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Northern Beaches Council to double its executives

Councillor says it's costing ratepayers millions.

A behind-closed-doors decision at a recent Northern Beaches Council meeting has resulted in an organisational restructure that increases the new CEO Ray Brownlee's deputies from three to six, costing ratepayers over \$2 million a year.

Mayor Michael Regan says the more defined roles will help the council better meet its structural goals, telling *Peninsula Living*, "We believe the new structure will better position Council to deliver the services and infrastructure that our community expects in a more timely and efficient way.

"Under the new organisational structure for Council, there will be six business units: Planning and Place, Community and Belonging, Corporate and Legal, Workforce and Technology, Transport and Assets, as well as Environment and Sustainability.

"While these organisational structural changes are important for the delivery of services and infrastructure to our community, they will have little to no impact on most existing positions within Council, so will be able to be delivered within the current 2018/19 operations."

Independent Northern Beaches councillor Vincent De Luca OAM was the only councillor to vote against the increase in executive positions.

He says, "Our council now has a CEO who is paid more than most heads of state government departments, ministers, district court judges and magistrates.

To now double the next layer of bureaucracy to six directors with each on a salary range of \$300,000 to nearly \$400,000 is completely out of step with community expectations.

People in Pittwater are crying out that their services have been cut and Infrastructure neglected.

"This money for additional executives could have been spent on more footpaths, sportfields renewals, better roads, community services, infrastructure and rate reductions."



Councillor Vincent De Luca (right) claims the money spent on Council CEO Ray Brownlee's (above) new deputies should instead be spent improving the community.



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