

Item 12.2

Notices of Motion

State Government Arts and Cultural Institutions Support

By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Eveleigh's Carriageworks, Australia's largest multi-arts centre, has recently gone into voluntary administration after Covid-19 related shutdowns resulted in an "irreparable loss of income";
 - (ii) the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has recently implemented significant pay cuts for staff and musicians in response to an expected \$25 million revenue hit as a result of Covid-19 related shutdowns;
 - (iii) there are many other arts and cultural institutions being severely impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, with the Grattan Institute estimating that employment across the arts and recreation sector is expected to drop by 75 per cent, and that up to 25,000 arts and entertainment workers are now unemployed;
 - (iv) the State Government, through Create NSW, has announced the implementation of a number of measures to support independent artists and small to medium arts, screen and cultural organisations impacted by Covid-19, including grants of up to \$10,000; and
 - (v) Create NSW is currently looking at assistance for several troubled arts companies on a case-by-case basis;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier and Acting Minister for the Arts Gladys Berejiklian requesting an urgent review of current funding arrangements for the state's arts and cultural sector with a view to providing appropriate support to ensure the long-term sustainability of organisations severely affected by Covid-19 related shutdowns.

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