

ITEM 6. LAND CLASSIFICATION - 303-305 PITT STREET, SYDNEY

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SUMMARY

On 30 November 2016, the City acquired 303-305 Pitt Street, Sydney as part of the City's acquisitions to create the future Town Hall Square.

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to classify land within three months of the date of acquisition.

On 12 December 2016, Council resolved to publicly notify a proposed resolution to classify the land as operational for an extended period of 45 days.

The application of an operational classification to 303-305 Pitt Street is consistent with other City-owned land acquired and intended to form part of the future Town Hall Square. The operational classification enables the City to manage this income-producing asset up until the implementation of the future square and fulfil the City's long term objectives.

The proposed resolution to classify the land was publicly notified on 27 December 2016 for an extended period of 45 days, with a supplementary notice on 4 January 2017. Submissions closed on 12 February 2017. As of the date of this report, no submissions have been received.

This report recommends that Council resolve to classify the land as operational.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that Council classify 303-305 Pitt Street, Sydney, being the whole of the land contained in Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 66011, as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution of Council 12 December 2016

Attachment B: Public Notice dated 27 December 2016

Attachment C: Supplementary Public Notice dated 4 January 2017

BACKGROUND

1. On 25 July 2016, Council resolved to acquire 303-305 Pitt Street, Sydney as part of the City's acquisitions to create the future Town Hall Square. The City settled the acquisition of the property on 30 November 2016.
2. Under the Local Government Act 1993, all Council-owned land must be classified as either community land or operational land. The community classification is intended to support the management of recreational open space and reserves.
3. The application of a community land classification to 303-305 Pitt Street would be inconsistent with other City-owned land acquired and intended to form part of the future Town Hall Square.
4. The operational land classification enables the City to manage these income producing assets and fulfil the City's long term objectives.
5. On 12 December 2016, Council resolved to publicly notify a proposed resolution to classify the land as operational and to publicly notify the proposed resolution for an extended period of 45 days.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

6. Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires all public land to be classified as either community or operational land.
7. Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to classify newly acquired land as operational or community land within three months from the date of acquisition of the land. The following sections of the Local Government Act 1993 are relevant:
 - (a) section 31(2) permits Council to resolve to classify land prior to acquisition; and
 - (b) section 34 requires the proposed resolution to classify be publicly notified and made available for inspection by the public for a period of 28 days.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

8. The proposed resolution was publicly notified for 45 days. The additional 17 days beyond the minimum 28 day period gives allowance for the holiday period.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

9. The proposed resolution was publicly notified on 27 December 2016, with supplementary notification on 4 January 2017.
10. No submissions were received.

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