
MM010-17 MAYORAL MINUTE - EXPANDED A-LEAGUE COMPETITION

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Attachments: Nil

The Councillors of the Sutherland Shire

Dear Councillors

In recent weeks there has been renewed speculation that the Football Federation of Australia is considering an expansion of the national A-League competition by two teams. Whilst no decision has been made, there is a strong possibility that one of those teams could be based within or near the Sutherland Shire.

In my role as Mayor, I met a group last Friday who advised they are in the process of putting a business case to the Football Federation of Australia for an A-League licence, which if successful intend to be based in the Sutherland Shire. I have also had discussions with the Sutherland Shire Football Association, who advise me they strongly support the expansion of elite football in the area and encourage Council to similarly support a local bid.

I believe that an A-League team based in the Sutherland Shire would have significant benefits to the region. Aside from the obvious benefits to football at all levels, a local team would have considerable economic, tourism and social benefits. It is for these reasons I ask Councillors to support me in making representations to the Football Federation of Australia advising of Council's strong endorsement of an A-League team based in the Sutherland Shire.

MOTION

That the Mayor writes to Mr Steven Lowy AM, Chairman Football Federation of Australia advising of Council's strong support for a new team to be based in the Sutherland Shire as part of an expanded A-League competition.



Councillor Carmelo Pesce
Mayor

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