

FOR ACTION

ORDINARY COUNCIL

27/11/2012

TO: Manager Administrative Services (David Kelly)

Subject: Better, Stronger Local Government - The Case for Change - Discussion Paper
Target Date: 11/12/2012
Notes: Council resolution forwarded to David Kelly for actioning.
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RESOLUTION: (Smith/Andrews) that the report be received and noted.

MOTION: (Smith/Andrews) that, with the release of the Local Government Independent Review Panels paper Case for Sustainable Change and the emphasis on significant consolidation of Sydney Councils, Randwick City Council resolve the following:

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- e) that the one and two Councillor per ward system be abolished in any reform of local government.
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WITHDRAWN.

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Cr Moore left the meeting at this point (12.12am).

MOTION: (Smith/Andrews) CARRIED – SEE RESOLUTION.

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