Council 18 May 2020

Item 12.3

Notices of Motion

Safer Cladding for City Buildings

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- the NSW Government has delayed the Design and Building Practitioner's Bill and the Residential Apartments (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill legislation, both which seek to provide safer building standards;
- (ii) in light of the NSW Government's decision to fast track developments to take advantage of the unique circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, there is the potential for an increased number of developments to be constructed;
- (iii) these fast tracked projects will be constructed under the same legislative and regulatory controls as those in place during the construction of the Opal Tower; and
- (iv) Local Government NSW has advocated for the Design and Building Practitioner's Bill and the Residential Apartments (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill to be considered and passed by the NSW Parliament as soon as possible, to ensure tighter regulations that will reduce the risk of unsafe buildings so that the effects of dangerously made buildings are not felt by future owners and residents for years to come;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide Council with an update on all buildings in the City of Sydney with flammable cladding or significant building safety concerns known to the Cityl, and whether any known plans of management are required or in place to ensure the building meets relevant safety standards, via the CEO Update; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier and the NSW Leader of the Opposition to request the Design and Building Practitioner's Bill and the Residential Apartments (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill are considered by Parliament during May and not delayed until later in 2020.

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