

Resolution of Council

25 June 2018

Item 12.9

Caps on Election Expenditure - LGNSW

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the *Electoral Funding Bill 2018* was passed through both houses of the NSW Parliament on 24 May 2018;
- (ii) the Bill introduces a cap on campaign expenditure in local government, based on a formula that differs dramatically across NSW local government areas;
- (iii) this Bill was passed without consultation and opportunities for feedback from the local government sector; and
- (iv) the Special Minister of State committed to the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Matters reviewing the impact of the caps on different local government areas; and

(B) the City of Sydney Council call on the NSW Government and the Parliament of NSW to:

- (i) immediately refer the *Electoral Funding Bill 2018* to a NSW Joint Parliamentary Inquiry to investigate opportunities for reform to increase fairness of caps across local government areas in NSW; and

- (ii) ensure that appropriate legislative changes identified by the review are in place at least 18 months prior to the next Local Government elections in September 2020.

Carried unanimously.

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