

**DAVID HARRIS MP  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR THE CENTRAL COAST**

**CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL – THE FIX IS ON!**

David Harris MP Shadow Minister for the Central Coast today described the terms of reference for the Central Coast Council public inquiry as an outrageous attempt to protect the NSW Government from any scrutiny as to their contribution to Central Coast Council's financial woes.

"The decision to only scrutinise this debacle post 2017 shows that the Berejiklian Government wants no scrutiny of the Fit for the Future process and the role of the first Administrator" said Mr Harris.

"The whole purpose of an inquiry was to give residents of the Central Coast surety that everything has been scrutinised and that the mistakes of the past will not be repeated, in fact, the Government had the opportunity to use this inquiry to educate the whole Local Government sector." said Mr Harris

"NSW Labor has always said that any inquiry should include the Fit for the Future process, the role of the first Administrator during transition, the role of current Councillors and staff, and the role of internal and external audit processes. Only then could residents have confidence that a thorough investigation has occurred. Everything should be on the table." said Mr Harris

"Instead we have narrow terms of reference which basically only looks at part of the whole picture. The Central Coast community has the right to feel cheated." said Mr Harris

The debate on the 20,000 signature petition calling for a judicial inquiry will be debated in the Parliament on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

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