy - SEPP 70** so that it applies to five new councils including Inner West Council, Randwick Council, and Canada Bay Council. These proposed changes will facilitate affordable housing in future rezonings in the respective local government areas.

In March 2018, the NSW Government adopted the Greater Sydney Region Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities, along with Transport for NSW's Future Transport 2056, and Infrastructure NSW's State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-38. At the same time the Greater Sydney Commission released the five District Plans including the Eastern City and South Districts, that support the implementation of A Metropolis of Three Cities at the local level.

For the first time Greater Sydney has land use, transport and infrastructure plans that have been developed concurrently. SSROC engaged intensely with the plan development process over two years. In particular SSROC played a significant role in developing and promoting **liveability** as a key planning theme for the plans, through its research work around liveability benchmarking and indicators. Now liveability considerations, such as local services and infrastructure that meet communities; changing needs, help to inform and shape each of the District Plans of Greater Sydney.

In June 2018, the report on **State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009** (ARHSEPP) was published by the City Futures Research Centre, UNSW Sydney. The report was commissioned by SSROC to examine affordable rental housing, new boarding houses and secondary dwellings produced by the policy. It found that the ARHSEPP has delivered little genuinely affordable rental housing, particularly for very-low and low-income households since it was introduced.

At the time of the report's release, I noted that it "is hugely important in understanding the real impacts of ARHSEPP in the SSROC region where there is great need for affordable housing. Finally, we have a clearer snapshot that this policy is not providing the affordable housing that Sydney so much needs."

LOOKING FORWARD

As I look to 2018/19, I am excited that we are exploring a new and unique **Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement**. If we are successful, we will have achieved a first in Australia, as well as further cost savings.

We will continue to work to increase **Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery** through

a range of new and innovative initiatives, as well as continuing with community education program. As the national (and global) waste sector continues to respond to the global impacts of China's new policies, SSROC continues to be closely involved in the steering of the NSW Government's response. Proposals will go to Cabinet in November 2018. In October we will be delivering a forum to assist Councils with specifying use of recycled materials in civil works tenders. Sutherland Shire Council is leading the way, with glass and plastics that previously had no recycling market recently being incorporated into road base. All levels of Government are being asked to strongly favour recycled content in procurements as a national response to China's importation policies.

December 2018 should see the conclusion of Council negotiations on waste contracts; both in relation to China Sword and refund sharing arrangements related to the Container Deposit Scheme. Legal work led by SSROC and NSROC on refund sharing agreements has been disseminated state wide. Other key projects for the waste team for 2018/19 include:

- A regional think tank (partnered with a university) to explore and progress **circular economy** opportunities within the region;
- Strategic studies to assist Councils with progressing **reuse** objectives;
- A new regional contract for processing **kerbside clean up** material;
- Building on the successful **Dumping is Rubbish** campaign¹ in Q3 17/18, a major campaign to improve recycling habits will be live in November-December 2018 drawing together nine member Councils;
- Extending the **regional education** project. We hope to reach beyond this year's achievement of 2,700 participants at 152 workshops with 140 different community groups.

