

Resolution of Council

20 February 2023

Item 13.14

Equity and Access to Parks and Public Green Spaces

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Chan –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) that the City supported the extension of outdoor dining last year, making it easier for cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and others to use the public footpath or other public spaces for outdoor dining;
- (ii) that the alfresco dining initiatives are part of a package of measures to activate and encourage use of the streets, and reinvigorate the City post-Covid;
- (iii) that the *City of Sydney Outdoor Dining Guidelines* include protections to keep footpaths safe and accessible for all pedestrians. This includes that the clearance required for 'service objects' like public seating, is recommended to be one metre;
- (iv) the current City of Sydney alfresco dining guidelines include detailed provisions for applications on streets, although applications are possible on all public land, including parks and public green spaces;
- (v) a range of City policies and plans, including park Plans of Management, protect equity of access to the City' parks, including protecting the ability for free (non-commercialised) use and enjoyment of parks; and
- (vi) the notification provisions for new outdoor dining applications are detailed in the *Outdoor Dining Guidelines* and strike a balance between identifying possible impacts and not burdening applicants; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide advice to the Council about how the City's policies and procedures for outdoor dining can be clarified to include more specific provisions for applications on or near green spaces, which reflect the City's commitments to protect the equitable and accessible use of public parks and green spaces.

Carried unanimously.

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