

**Item 12.6****Notices of Motion****Rainbow Crossing, Wilson Street Newtown**

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Newtown has become well known as a LGBTQI+ inclusive place. With numerous LGBTQI+ friendly cafes, bars and restaurants, the area attracts and fosters a diverse and inclusive culture:
  - (a) in the 2011 census, Newtown, St Peters and Erskineville had the highest proportions of same-sex couples; and
  - (b) the Hollis Park, Macdonaldtown and Newtown community is proud of its inclusiveness and diversity;
- (ii) in a Minute by the Lord Mayor on 28 June 2018, Council endorsed the installation of a new rainbow crossing at the corner of Bourke and Campbell Streets, next to Taylor Square;
- (iii) this rainbow crossing has since become a colourful celebration of the City's LGBTQI+ community;
- (iv) the petition tabled on 28 October 2019 from 319 residents and business owners of Wilson Street, expresses their request and support for a rainbow crossing near the intersection of Randle Street at Hollis Park;
- (v) residents and businesses have faced significant disruptions to their lives while the Wilson Street Bicycle Lane Project works have taken place, particularly as road closures and traffic diversions have been necessary;
- (vi) they believe this crossing will improve the work currently being undertaken along Wilson Street, and will enhance and beautify the area;
- (vii) as part of the works along Wilson Street, the crossing is to be rebuilt, so creating a permanent pedestrian rainbow crossing would not significantly impact the cost of the project; and
- (viii) the community of Wilson Street believe a rainbow crossing would indicate a sense of welcome for all residents and anyone visiting the area or passing through it, "no matter what their sexual orientation, gender, race, ethnicity or religion"; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of creating a rainbow crossing on Wilson Street, near the intersection of Randle Street at Hollis Park, Newtown.

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