



NORTHBRIDGE
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Mr Nick Tobin
General Manager
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Dear Mr Tobin

Re: Timing of Council agenda papers

Residents at a general meeting of Northbridge Progress Association on December 8 asked the Association to write to you to object to the very short notice provided to the community about recommendations for the use of Northbridge Oval (agenda item 21.4), which will be discussed by Council at its meeting on December 12.

This matter is of great concern to the Northbridge community, especially to those residents who live in close proximity to the Oval. Yet the Council agenda was released on Council's website at 5pm on December 8, leaving insufficient time for residents to consider and discuss the recommendations, provide feedback to Ward Councillors and to make informed comments at the Council meeting.

The meeting therefore asked that this item be deferred until the following Council meeting.

More generally, residents at the NPA meeting were concerned that the delivery of agenda papers on Thursday before a Monday Council meeting allows Ward Councillors too little time to review the many recommendations, consult with the community and reach meaningful conclusions. A good example is agenda item 21.2 about the upgrade of Willoughby Leisure Centre where Councillors are being asked within a four day period to select, from several options costing between \$30 to \$51 million, a single development option for public exhibition.

Residents at the meeting believed that this item should also be deferred to allow Ward Councillors more time to consider the options and discuss them with Leisure Centre stakeholders and users.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter McNair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a small mark at the end.

Peter McNair
President

Copy: Ward Councillors

*Northbridge Progress Association has operated continuously since 1919.
At December 2011, the Association had 464 members.*