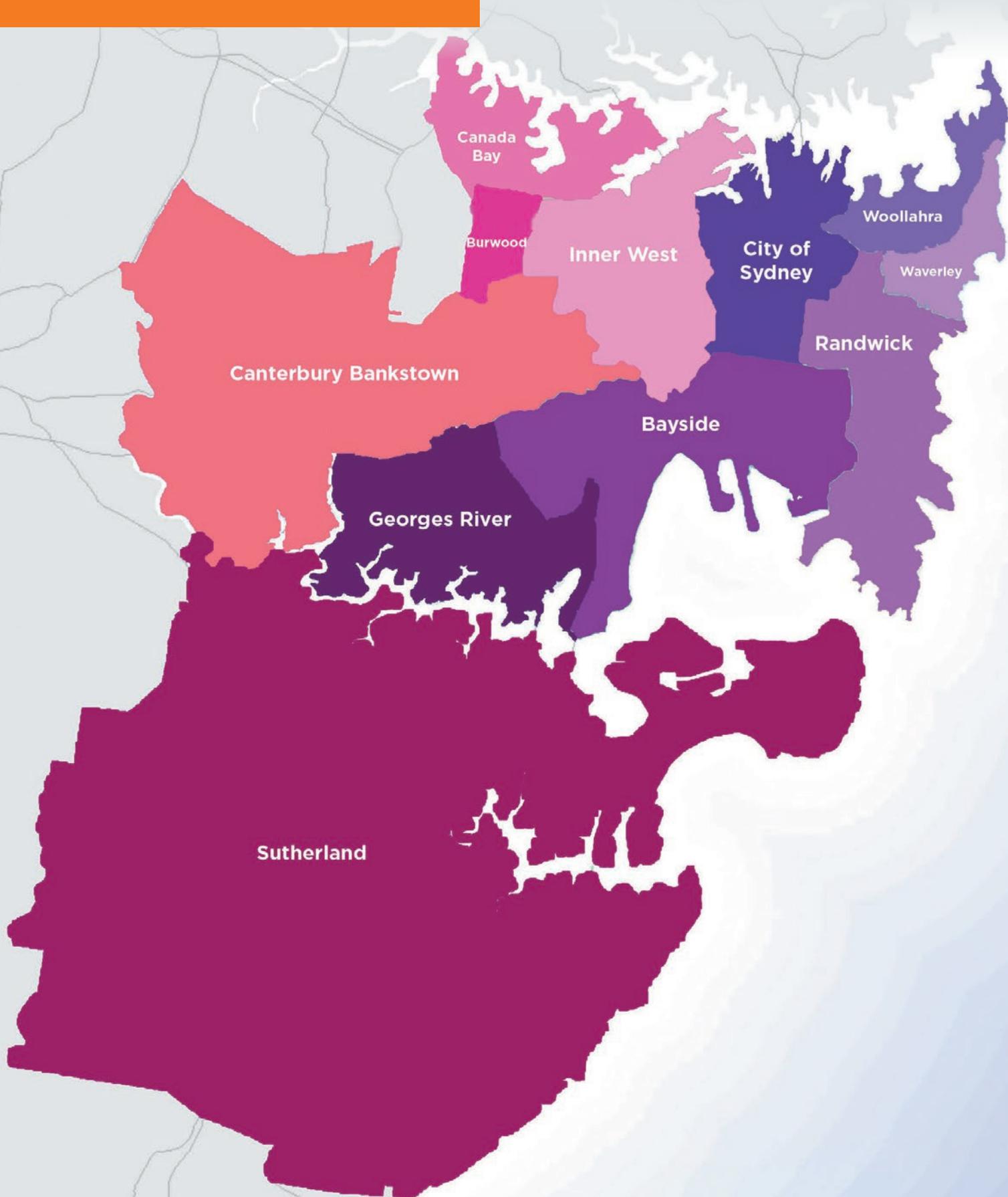
Our advocacy on the issue of affordable housing will certainly continue into the coming year, as we work to implement **District Plans** in an equitable way that will deliver the liveability outcomes that we all want and need.

Councillor John Faker
PRESIDENT

¹ Over 7million impressions over 7 weeks to 30/6/18 <http://www.getridofitright.com/>

2018 Organisation

Structure



INTRODUCTION TO SSROC

The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC Inc.) is an incorporated association of 11 local councils, originally established in 1986. In 2016 local government amalgamations saw the proclamation of four new councils. City of Canterbury and Bankstown City Council became Canterbury Bankstown Council. Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville became Inner West Council. Hurstville City and Kogarah City became Georges River Council. Botany Bay and Rockdale City became Bayside Council

SSROC is the forum through which the councils work together to solve common problems, co-operate in policy development, and lobby other levels of government.

The member Councils are:

Bayside Council

Burwood Council

City of Canada Bay

Canterbury Bankstown Council

City of Sydney

Georges River Council

Inner West Council

Randwick City Council

Sutherland Shire Council

Waverley Council

Woollahra Municipal Council

THE ORGANISATION

Delegates

The Board of SSROC comprises two councillors delegated from each member council:

Bayside Council, Burwood Council, Canterbury Bankstown Council, City of Canada Bay, City of Sydney, Georges River Council, Inner West Council, Randwick City Council, Sutherland Shire Council, Waverley Council, Woollahra Municipal Council.

These councils are also entitled to nominate two additional councillors as alternate delegates.

SSROC Committees

The role of Committees is to advise the ROC on particular matters that Delegates wish to consider more deeply. In 2017/18 there were no meetings pending the review of their operation by Executive in consultation with Delegates.

