



Memo to: All Councillors

Copy to: Interim General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Robert Maginnity, Director Corporate and Community Services

Subject: Invitation to attend meeting to discuss SV application

Date: 9 February 2026

Reference: DOC2026/023824; DOC2026/023585

Dear Councillors

We have become aware that the Mayor, Councillors Jurd and Harrington along with former Councillor Madden and various Council staff have been invited to attend the following community event:

Cessnock Community Town Hall Meeting – 7:00 pm, 24 February 2026 Auditorium, East Cessnock Bowling Club

The organisers have indicated that this meeting is in response to Council's application to IPART.

We understand that the community is eager to continue to discuss the application and the impact on the community, though it should be noted that Council has completed its engagement commitments prior to the January council meeting and subsequent application being lodged in January. The invitation has been received before IPART has completed its assessment of Council's application and before detailed documents are available to the public which would only be in the week prior to this meeting.

Accordingly, Council staff have reached out to the organisers and proposed a meeting between the executive of Cessnock Residents & Ratepayers Action Group and council leadership at time to be determined.

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.