

Resolution of Council

21 September 2020

Item 12.6

Redfern Waterloo Aboriginal Affordable Housing Campaign

Moved by Councillor Thalys, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Waterloo is the subject of urban renewal by the State Government;
- (ii) in January 2019, the State Government presented their preferred Master Plan for Waterloo:
 - (a) they proposed 30 per cent social, 65 per cent market and 5 per cent affordable housing;
- (iii) in March 2019, the City released an alternate scheme for Waterloo for which it is seeking funding from the Federal Government:
 - (a) the City's scheme included a mix of social and affordable housing - comprising 50 per cent social, 20 per cent affordable and 30 per cent private market housing; and
 - (b) it substantially increases the number of social and affordable dwellings to address the social and affordable housing crisis;
- (iv) in May 2020, NSW Land and Housing Corporation lodged a planning proposal request for Waterloo South with the City of Sydney;
- (v) Sustainable Sydney 2030 envisages that, by 2030, 7.5 per cent of all housing in the City of Sydney will be affordable housing;
- (vi) access to affordable housing is essential for a diverse, inclusive, cohesive, and economically successful global city;

- (vii) the City of Sydney's City Plan 2036 - City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement and Housing for All - City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy both identify the need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing in Redfern/Waterloo in particular, and in the local government area generally;
 - (viii) in 2013, the City entered into a deed with the Aboriginal Housing Company which included:
 - (a) the transfer of land on Caroline Lane, Eveleigh Lane and Eveleigh Street Redfern to the Aboriginal Housing Company to facilitate the redevelopment known as the Pemulwuy Project; and
 - (b) the deed was subject to the delivery of affordable housing, childcare, gallery space and public open space;
 - (ix) in April 2016, the City granted \$100,000 to Redfern Legal Centre to support tenants during the redevelopment of the Waterloo Estate;
 - (x) in October 2017, the City granted \$47,980 (excluding GST) to Waterloo Public Housing Action Group to support tenants through their Future Planning Office;
 - (xi) in February 2020, the City granted \$150,000 to St George Community Housing for a shared capacity development project (between St George Community Housing, Bridge Housing and City West Housing) to employ and train a dedicated Aboriginal Affordable Housing Manager to improve access to affordable housing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons in the local area;
 - (xii) the Redfern Waterloo Aboriginal Affordable Housing Campaign advocates for:
 - (a) 10 per cent of all redevelopment on government land in Redfern/Waterloo to be Aboriginal affordable housing; and
 - (b) an increase in Aboriginal social housing in partnership with an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation; and
 - (xiii) an alliance of community organisations has given their support to the Redfern Waterloo Aboriginal Affordable Housing Campaign; and
- (B) Council support the Redfern Waterloo Aboriginal Affordable Housing Campaign.

Carried unanimously.

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