EXECUTIVE

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, the Delegates elect three of their number to fill the Executive positions of President, Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President. Executive members for 2017/2018 are:



PRESIDENT
Councillor John Faker
(BURWOOD)



SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
Councillor Kent Johns
(SUTHERLAND)



JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
Councillor Khal Asfour
(CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN)

DELEGATES

Bayside Council

Councillor Bill Saravinovski (Mayor)
Councillor Ed McDougall

Burwood Council

Councillor John Faker (Mayor, SSROC President)
Councillor George Mannah
Councillor Ernest Chan (Alternate)
Councillor Heather Crichton (Alternate)

City of Canada Bay Council

Councillor Angelo Tsirekas (Mayor)
Councillor Marian Parnaby (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Michael Megna (Alternate)
Councillor Charles Jago (Alternate)

City of Sydney Council

Councillor Jess Miller (Deputy Lord Mayor)
Councillor Christine Forster
Councillor Robert Kok (Alternate)
Councillor Craig Chung (Alternate)

Canterbury Bankstown Council

Councillor Khal Asfour (Mayor, SSROC
Junior Vice President)
Councillor Clare Raffan
Councillor Nadia Saleh (Deputy Mayor, Alternate)
Councillor Linda Eisler (Alternate)

Georges River Council

Councillor Kevin Greene (Mayor)
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Con Hindi (Alternate)
Councillor Rita Kastanias (Alternate)

Inner West Council

Councillor Darcy Byrne (Mayor)
Councillor Rochelle Porteous
Councillor Lucille McKenna (Alternate)
Councillor John Stamolis (Alternate)

Randwick City Council

Councillor Lindsay Shurey (Mayor)
Councillor Anthony Andrews
Councillor Carlos De Rocha (Alternate)
Councillor Kathy Neilson (Alternate)

Sutherland Shire Council

Councillor Kent Johns (SSROC Senior Vice President)
Councillor Jack Boyd
Councillor Ray Plibersek (Alternate)
Councillor Daniel Nicholls (Alternate)

Waverley Council

Councillor John Wakefield (Mayor)
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor George Copeland (Alternate)
Councillor Marjorie O'Neill (Alternate)

Woollahra Council

Councillor Peter Cavanagh (Mayor)
Councillor Nick Maxwell
Councillor Susan Wynne (Deputy Mayor, Alternate)

SSROC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no committee meetings in 2017/2018.

STAFF

SSROC employs staff to undertake the organisation's day-to-day work. The key positions are:

General Manager

Namoi Dougall

Program Manager

Helen Sloan

Strategic Planning Manager

Vincent Ogu

Contracts & Procurement Manager

Cathy Dizon

Contracts & Procurement Manager - Temporary

Jennifer Revell

Procurement Projects Officer

Nicholas Shea

Procurement and Contract Coordinator

Roger Bramble

Program & Communications Officer

Kate Hannan

Office Manager

Natasha Anderson

Executive Assistant

Colleen Stretton

Strategic Regional Coordinator – Resource Recovery & Waste (EPA Funded)

David Kuhn

Hazel Storey

Waste Educators – Better Waste Recycling Fund (EPA Funded)

Louie Leung

Annie Walker

Senior Internal Auditors - engaged by councils

Bindu Mathew

Umayal Sivanandan

The staff team is complemented from time to time by project personnel, engaged to carry out special projects funded by grant income or council contributions.

WORKING GROUPS

Working groups of council officers work with the staff team to develop and implement SSROC programs.

The groups are a key component of the success of SSROC.

The current working groups operating are:

- Community/Culture/Recreation Network
- Affordable Housing
- Environmental Management
- General Managers
- Governance Officers
- Planners
- Public Works
- Records Management
- Regulatory
- Supply Management
- Traffic and Transport Infrastructure & Planning Group
- Waste Management

Working groups are periodically reviewed by General Managers to ensure their continuing relevance.

2017/2018

Major Achievements



PROJECTS

The **Waste Disposal Project** this year achieved its major milestone for the six participating councils: the successful operation of the new Banksmeadow Transfer Station and the new waste treatment facility at Woodlawn by the contractor, Veolia Environmental Services. The whole process began to operate, from receiving general putrescible waste, through transporting it by train to Woodlawn, treatment to recover ferrous metals and generate compost, and the residues disposed of to the bioreactor landfill which generates methane gas to power the facility. Over the year, 114,000 tonnes of waste have been processed.

In the coming year we look forward to the mature compost being used in rehabilitation of a former mine, achieving diversion from landfill of around 45% from the general waste in the red lid bin. We also look forward to the whole facility being powered from renewable resources with the addition of a wind farm.

