

**ITEM 13. NOTICES OF MOTION****KINGS CROSS MASTERPLAN (S129260)**

1. By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that Council:

(A) note:

- (i) the Kings Cross/Potts Point area of the City of Sydney is an internationally renowned precinct with a long and rich history, and a unique cultural identity and character;
- (ii) prior to the introduction of the State Government's lockout laws in February 2014, Kings Cross was a popular late night trading precinct, with tens of thousands of people visiting the area every Friday and Saturday nights;
- (iii) since the introduction of the lockouts, patronage in the area has declined sharply, resulting in a reduction in alcohol-related incidents, but also negatively impacting all local businesses trading both during the day and at night time;
- (iv) the Kings Cross precinct is now in a transition phase from a late night entertainment hub to a residential hot spot, with increased interest in redevelopment due to its improving amenity, access to public transport and proximity to the central business district;
- (v) a development application (DA D/2017/1705) which has been lodged for the construction of a large residential apartment building at 18-28 Darlinghurst Road, has caused widespread concern among local residents and business owners;
- (vi) a community meeting held on 18 January 2018 was attended by more than 200 local stakeholders who wished to express their concern about the scale of the development at 18-28 Darlinghurst Road and its potential impact on local heritage values, amenity and cultural identity;
- (vii) the Sustainable Sydney 2030 Community Strategic Plan (2013), which sets out goals designed to make the city "green, global and connected", is based on the concept of the "City of Villages" surrounding the CBD, but only mentions "Kings Cross" on one occasion in its 84 pages; and
- (viii) City of Sydney Council currently has no strategic local plan to preserve or guide the character of the Kings Cross/Points Point precinct through its current transition period; and

(B) request the Chief Executive Officer to urgently begin work, in consultation with local residents and business operators and organisations, on a Masterplan for the Kings Cross precinct which would guide future redevelopment of the area, including the provision of affordable housing, a balance of residential and retail amenity and the need to preserve its unique cultural character.

**POCKET PARK AUDIT (S129260)****2. By Councillor Forster**

It is resolved that Council:

**(A) note:**

- (i) according to the City of Sydney website, there are more than 400 parks and open spaces in the local government area covering more than 188 hectares, including approximately 50 individually listed local neighbourhood or "pocket" parks;
- (ii) Fred Miller Reserve in Bourke Street, Surry Hills, is typical of such neighbourhood parks, which are generally extremely heavily used by local residents and dog owners; and
- (iii) in recent years, Fred Miller Reserve, which is heavily overshadowed by large trees, has been re-turfed several times, with each refurbishment requiring the closure of the park for extended periods; and

- (B) request the Chief Executive Officer to conduct an audit of local neighbourhood parks within the City of Sydney to ascertain the cost and frequency of re-turfing, and to identify which would be better suited for the installation of synthetic grass.

**PARKING SIGNAGE AUDIT (S129260)****3. By Councillor Forster**

It is resolved that Council:

**(A) note:**

- (i) private and business vehicles are a vital part of inner Sydney's transport mix, providing for many journeys and delivery services that cannot be easily or economically made by alternative mode;
- (ii) these trips take place in the constrained environment of inner-city neighbourhoods and the CBD, where there is inevitable competition for on-street parking space;
- (iii) since July 2012, the City of Sydney has received \$189,616,000 in enforcement income, most of which is from parking infringement notices issued by City of Sydney Rangers;
- (iv) parking signage throughout the local government area often identifies multiple parking zone categories and associated time limits on single poles, resulting in complex and confusing combinations of symbols, timings and restrictions;
- (v) parking signage clutter is an acknowledged problem in the City of Sydney, resulting in a unanimous February 2015 resolution which requested that the Chief Executive Officer review the initiatives of other cities and local councils to identify relevant strategies that could further reduce statutory signage clutter in our local government area; and

- (vi) the February 2015 resolution also called on the Lord Mayor to work with other Metropolitan Mayors to develop a proposal to put to the State Government for improved statutory road signage, with a view to reducing visual clutter and providing consistent, user-friendly signage across metropolitan Sydney;
- (B) again request the Lord Mayor to work with other Metropolitan Mayors to develop a proposal to put to the State Government for improved statutory road signage to reduce visual clutter and provide consistent, user-friendly designs in metropolitan Sydney; and
- (C) request the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - (i) initiate an audit of all City of Sydney parking signage with the aim of identifying signage clutter and complexity; and
  - (ii) as soon as is practically possible, remove all unnecessary signage and take steps to simplify all remaining signage, in line with current Australian Standard signage and line-marking arrangements.

