

Attachment B

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Submissions in Support (10)		
General Support (10 submissions)	Makes sense – it's a playground located on Kepos St (2)	Noted
	This is the name that locals are using (1)	Many local residents seem to use (and support) the original name of the park 'Elizabeth McCrea Playground'.
	Prefer Kepos Park (rather than playground) (1)	Noted
	No need for consultation (a waste of council resources) just call it Kepos St Playground (1)	The City routinely consults residents and visitors about their naming preferences for parks, open spaces and streets.
	General statement of support (5)	Noted
Submissions Opposed (45)		
General Opposition (7 submissions)	General statement of opposition (5)	Noted
	The majority of the park and park entrances are located on Zamia St not Kepos St (2)	The park is located at the intersection of Kepos and Zamia streets with entrances to the site from both.
Preference for the original name approved by City of Sydney Council 'Elizabeth McCrea Reserve' (31 Submissions)	General preference for Elizabeth McCrea Playground (4)	Noted
	The Playground has an existing name which should be retained. (4)	City of Sydney Council resolved to name the site 'Elizabeth McCrea Playground' in 1953.
	Elizabeth McCrea was the wardrobe mistress of the theatre company which once stood on the site. I am at a loss as to why the City would want to erase this connection.	This information about Elizabeth McCrea being a wardrobe mistress for the Tivoli Theatre appears to be derived from the Register of Significant Trees report prepared in 2013, and