Our Energy Future is the program designed to implement the Renewable Energy Master Plan developed in 2012/13 by (then) eight member councils with the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UNSW. This year has established a new community energy service, provided by the Moreland Energy Foundation, trading in NSW as Positive Charge. Selected as the preferred supplier early in 2017, the service began as a one-year pilot, with Positive Charge appointing a full-time manager based in SSROC's office, to deliver a range of services to the residents of the ten participating councils.

At the conclusion of the pilot, this Our Energy Future community service has responded to 1,600 calls from residents seeking information, received 34,000 website hits, and delivered 36 information sessions including over 1,200 residents. Over 2,000 quotes for solar PV installations have gone through the service, resulting in almost 300 sales, which represent more than 1.3 MW of renewable generation capacity. It is not possible to accurately

assess how much money those residents are saving on their electricity bills as a result of our service, but industry benchmarks indicate that it would be in the region of \$1,000 each year for every one of the 294 households who installed solar using Our Energy Future in the year ending 30 June 2018. It is also impossible to know how many people have saved money through energy efficiency measures after receiving advice and support from the service.

Councils will continue to support Our Energy Future's community energy service next year, and services will be expanded to cover four northern Sydney councils.

It has been interesting also this year to see the synergy that has emerged through the joint procurement of renewable energy (more on this to follow). SSROC's Renewable Energy Master Plan, Our Energy Future, also includes an action to establish a renewable energy power purchase agreement, and as a result of the PEERS procurement work, councils will be able to work towards achieving this action. This, in turn, will help councils to meet their carbon emissions reductions targets. So we are seeing the convergence of cost savings, risk mitigation, and carbon emissions reductions: a massive potential achievement for next year.

ADVOCACY

During the year SSROC played a highly constructive role influencing the NSW planning process as it undergoes major reform.

At the **Affordable Housing Forum** on 24 July 2017, around 200 Local and State government, community housing, investors and developers, planners, and leading academics came together to develop effective solutions to Sydney's affordable housing crisis. The Forum at UTS was a joint initiative of SSROC, the Planning Institute of Australia and Community Housing Providers.

The one-day forum focused on how stakeholders can better work together to deliver affordable housing to low and moderate income earners. The forum's communique highlighted measures that were needed to address the shortfall in affordable housing and the opportunities that exist for value capture, a bond aggregator to raise housing finance, planning measures that optimise the delivery of affordable housing and the need for a Growth Infrastructure Compact to support renewal along the Sydenham to Bankstown Transit Corridor.



Sustained advocacy by SSROC into the development of the District Plans for the Eastern City and South Districts for Greater Sydney culminated in the release of A Metropolis of Three Cities in March 2018. In the Greater Sydney Region Plan's Foreword, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian noted that the Plan provides "a bold vision for three integrated and connected cities that will rebalance Greater Sydney – placing housing, jobs, infrastructure and services within easier reach of more residents, no matter where they live".

A key aspect of the Plan is a strategic objective for affordable housing targets of 5-10 per cent "in defined precincts prior to rezoning" to capture some of the windfall gains, and directing them towards affordable rental housing for very low and low-income households. This reflects, in part, arguments SSROC made in its submission to the Greater Sydney Commission for embedding in the District Plans relevant mechanisms and planning instruments with affordable rental housing targets of 5% to 15%.

The Report of the Effectiveness State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP) by the City Futures Research Centre, UNSW Sydney that was commissioned by SSROC has found that the SEPP delivered large numbers of dwellings across central and southern Sydney. But it appears that many of the provisions are being used to circumvent other development controls, such as apartment design standards and dwelling mix, rather than to deliver genuinely affordable rental housing.

The report has highlighted that the new accommodation is adding considerable pressure to parts of Sydney. This now requires planning and adequate funding for wider infrastructure and community services to respond to this growth in demand.



PROCUREMENT

SSROC has an established regional procurement program aimed at delivering more strategic procurement and achieving stronger buying power by aggregation of goods and services within our region and beyond.

This year the **Model Public Lighting Strategy** for council owned lighting was completed to address safety and standardisation of these lights. The strategy offers guidelines and rigour to the region's lighting design standards and maintenance compliance. The model strategy includes minimum lighting and electrical design standards across the LGA. In support of the strategy, specifications for more efficient luminaires and columns have been developed and contracted under the Council-Owned Lighting Tender (**COLT**). The COLT is for the supply, installation and maintenance of these lights. The whole aim of this bundled strategy is to ensure that Councils have a compliant design and safe, efficient, compliant lights.



