

Resolution of Council

8 April 2019

Item 11.8

First Nations Traditional Lands Boundaries

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) that the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation are the original custodians of the land now occupied by the City of Sydney, that these custodians were dispossessed of this land, and that sovereignty over this land was never ceded;
- (ii) truth-telling and recognition of these facts is a vital part of the reconciliation and recovery process;
- (iii) the City of Sydney acknowledges the Indigenous history of this land and the present-day Aboriginal community wherever possible and appropriate;
- (iv) the City is working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to create seven major public art projects symbolising the Eora Journey - a visionary project that celebrates the living culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Sydney;
- (v) signs in the City's parks now welcome people with the words 'bujari gamarruwa', which means 'good day' in the language of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation;
- (vi) the Resilient Sydney plan recognises that by acknowledging our shared past, we are paving the way for a future where all Australians are embraced, and commits to acknowledging and embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures in our city's past, present and future; and
- (vii) that the Local Government Aboriginal Network is considering state-wide signage naming traditional nation boundaries; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to invite the Local Government Aboriginal Network to present to the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Advisory Panel on state wide Aboriginal nation signage for consideration.

Carried unanimously.

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