

## MANAGERS RE-APPLY FOR JOBS

NORTHERN Beaches Council's three general managers will have to re-apply for their positions following a decision to change the organisation's staffing structure.

The changes mean the council's new chief executive officer, Ray Brownlee, will have the number of his deputies doubled from three to six.

It follows a confidential briefing at Tuesday's council meeting in which a majority of councillors voted for a new organisation structure "funded by recruitment savings".

The vote followed a motion passed in February to review council's senior management structure.

Mayor Michael Regan said it was a legislative requirement of all new councils.

The council has three general managers: Ben Taylor, David Kerr and Helen Lever.

The six Director positions will be recruited through a competitive process.

The change was criticised by Cr Vincent De Luca as a waste of ratepayer's money.

He said the average salary for each director would be in the \$300,000 range — money that could be spent in infrastructure.

But Cr Regan said it would help the council better meet its strategic goals.

"Efficiencies continue to be made and we are on track to deliver and exceed the savings promised by our merger," Cr Regan said.

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