

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 10 June, 2025
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.30pm

Addendum Agenda

Mayoral Minute

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HPERM Ref: D25/248087

Attachments: 1. MAYORAL - Advice - Council Resolution - Advocacy in Amending Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to Access Compulsory Drug Treatment Program (CDTP) - 20/5/2025 Ordinary Meeting - Jane Stroud / Kiama Municipal Council [↓](#)

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence from Kiama Council of 28 May 2025 seeking support from Shoalhaven City Council for the amendment to Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020.
2. Write to the Hon Michael Daley, Attorney General expressing support for the Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to expand the eligibility of the Drug Court to residents of the Shoalhaven.

Details

Kiama Chief Executive Officer, Jane Stroud wrote to Shoalhaven City Council on 28 May 2025 outlining Kiama Councils recent resolution to write to the Hon Michael Daley Attorney General expressing support for an Amendment to Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to expand eligibility to the Illawarra Shoalhaven region.

Drug and drug-related social, and criminal issues are common and increasing concerns across the Illawarra Shoalhaven region, which weigh heavily on Police, housing and social services and present significant risk's to, and have a profound impact on, the community.

The Shoalhaven at present has experienced a notable increase in drug-related antisocial behaviours particularly in the CBD, which Council is aware of from regular engagement with the local Police.

An amendment to Regulation 5(a) allowing for expansion of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Region would strengthen the collective fight against drugs and addressing drug-related behaviour and social issues. If passed this amendment would add much needed additional resources and increase the options when addressing drug-related issues affecting our communities.

I urge the Shoalhaven to stand united with Kiama, and the other Illawarra councils and advocate to the Attorney General for this much needed amendment.

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28 May 2025

Clr Patricia White
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Dear Mayor White,

The purpose of this letter is to formally advise you that at its ordinary meeting held on 20 May 2025 Council resolved the following resolution regarding the Drug Court.

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An alternate motion resolved that Council:

1. Write to the Hon Michael Daley, Attorney General, expressing support of amending Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to expand the eligibility of the Drug Court to residents of the Kiama Local Government Authority.
2. Write to the remaining Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation members (being Shellharbour and Shoalhaven Council's) noting Council's resolution (1) above and advocate for each Council to amend Regulation 5(a) of the Drug Court Regulation 2020 to expand the eligibility of the Drug Court to residents for the region.
3. Note that the expansion of the Drug Court NSW would assist the Illawarra-Shoalhaven to access the Compulsory Drug Treatment Program (CDTP) at the Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre (CDTCC).

(Councillors Draisma and Larkins)

Council voted unanimously to support this motion and delegated permission to the CEO to prepare correspondence to each of you urging your consideration of this important regional issue. Kiama Municipal Councils is aware that Wollongong City Council have already resolved a similar motion at their May 2025 ordinary meeting.

This motion is commended to you and your fellow Councillors for your consideration.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 02 4232 0444.

Yours faithfully



Jane Stroud
Chief Executive Officer

CC. Mayor Homer, Shellharbour City Council
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