#### **#TIME2CHOOSE (S129262)**

#### **4. By Councillor Miller**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that:
  - (i) the Lock the Gate Alliance includes dozens of major landholders, community groups, Not for Profits and thousands of people from Greater Sydney and regional NSW;
  - (ii) the Alliance is planning a major rally in Sydney on Saturday 24 March 2018 titled #Time2Choose, to call on the NSW Government to protect land, water and people from the impacts of coal and gas mining;
  - (iii) between 2010 and June 2017, the coal mining industry, with the backing of the NSW Government, has increased capacity to open cut and longwall-mine an extra 63 mega tonnes of coal per annum;
  - (iv) there are 10 new mines currently being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning which would produce approximately an additional 75 mega tonnes of coal per annum;
  - (v) these mines have been proposed for the Hunter, in far north western NSW (near Narrabri), the picturesque Bylong Valley, the Southern Highlands, the Liverpool Plains and in our drinking water catchment;
  - (vi) taken together they severely threaten farmland, bushland and water supplies in NSW and would be bigger together than the controversial Adani Carmichael coal mine in Queensland in terms of coal volume, size of landscape destroyed and the extent of the water demand;
  - (vii) in addition, over the next 12 months, NSW will consider the largest coal seam gas field ever proposed in this state - three times the size of the Penrith council area;

- (viii) despite the fact that out of 23,000 submissions about the proposal by Santos to mine Narrabri only 1.3% actually supported the idea, the NSW Government seems intent on proceeding – another example of this Government treating the community with contempt;
  - (ix) when former United Nations Climate Chief, and now head of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Christiana Figueres, was in Sydney recently for a City Talk she said the next three years are crucial in the fight against climate change, and “investments made in infrastructure now will be in our emissions portfolio in 2050.”
  - (x) it is clear that, if the NSW Government proceeds with these proposed projects, they will be condemning future generations to the dangerous impacts of climate change documented by scientists all around the world;
  - (xi) the City of Sydney is proud to take a leading role in the fight against climate change, working closely with our residents, businesses and other cities around the world;
  - (xii) every person living and working in the City requires a secure drinking water supply and has a connection to our regional farming communities - our air, water, food and land are inextricably linked - and they need and deserve our support; and
  - (xiii) the City strongly supports regional farming communities and stands with them in opposition to these new proposed mines;
- (B) request the Lord Mayor write to the NSW Premier outlining our support for regional farming communities in their opposition to these projects and encouraging her to support a future of vibrant communities and diverse economies founded on clean food and water and a safe climate; and
- (C) ask the Chief Executive Officer to promote the #Time2Choose rally on the City’s digital and social platforms, including What’s On, and assess what in-kind support the City can provide to assist Lock the Gate.

#### **LOCAL PLANNING PANEL, TRANSPARENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (S129263)**

##### **5. By Councillor Phelps**

It is resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to explore ways to expand opportunities for interaction and consultation with residents regarding development applications through providing open forums to express support, rejection or partial approval of development applications:

- (A) online, including an identification verification system; and
- (B) in person, by removing administrative barriers to organising community meetings relating to development applications at Council venues, including booking deadlines and fees.

**NIGHTLIFE AND CREATIVE SECTOR ADVISORY PANEL (S129263)****6. By Councillor Phelps**

Noting the community discontent regarding the composition of the Nightlife and Creative Sector Advisory Panel, which currently only includes positions for those financially invested in the development of the industry, it is resolved that Council amend the Terms of Reference for the Nightlife and Creative Sector Advisory Panel to include positions for a:

- (A) dramatic arts representative;
- (B) visual arts representative; and
- (C) community representative.

**PERMANENT ARTWORK ON OXFORD STREET TO COMMEMORATE THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY (S129263)****7. By Councillor Phelps**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that Councillor Forster asked the Lord Mayor at the Council Meeting on 24 February 2014 if the Lord Mayor could “update Councillors on the progress of the plans to install the permanent symbol” on Oxford Street to commemorate the LGBTQI community;
- (B) note that the Lord Mayor moved a successful motion at the Council Meeting on 24 February 2014 to:
  - (A) *endorse the installation of a permanent iconic artwork at Taylor Square to mark the 40th anniversary of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in 2018 and achieve the aspirations of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities for this artwork, as set out in this Minute; and*
  - (B) *request the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the work required to achieve this objective, including providing for the necessary funding in the draft 2014-2017 Corporate Plan and forward estimates and consulting further with GLBTI communities.*
  - (C) *endorse the immediate installation in Taylor Square of a rainbow flag to acknowledge and celebrate the GLBTI community in the five-year interim period while a permanent artwork is being developed.*
- (C) note that the 24 February 2014 Lord Mayoral Minute stated that “The [permanent] artwork should be in place before the significant 40th anniversary of Mardi Gras in 2018.”;
- (D) note that, on 26 June 2017, the Council moved to put aside “\$80,000 to facilitate community consultation and the creation of a temporary public artwork in the Taylor Square and Oxford Street area”;

- (E) note that Mardi Gras called for Expressions of Interest for applicants interested in receiving a financial grant to install a temporary artwork to be displayed for three months on Oxford Street from the end of June 2018; and
- (F) call on the Chief Executive Officer to immediately undertake the work to deliver a permanent, iconic artwork on Oxford Street to commemorate the painful history and bright future of Sydney's LGBTQI community, as promised in 2014.

