

Item 13.2

Notices of Motion

Improved Public Transport and Parking Infrastructure for New Fish Markets

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 19 January, 2026, the new Sydney Fish Market officially opened in Blackwattle Bay;
- (ii) the site is anticipated to welcome up to 6 million local and international guests per year, an increase of over 3 million compared to the previous Sydney Fish Market, and will eventually house more than 40 food and retail operators; and
- (iii) the NSW Labor Government has recently partnered with Mirvac to redevelop the neighbouring, old Sydney Fish Market site at Blackwattle Bay where 1,400 new homes will be built, in addition to 2.6 hectares of public space and the completion of the 15-kilometre foreshore walk between Rozelle Bay and Woolloomooloo;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) since the opening of the new Sydney Fish Markets, there has been growing concern from the local community about the impacts this development is having on parking and the resultant traffic increase and impact on amenity in neighbouring streets, particularly on weekends;
- (ii) as the Lord Mayor's representative on the New Sydney Fish Market (NSFM) Consultative Group, the Deputy Lord Mayor has been guiding residents through the appropriate process to request parking changes which has resulted in the City receiving petitions from residents showing support for parking restriction changes;
- (iii) City of Sydney staff have been reviewing feedback from City Rangers' patrols since the new Sydney Fish Market opened, to determine what parking restriction changes are needed;
- (iv) the City will begin formally consulting residents on parking restriction changes in parts of northern Glebe on 30 April 2026;
- (v) in June 2025, following consistent community campaigning, the NSW Labor Government announced \$30 million for the construction of a Sydney Fish Market commuter ferry wharf, and \$40 million on improvements for the nearby Wentworth Park light rail stop, each by the end of 2026;
- (vi) the NSW Labor Government has a responsibility to align large-scale infrastructure and development projects with timely, and proportionate, increases in services such as public transport; and

- (vii) in September 2025 the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting improved access to the new Sydney Fish Market site including:
 - (a) delivering a separated cycling connection between the new Sydney Fish Market and the Union Street cycleway;
 - (b) providing a separated cycleway in front of the Sydney Fish Market;
 - (c) introducing bus services along Bridge Road; and
 - (d) delivering a safe and comfortable walking route along Pyrmont Bridge Road, including footpath widening, removal of the Wattle Street slip lane, and reduced pedestrian delays at the Western Distributor interchange;
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting an update on the progress and timeline for the construction of the \$30 million Sydney Fish Market ferry wharf, and \$40 million Wentworth Park light rail upgrades which can be shared with the community; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to update Council, via the CEO Update, with the results from the parking assessment and review, inclusive of the feedback provided by the community during consultation.

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