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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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March 18 2010

Councillors
Willoughby City Council
PO Box 57 CHATSWOOD 2057

Dear Councillors

Re: Willoughby shuttle bus service

The NPA committee supports strongly the concept of a trial shuttle bus to service Willoughby suburbs during week days.

However, the committee understands that the effect of an amendment passed 7-6 by Council at its March 8 meeting will be to modify a weekly shuttle bus service from Northbridge peninsular to Willoughby Leisure Centre and Chatswood CBD via West Chatswood so that Northbridge is eliminated from the route.

We ask that Councillors re-consider their March 8 decision by supporting the Recission Motion to be moved at the March 22 Council meeting. We request that Councillors consider restoring the shuttle bus route to that originally recommended by Council officers after careful analysis.

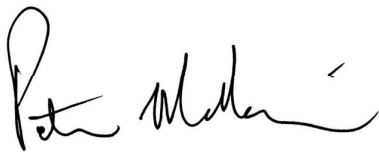
As recommended by Council officers, the service would have helped Northbridge residents to gain ready access through a community bus to Chatswood CBD (and to suburbs between) and to Willoughby Leisure Centre. No other proposed shuttle bus service route will accomplish this.

The service would have assisted Northbridge's large population of seniors who no longer drive and those residents who would prefer not to add to traffic congestion in Northbridge streets to have access to Chatswood CBD and the Leisure Centre.

The service would also have allowed Chatswood and other Willoughby residents along the shuttle bus route to gain access to Northbridge facilities such as Northbridge Plaza, Northbridge Library, Northbridge Oval, Northbridge golf course and Clive Park.

If the service is restored as originally recommended, the Association would be happy to review its position after (say) a six month trial period if it can be demonstrated that the shuttle bus service from Northbridge peninsular to Chatswood CBD and the Leisure Centre has not been sufficiently used by Northbridge and other Willoughby residents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter McNair
President

Copy: Steven Head, Director Infrastructure Services

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At December 31 2009, the Association had 465 members.*