It is estimated that approximately **54,000 mattresses** are collected across the region from the 8 participating councils per annum.

Mattress Collection and Processing contract has been completed. Other than price, the procurement objective is to increase recycling and other positive environmental outcomes. It is estimated that approximately 54,000 mattresses are collected across the region from the 8 participating councils per annum. The process involves collection, deconstruction and on-sell of the components collected. The steel springs are recycled into building products like roofing materials, the foam into carpet underlay, and the timber is mulched, leaving nothing or very little to landfill. One of the suppliers also focuses on social responsibility: they provide employment and training opportunities for people experiencing disadvantage.

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shocks, and increase the proportion of energy consumed that is derived from renewable sources. We extended the opportunity to aggregate our spend to other councils, and that invitation was enthusiastically embraced by 20 councils.

The Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) procurement strategy managed the financial, environmental and contractual risk for the councils. The PPA achieved a 20% financial saving over the current electricity market pricing in the first year. It committed Councils to a fixed load of renewable energy each year, equivalent to 20% (or a council's nominated percentage) of electricity load in 2017/18. The PPA contractual terms will manage the price risk for both higher or lower than expected electricity pricing during the contract period. SSROC, teamed with industry experts Sourced Energy, enabled Councils to approach the market jointly with sufficient load, at the right time and to achieve this major success.

SUBMISSIONS

- 27 July 2017 – on-line submission to RSPCA on RSPCA Cat Management Discussion Paper Consultation.

- 31 July 2017 – submission on NSW EPA Draft Illegal Dumping Strategy, 2017-20.
31 July 2017 – submission on NSW EPA Draft Litter Strategy, 2017-20.

- 17 August 2017 – submissions to Cities Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on National Cities Performance Framework Interim Report

- 25 August 2017 – submission to NSW Premier, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and Minister for Transport & Infrastructure – on Sydney Metro West Project

- 1 September 2017 – submission to Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment on Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy

- 1 September 2017 – submission to Manager Network Regulation, Endeavour Energy being SSROC SLI Program Submission on the 2019-24 Endeavour Energy Directions Paper

- 19 October 2017 – submission to Social Policy Division, The Treasury on National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Consultation Paper

- 3 November 2017 – submission to Transport for NSW on the Draft Road Safety Plan 2021.

- 20 November 2017 – submission to NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on NSW EPA Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Strategy Consultation Draft.

- 24 November 2017 – submission to Department of Planning and Environment on The Review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

- 30 November 2017 – submission to Acting Chief Executive, Office of Local Government on Code of Conduct.

- 1 December 2017 – online submission to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure on Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056

- 7 December 2017 – submission to Head of Asset Engineering Management Policy and Standards, Ausgrid on Draft Tree Safety Management Plan.

- 7 December 2017 – online submission to Marine Estate Management Authority on the Draft Marine Estate Management Strategy 2018-2028.

- 15 December 2017 – submission to the Greater Sydney Commission on The Revised Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and District Plans.

- 30 January 2018 – submission to Department of Planning and Environment on Proposed changes to State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP No 70 Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes).

- 9 February 2018 - submission to Australian Energy Regulator (AER) on Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme (STPIS) Review and Distribution Reliability Measures Guidelines

- 23 February 2018 – online submission to Government Architect New South Wales on Greener Places Policy

- 12 March 2018 – submission to Street Lighting Working Group, Commonwealth Government, Department of the Environment and Energy on the Proposal for a new Small Load Metering Regulatory Framework for Street Lighting
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- 16 March 2018 – submission to Department of the Environment and Energy on review of Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030
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- 23 March 2018 – online submission to Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight on NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan
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- 12 April 2018 – submission to Senate Economics Legislation Committee on inquiry into the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018 and the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018
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- 20 April 2018 – online submission made to Greater Sydney, Local Land Services on Draft Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan
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- 1 May 2018 – submission to Environment Standards Division, Department of the Environment and Energy on the proposed national approach to product stewardship action on environmental impacts of products.

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- 25 May 2018 – submission to Manager Social Strategy, City of Sydney on A City for All – City of Sydney's Social Sustainability Policy & Action Plan 2018-2028.
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- 19 June 2018 – submission to Department of Environment and Energy on Review of the Product Stewardship Act 2011, including the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.
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- 28 June 2018 – submission to Ministers/MPs on the findings of the Energy from Waste Enquiry: Parliamentary Portfolio Committee No 6.
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