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**STATEMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL**

In the wake of the news that Central Coast Council is facing suspension, Central Coast Labor Members of Parliament have demanded more support from the State Government.

Earlier today, Central Coast Labor MPs met with the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock MP, before her announcement, and sought assurances that Council workers would continue to be paid and essential services continue.

Whilst the Minister's announcement provides some immediate financial relief, the State Government needs to guarantee staff wages while an audit of Council's finances and restructuring occurs.

The structural problems at Central Coast Council have been apparent for a long time and are a direct result of the failed amalgamation process. The State Government cannot now walk away from its responsibility to support the Council it created.

Labor's Central Coast representatives remain prepared to work in good faith with the Minister for Local Government on a long term plan to secure Central Coast Council's future.

Additional financial support for Council will be required and in this regard, Central Coast Labor MPs have called on the State Government to cover all costs associated with emergency erosion protection work carried out at Wamberal and North Entrance in July 2020.

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