

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.6 – Deed - Approval to Enter into a Deed with Sydney Water for the Naturalisation Works of Johnstons Creek

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve to enter into a Deed with Sydney Water for construction works, new landscaping, maintenance and compound areas in Bicentennial, Jubilee and Federal Parks, as shown at Confidential Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve offsetting the City's land use costs for compounds against Sydney Water's naturalisation works that will improve the City's park land adjacent to the Johnstons Creek Channel against the value of these works;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer a Deed to Sydney Water which provides, amongst other matters, Sydney Water's obligations regarding the naturalisation of the Johnstons Creek Canal and the agreed scope of work on the City of Sydney lands;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to execute any other reasonably necessary documentation relating to clause (A) above;
- (E) Council approve an Exemption from Tender for Sydney Water to undertake the components of the project on Council-owned and managed Crown land; and
- (F) ***the Chief Executive Officer ensure that the naturalisation works do not impede sporting uses of the park and the possible future installation of hybrid or synthetic fields.***

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide information relevant to Item 6.6 - Deed - Approval to Enter into a Deed with Sydney Water for the Naturalisation Works of Johnstons Creek.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 18 June 2018, further information was sought on the impact of the proposed works on future uses, particularly in relation to flooding implications and the potential provision of a synthetic sports field.

The Sydney Water channel is critical infrastructure to meet the floodplain management objectives outlined in the Johnstons Creek Catchment Flood Study.

A Flood Impact Study was commissioned by the City to test the impact of raising Federal Park sporting field levels (to allow a synthetic surface to be installed) on the floodplain.

It showed that raising the existing sports field would adversely impact a child care centre and a number of nearby residential and commercial properties. The study also showed, by comparison with earlier flood studies, that the naturalisation project will not adversely affect the extent of flooding on the parklands. This is consistent with Sydney Water's design objectives.

The works are entirely within the City of Sydney's local government area.

Memo from Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property

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Approved

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**MONICA BARONE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**