### **BIKE SHARING (S129263)**

#### **8. By Councillor Phelps**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the growing community concern about the rapid deployment of dockless bike sharing schemes, including the lack of regulation, resultant littering, obstructions on footpaths and safety issues for pedestrians and riders;
- (B) note that many helmets are being separated from their bikes, causing users to ride share bikes illegally;
- (C) provide parking spaces to act as pick-up and drop-off points for share bikes throughout the city, similar to the car share space model; and
- (D) ensure that share bike operators be required to pay a fee for these spaces to offset expenses associated with the implementation of this resolution.

### **INDEPENDENT HEARING AND ASSESSMENT PANELS (S129266)**

#### **9. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that:
  - (i) through the implementation of mandatory Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels, the NSW Government has forcibly taken planning decisions out of the hands of elected local council representatives in Sydney and Wollongong; and
  - (ii) metropolitan councils are being denied rights afforded to regional councils as part of the implementation of mandatory Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels;
- (B) the Lord Mayor write to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and NSW Minister for Planning Anthony Roberts, expressing these concerns; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor write to Local Government NSW, asking this organisation to support these calls of concern.

**FUNDING FOR REDFERN LEGAL CENTRE (\$129266)**

10. By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that community legal centre funding is the responsibility of state and federal governments;
- (B) note that, in 2014, Council resolved to provide limited funding to allow for Redfern Legal Centre to provide tenants' support services in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks in response to the NSW Government's policy of selling all public housing in these areas;
- (C) note the Council resolution of April 2016, providing Redfern Legal Centre up to \$100,000 cash funding to support public housing tenants impacted by the Waterloo Metro plans;
- (D) note moves by the NSW Government to begin conversations regarding the sell off and redevelopment of Waterloo public housing, and the need for the Redfern Legal Centre to begin work on their work to support tenants immediately; and
- (E) in response to community and Redfern Legal Centre requests, expand the scope of the \$100,000 cash funding available to Redfern Legal Centre to be available for use to support tenants of Waterloo and Redfern public housing to respond to the sale and redevelopment of public housing in their suburbs.

**NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OFFICES (\$129266)**

11. By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that

- (A) Council note that:
  - (i) the NSW Industrial Relations Commission is in the process of being relocated to Parramatta by the NSW State Government; and
  - (ii) the building on Bridge Street in which the NSW Industrial Relations Commission has been located has remarkable and important historic significance to our City;
- (B) the Lord Mayor write to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and NSW Minister for Industrial Relations Dominic Perrottet, urging the NSW Government to keep this building in public hands; and
- (C) the City of Sydney publicly advocate for this building to be kept in public hands.

**PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN WALSH BAY (S129266)****12. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that Council request that the Chief Executive Officer:

- (A) investigate mechanisms and strategies to increase pedestrian accessibility between Walsh Bay and Millers Point, with a focus on increasing pedestrian accessibility and utility on Pottinger Street; and
- (B) provide Council with the outcome of these investigations, and actions taken, via the CEO Update.

**TRAFFIC CALMING – MADDOX STREET ALEXANDRIA (S129259)****13. By Councillor Chung**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that in relation to Maddox Street, Alexandria between Euston Road and Mitchell Road:
  - (i) the street is predominantly a residential street containing low density housing;
  - (ii) there is a maximum weight limit of 3 tonnes for vehicles entering the street to pass through;
  - (iii) residents have received no assistance from the City of Sydney to deter and prevent overweight vehicles from entering the street;
  - (iv) there have been significant breaches of the weight limits on the street, many of which have been reported to the City of Sydney. There is photographic evidence of some of the breaches; and
  - (v) the Lord Mayor has refused to take responsibility for the City of Sydney enforcing the weight limits; and
- (B) request that the Chief Executive Officer:
  - (i) take immediate steps to clarify with Roads and Maritime Services the delegation to enable City rangers to enforce the weight limit on Maddox Street, between Euston and Mitchell Roads, Alexandria and, once confirmation is received, instruct staff to enforce the weight limit;
  - (ii) conduct a traffic study to determine the most effective traffic calming measures which can be installed to prevent heavy vehicles from entering Maddox Street between Mitchell and Euston Roads, Alexandria; and
  - (iii) report back to Council via a Council report within three months the results of the traffic study and proposals to prevent heavy vehicles from entering or passing through the affected street.