	<p>The site has been known as Elizabeth McCrea Playground since 1953. Elizabeth McCrea lived in Kepos Street before moving to Cleveland Street where she died in 1950.</p>	<p>unfortunately has not proven to be correct following more recent research. Research undertaken by the History Team in March 2018 confirms that there was a factory on the site, built in 1904, occupied by Redfern Decorative Glassworks, Service Box Co Ltd and Cinesound Productions Pty Ltd from the mid-1930s. A large fire engulfed Cinesound's film-set store on this site on 9 May 1947.</p> <p>City of Sydney Council named the site 'Elizabeth McCrea Playground' in 1953. Elizabeth McCrea died at her residence at 135 Cleveland Street, Redfern on 10 September 1950 ('Family Notices' The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 September 1950: 16, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18182961)</p> <p>Some parks and open spaces in the City area have been named to commemorate the achievements of women e.g. Lillian Fowler Reserve, Isabella Hills Rest Area in Erskineville.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Council report stated that the park was originally named "Elizabeth McCrea Playground" in 1953 by City of Sydney Council.</p> <p>Various council literature</p>
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	<p>It is important that women activists who sought improvements to the lives of working families in the area are remembered and not erased from history.</p> <p>The name “Elizabeth McCrea” has a strength and power that talks of a past that is now long gone. When children ask “Who was Elizabeth McCrea” – the answer tells us of the rich past of Redfern.</p> <p>The current name Elizabeth McCrea has developed a strong identity to the park over the years. It speaks to the social history of our community (2)</p> <p>It is misleading for the consultation materials to not explicitly state that this is a proposal to rename the site.</p> <p>The site already has a name “Elizabeth McCrea Playground” as evident in Council literature and on signs and plaques previously on site.</p> <p>The current name of the playground is of historical significance to the area and is in keeping with the local architecture. The current plaque and engraved sandstone blocks are an integral part of the park</p> <p>The site is already called Elizabeth McCrea Playground and I see no reason why this should change.</p> <p>The park should retain its present name “Elizabeth McCrea Playground” and the historical and interpretive information about her returned (2).</p>	<p>makes reference to the original name of the site.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>If the original name is retained, the park signage would include biographical information about Elizabeth McCrea.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Many parks and playgrounds in the (former City of Sydney Council) area have been named after women.</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>As a relative of Elizabeth McCrea I am upset that council wants to remove her name.</p> <p>Before any name change is considered, the descendants of Elizabeth McCrea should be consulted.</p> <p>Do not change the name. Elizabeth McCrea Park has a great history which I liked to read on the old park sign.</p> <p>Its important to recognise the citizens who informed our neighbourhood. If the park did not have her name, Elizabeth McCrea and her story would be lost.</p> <p>Out of respect for local history and to women in the community, I would like the park name to be retained as the Elizabeth McCrea Park.</p> <p>Preference to retain Elizabeth McCrea - because it is one of the few remaining parks named after a woman</p> <p>Elizabeth McCrea name should be kept to pay respect to a local female personality.</p> <p>The current name is lovely and reflects the history of the site and the contributions of people gone by.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>History / Heritage Preservation (15 submissions)</p>	<p>It is important that Council honours the history of the site's it manages on behalf of the community.</p> <p>If we start obliterating the history of a site (by changing its name) – where will this stop?</p> <p>The naming of public places should speak directly to the culture, society and the rich heritage and history of</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>the area in which they are located. The banality of the proposed name ignores all this.</p> <p>The name “Elizabeth McCrea” has a strength and power that talks of a past that is now long gone. When children ask “Who was Elizabeth McCrea” – the answer tells us of the rich past of Redfern.</p> <p>There is a history behind the existing name which Council wishes to expunge and hide.</p> <p>Residents new to the area will be deprived of knowing the history of the site.</p> <p>One day a park may be named after the current Lord Mayor or Councillors and they would not appreciate that name to be changed in the future (1)</p> <p>The history of the site should not be forgotten (1)</p> <p>The current name provides a link to the Tivoli Theatre previously located at the site (2)</p> <p>The existing name should be kept to retain a link to the history of the site in an area in which many historic things are disappearing due to</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>See previous comment above</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>development.</p> <p>Why is this name even being considered? The City is usually careful about protecting the history of each locality.</p> <p>We should respect the site's history</p> <p>Retention of the current name would maintain the heritage of the area, providing a historical link to the operations of the Tivoli Theatre which once used the site</p> <p>The existing name has historical value for he suburb.</p> <p>The proposed new name is sterile and obvious. I see this as a small but pertinent example of how Sydney is so often stripped of it's culture and history</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Commemoration of the achievements of (local) Women (8 submissions)</p>	<p>The proposed change reeks of erasing women from the history of our local area when very few women are memorialised at a Federal or State level (2).</p> <p>Out of respect for local history and to women in the community, I would like the park name to be retained as the Elizabeth McCare Park. (2)</p> <p>There are many local playgrounds in the City named after women and local people. These names should not be changed or replaced by anodyne street names. (2)</p> <p>To replace the name of a woman in preference to the name of the street is unimaginative and disappointing.</p> <p>The name provides linkage to and commemorates Redfern's working class women. (2)</p> <p>We should not be renaming</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>wayfinding elements in the name.</p> <p>If needs be a plaque could be installed stating that the current playground was opened by the Lord Mayor.</p> <p>The proposed name of “Kepos Street Playground” is not actually a name, but rather a geographical descriptor (2)</p> <p>The prosaic labelling of public spaces is baffling when we live in such a beautiful and creative city. Kepos St Playground is a boring name.</p> <p>The proposed name is very generic and boring</p> <p>There has been inadequate consultation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>Preference for an Indigenous name (2 submissions)</p>	<p>This is an opportunity for important recognition of the traditional custodians of this land.it would be valuable for residents and playground visitors if the name had a deeper meaning (than Kepos St) and referenced the traditional owners of this land.</p> <p>Naming proposals in Redfern, particularly a children’s playground, should consider the need to inspire both indigenous and non-indigenous youth of the area. It is easy for such children to become disillusioned, alienated and depressed when the mainstream media is preoccupied with the white community and its interests.</p>	<p>The City’s standard park signage includes an acknowledgement of country message which acknowledges the traditional owners of the land. This will be installed on the new park signage at this site.</p>
<p>Alternative names proposed</p>	<p>Keep Street Park – easy to remember and a reference to ‘keeping the children safe’.</p> <p>Darling Playground – to commemorate the Darling Nursery</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>located at this site.</p> <p>Chicken Park (3) The name is more vibrant and inclusive for kids and families. The name is more characterful than Kepos St Playground.</p> <p>The park should be named after Lord Mayor Clover Moore (in recognition for her work and achievements in the area) (2)</p> <p>The playground should be named to commemorate the life and achievements of recently deceased Judge Bellear – who rose from unemployment to become the first Judge of Indigenous decent in Australia. The judge would prove to be an inspiration for local children including Indigenous children in Ewsdwen, Many of whom lack self-confidence and self-belief.</p> <p>PlaygroundMcPlaygroundFace</p> <p>Local children should have the option to name the park – stewardship mentality.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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