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NEW BAYSIDE COUNCIL PROCLAIMED

The new Bayside Council, which was proclaimed today, will provide residents with better local services and infrastructure, Minister for Local Government Paul Toole said.

“New councils already in place across the state are delivering new and improved services to their communities. Now the same will be enjoyed by the residents of Bayside Council,” Mr Toole said.

“New councils have identified savings that can be invested back into important projects like local roads, parks, playgrounds and footpaths.”

In addition, Bayside Council will get \$10 million from the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities Fund for long-awaited community projects in Bayside Council.

“The community can choose where the money is invested. It might be the missing links in the cycling network, or a new park or playground,” Mr Toole said.

“Under our rate protection commitment, residents of Bayside Council will pay no more for their rates than they would have under their old council for the next four years.”

Mr Toole said the merger of Botany Bay and Rockdale councils to create Bayside Council was recommended by the delegate.

The decision to proceed with the merger followed consideration of the reports on this proposal and Botany Bay’s alternative proposal to expand its boundaries.

Administrator Greg Wright and interim General Manager Meredith Wallace will steer the new Bayside Council until elections next year.

Former councillors and mayors will be invited to continue to serve the community in an official capacity as members of advisory committees.

“The new Bayside Council offers a fresh start for residents and ratepayers. I encourage local residents to get involved and help build the council they want,” Mr Toole said.

Bayside Council’s wards reflect the individual communities that make up the area: Botany Bay, Bexley, Rockdale, Mascot and Port Botany.

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