

## Resolution of Council

**14 December 2020**

### **Item 12.23**

#### **Australia Post Office at Green Square**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Green Square is one of Australia's fastest growing neighbourhoods with over 30,000 new residential dwellings expected by 2030;
  - (ii) the City of Sydney has committed \$540 million to community facilities including a new library, plaza, aquatic centre, parks, a childcare centre and a creative hub;
  - (iii) residents of Green Square are reporting increasingly long queues and long wait times at their closest post office, located in Alexandria, which services multiple highly densely populated City of Sydney suburbs;
  - (iv) residents have made enquiries with Australia Post about the possibility of attracting a Post Office to Green Square, only to be told this was not possible under the current franchise model;
  - (v) a number of Green Square strata committees have investigated placing parcel lockers and storage facilities within residential building foyers, however these options are expensive and not able to service the broader Green Square communities;
  - (vi) given the growing population, the City of Sydney Council strongly supports the residents of Green Square in their efforts to secure a Post Office for their local area;
  - (vii) that the Waterloo Metro development will significantly increase demand for postal infrastructure in the Redfern / Waterloo area; and

(viii) the Lord Mayor has written to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Australia Post and the Federal Minister for Communications, the Hon. Paul Fletcher MP, advocating for Post Offices to be opened in Green Square and Waterloo; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

(i) work with landowners in Green Square and Redfern/Waterloo and executives at Australia Post to investigate options for spaces suitable to locate a future Post Office at Green Square; and

(ii) report back to Councillors via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously, as varied by consent, as part of an in globo motion.

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