

Resolution of Council

25 November 2024

Item 16.2

Have Yourself a More Sustainable Christmas

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) local households create and throw out close to 400 tonnes of extra waste at Christmas;
- (ii) in the City of Sydney, specifically, approximately 70 extra garbage trucks are filled with waste over the holiday season; and
- (iii) the City already encourages its residents to think about the environment and discard of waste responsibly at Christmas via opportunities such as:
 - (a) accepting natural Christmas trees in the green-lid garden organics bin, or via a free weekly pick-up service for bulky items;
 - (b) popular holiday items such as batteries, Christmas lights and polystyrene can be dropped off at the City's recycling stations at libraries, customer service and community centres; taken to the Ultimo recycling pop-up; brought to the quarterly Recycle It Saturday events, or booked in for a doorstep recycling collection; and
 - (c) the City has dedicated pick-ups for garden waste, mixed recycling, food scraps (for some properties) and general waste; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate opportunities to expand our promotion of the City's many recycling services available to residents and how to responsibly discard of unwanted items during the holiday season;

- (ii) expand the City's education about how to avoid and reduce waste over the festive season, including how to responsibly discard your Christmas tree and seafood scraps;
- (iii) as part of the promotional material, include links to the City's other circularity initiatives and Good News Stories of where these items can end up if disposed of correctly; and
- (iv) provide an update to Councillors via the CEO Update on actions undertaken.

Carried unanimously.

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