

Resolution of Council

16 November 2020

Item 12.10

Smoke Free Space Audit

Moved by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Chung -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) smoking is legal but is a recognised health hazard, for both smokers and those exposed to second-hand smoke;
- (ii) cigarette butts take 15 years to break down and are a significant environmental problem for City streets and waterways;
- (iii) in June 2014, Council resolved in favour of my Notice of Motion calling on the City to conduct a smoke-free trial of Martin Place;
- (iv) this successful trial resulted in a permanent smoking ban in Martin Place from 27 June 2016, closely followed by a permanent smoking ban in Pitt Street Mall from 26 September 2016;
- (v) Sydney Square became smoke-free in early 2020; and
- (vi) there are still many highly frequented public spaces located throughout the City of Sydney's surrounding villages that could benefit from the introduction of smoke-free areas; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) conduct an audit of key public spaces across the City of Sydney local government area, excluding the CBD, with the aim of identifying possible smoke-free areas; and
- (ii) report back to Councillors via a CEO Update the results of this audit.

Carried unanimously.

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