

Item 12.4**Notices of Motion****Minute Silence for Firefighters and Bushfire Victims**

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Australia is in the midst of the most catastrophic bushfire season it has ever seen;
 - (ii) over 30 people have been killed in these fires including at least five Australian firefighters, more than 2,500 homes have been destroyed, more than 12 million acres have burned, and more than one billion animals are said to have died in the bushfires so far this fire season;
 - (iii) prolonged drought has exacerbated these fires and resulted in a hotter, dryer climate which has amplified the scale of our fire season;
 - (iv) the City has already donated and supported - in various ways - the disaster recovery effort including through parking fee waivers, charity events, communications support and more; and
 - (v) on 23 January 2020, three American firefighters (Ian McBeth, Paul Hudson and Rick DeMorgan) were killed when a large plane carrying fire retardant crashed near Canberra;
- (B) all present in the Chamber stand for one minute's silence to honour the professional and volunteer firefighters who have lost their lives, and all those affected by the bushfires.

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