

ITEM 5. MATTERS FOR TABLING**5.1 Disclosures of Interest**

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with sections 449(1) and 449(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 will be laid on the table.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

5.2 Petitions**(a) William Street Industrial Heritage Conservation Area S122740**

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday 23 November 2015, she will table and speak to a petition, containing over 350 signatures, with the following terms:

“We, the undersigned residents, property owners, concerned citizens, past and present employees and business owners of Alexandria and the surrounding suburbs are concerned of the proposal to list the William Street Alexandria area as a heritage area.

We the undersigned believe that this collection of buildings, one of which was formally (sic) a brothel, have no architectural or historic significance and are a part of history that no Australian should be proud of, thus they should not be preserved and should be given no protection under a heritage area.

We ask that the City of Sydney do **NOT** list the William St Alexandria area as an Industrial Heritage conservation area.”

(b) Save ‘The Alex’

Councillor Doutney gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday 23 November 2014, she will table and speak to a petition, containing 574 signatures, with the following terms:

“To City of Sydney Councillors and the NSW Minister for Heritage

We urge you to do all that you can to prevent the closure and loss of the Alexandria Hotel.

‘The Alex’ is not just a great place to drink, but it is an increasingly rare example of the connection between the past and present built and social history of our community.

‘The Alex’ is closely connected to the people who made the surrounding suburbs, the workers in the factories that once proliferated in this area historically – and has been a site of significant recent community activity. The significance of ‘The Alex’ is intertwined with our history the Australian Technology Park and Eveleigh train yards site – which themselves are also under threat due to sell off.

By letting the Alexandria Hotel and other local heritage be demolished we risk the homogenisation of the local area and end up with suburbs indistinguishable from any other suburb in Sydney. Don’t let us lose what is special.

Saving 'The Alex' will require active intervention from you, our Council and the State Government. We urge you to pursue this action."

(c) The Archway Theatre

Councillor Doutney also gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday 23 November 2014, she will table and speak to a petition, containing 1,094 signatures, with the following terms:

"Dear Lord Mayor & CEO of The City of Sydney. We would like to demonstrate to the City of Sydney that the local community of Glebe, Forest Lodge, Blackwattle Bay, Annandale, Lilyfield and surrounding suburbs of residents and business owners, who actively frequent the Bicentennial & Federation Parklands, have expressed with utmost certainty their appreciation and need for our arts space and coffee counter to remain in our current location, as the intended commercial development being fast tracked in the area threatens our tenancy.

We would like to continue to remain in this location, as we have done for many years, to continue to service the community with our performing and visual arts, The Archway 1 Theatre Company and Coffee counter, as well as our Archetype Gallery. Our aim is for council to recognize and acknowledge, the community benefits and value that our arts and cultural incentive has for those local residents who frequent the park, as well as the wider community."

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that the Petitions be received and noted.