

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS IN NARELLAN AND CAMDEN

Council has engaged Combined Commercial Real Estate Agents to undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the lease of a number of Council owned buildings to ensure they are occupied as soon as possible after Council relocates its head office to Oran Park.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said that prior to moving Oran Park in mid 2016, Council is taking every step possible to ensure that these buildings are occupied and utilised to their best potential.

“Council and our community place great value on these assets. With Council vacating these buildings, it is essential that Council implements strategies and initiatives to ensure that the Camden and Narellan Town Centres continue to grow, diversify and prosper,”

“Investigation of preferred future uses of Council’s property assets is one of the key initiatives within the Camden Town Centre vision adopted by Council in April 2015.”

“In particular, Council wants to support the Camden Town Centre to ensure it remains a distinct, vibrant, accessible and connected town centre for all.”

“We have resolved to retain ownership of the Council Administration buildings in Camden (including Macaria).

“Council will strongly encourage use of Macaria that allows for community access to ensure that this much-loved building remains a part of Camden’s local heritage for residents and visitors to enjoy. The community told us during the extensive engagement process in 2014 that this was important to them. Currently the public cannot access Macaria and given it is such a historic and iconic building in Camden, potentially opening it up to the community once Council vacates to Oran Park presents a huge opportunity for local residents.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Council will be considering both short and long term leases and applications will be assessed against a range of criteria. The key principles for leasing the sites include that they are in the public interest and are consistent with Council’s role as custodian and trustee of public assets.

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