

Item 12.2

Notices of Motion

Opposition to the Sell-Off of the Sirius Building

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) 27 January 2019 marks one year since the last resident of the Sirius building, then-91 year old Myra Demetriou, was forced to leave the public housing property at Miller's Point which she had called home for over 50 years;
- (ii) the NSW State Liberal government forcibly relocated public housing residents living in the Sirius building in preparation for the sell-off of the property throughout the preceding years;
- (iii) the tender process for this sell-off is currently nearing completion, with the developers responsible for the disastrous Opal Tower in Olympic Park reported to have submitted a tender for the project, amongst others;
- (iv) the loss of public housing at Miller's Point is an enormous loss to the social housing resources available in our City, and means that many more of the individuals requiring public, social and affordable housing in our City will no longer be able to form a part of our diverse community;
- (v) the Sirius building is a part of the architectural and social history of our City, being a premier example of Brutalist architecture in Sydney, and this sell-off is being conducted against the advice of the NSW Heritage Council on this basis; and
- (vi) the knock-down and redevelopment of the site, which is likely to ensue once the building is sold, will mean this important historic part of our City's skyline will be erased forever; and

(B) Council:

- (i) continue to oppose the sell-off of the Sirius building by the NSW Liberal state government;
- (ii) call on the NSW State government to urgently stop the sale of the Sirius building;
- (iii) oppose any redevelopment of the Sirius building site which seeks to change its fundamental architectural character; and
- (iv) advocate to the NSW State government that, if the building has already been sold, any funds generated from the sale of the Sirius building be re-invested into public and social housing within the City of Sydney local government area; and

- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian; the NSW Opposition Leader, the Hon. Michael Daley; the NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts; and the NSW Shadow Minister for Planning, the Hon. Tania Mihailuk, expressing these views.

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