

Item 12.8**Notices of Motion****Extending Oval Lights into Winter during Covid-19**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City has more than 400 small parks and open spaces in our local government area;
- (ii) the City's own Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study (2016) notes that the projected rate of population growth will continue to place increasing pressure on existing open space resources and facilities to meet demand;
- (iii) due to Covid-19 there has been a significant increase in the use of existing green space in the City of Sydney, as residents need to exercise while maintaining physical distancing;
- (iv) Sydneysiders would benefit from extended usage of our City's green spaces and ovals throughout winter for exercise and other activities that allow for physical distancing; and
- (v) as City businesses are able to increase their use of outdoor exercise spaces to support our residents exercising, residents and businesses would benefit from increased access and visibility of City spaces for a longer period of time; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) explore options to extend the operation hours of the City's oval lighting and other public lighting of our open spaces to allow our residents to access these spaces safely for longer periods of time during Covid-19;
- (ii) explore options to invest in additional lighting for the City's ovals and other public open spaces to allow our residents to access these spaces safely for longer periods of time; and
- (iii) report back to Council on any increased lighting hours of operations, or installations, via the CEO Update.

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