

Land Classification - 546-552 George St, Sydney

File No: X011294

Summary

On 28 October 2019, Council resolved to acquire 546-552 George Street, Sydney, as part of the City's acquisitions to create the future Town Hall Square. On 1 November 2019, the City settled on the purchase of the property.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, all council-owned land must be classified as either community land or operational land. The community classification is intended to support the management of recreational open space and reserves. The Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to classify land within three months of the date of acquisition.

On 28 October 2019, Council resolved to publicly notify for a minimum period of 28 days a proposed resolution to classify the land as operational.

The application of a community land classification to 546-552 George Street would be inconsistent with other City-owned land acquired and intended to form part of the future Town Hall Square. The operational land classification enables the City to manage these income producing assets and fulfil the City's long term objectives.

The proposed resolution to classify the land was publicly notified in The Sydney Morning Herald on 2 November 2019. Submissions closed on 29 November 2019. As of the date of this report, no submissions have been received.

This report recommends that Council resolve to classify the land as operational.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council classify 546-552 George Street, Sydney, being the whole of the land contained in Lot 2 of Deposited Plan 231095, as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

1. On 28 October 2019, Council resolved to acquire 546-552 George Street, Sydney, as part of the City's acquisitions to create the future Town Hall Square. On 1 November 2019 the City settled on the property.
2. Under the Local Government Act 1993, all council-owned land must be classified as either community land or operational land within three months of the date of acquisition. Community classification is intended to support the management of recreational open space and reserves.
3. An application of a community land classification to 546-552 George Street, Sydney, would be inconsistent with other City-owned land acquired and intended to form part of the future Town Hall Square.
4. The operational land classification enables the City to manage these income-producing assets and fulfil the City's long term objectives.
5. On 28 October 2019, Council resolved to publicly notify a proposed resolution to classify the land as operational and to publicly notify the proposed resolution for a period of 28 days.

Relevant Legislation

6. Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires all public land to be classified as either community or operational land.
7. Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to classify newly acquired land as operational or community land within three months from the date of acquisition of the land. The following sections of the Local Government Act 1993 are relevant:
 - (a) section 31(2) permits Council to resolve to classify land prior to acquisition or within three months following acquisition; and
 - (b) section 34 requires the proposed resolution to classify be publicly notified and made available for inspection by the public for a period of 28 days.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

8. The proposed resolution was publicly notified for 28 days.

Public Consultation

9. The proposed resolution was publicly notified in The Sydney Morning Herald on 2 November 2019.
10. No submissions were received.

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