

Feedback form unfit for filling: Council

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HUNTERS Hill Council has refused to adhere to the NSW Government's Fit for the Future feedback form, labelling the demand for a 50-word response as "insulting".

The council will instead seek legal advice as to whether or not it is in their best interest to offer a response.

Hunters Hill was declared unfit by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's Fit for the Future report for failing the criteria of scale and capacity, although it was judged to be financially sound.

"I don't think we're in danger of getting into trouble by leaving the form blank," councillor Justine McLaughlin said.

"This form should be treated with the disdain it deserves. It doesn't need fifty words. I have two."

The council did agree that a letter be sent to Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Local Government Paul Toole detailing their commitment to the Joint Regional Authority with Ryde and Lane Cove that was widely endorsed in the Upper House inquiry into the Fit for the Future process.

"We need to tell the government we are standing by the JRA model and endorsing the findings of the Upper House inquiry," councillor Meredith Sheil said.

"We must also express that the Fit for the Future process was fundamentally flawed and appeal to the State Government to withdraw their claim that 71 per cent of councils are not fit."

A community rally against the Fit for the Future process is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 18, the day that councils are required to submit their responses.