

Item 15.9**Notices of Motion****Fitzroy Gardens Playground – Additional Fence Works**

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in 2014, the Fitzroy Gardens Playground was upgraded with the installation of new play equipment, paving, lighting, new furniture, fencing, a new shade structure, soft landscaping, and planting of advanced trees;
- (ii) the Playground is incredibly popular with local families and children, and extensively used by families visiting the area on weekends;
- (iii) the fence of the Playground provides a barrier to children, dogs, and other park users. It was not designed as a child-proof safety fence, which is consistent with the City's general approach to fencing around playgrounds;
- (iv) however, sections of the fence are easily wide enough for a toddler to walk through; and
- (v) parents have raised concerns that, although the fence is not designed to be child-proof and supervision is required, it is far too easy for children to make a break for it through these gaps which is dangerous due to the proximity to Baroda Street and the rest of Fitzroy Gardens; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) attach additional sections to the existing fence so that a toddler cannot easily escape the Playground. This could be as simple as attaching lattice to the larger open sections of fence; and
- (ii) repair the latches on the gates.

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