

Item 16.1

Notices of Motion

Safer Cladding for City Buildings

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) there are 297 properties in the City of Sydney Local Government Area that have been identified as being clad with potentially flammable materials;
- (ii) the City's dedicated team of building surveyors specialising in fire safety compliance have completed 73 building investigations that concluded these buildings are safe, and the cladding material can remain;
- (iii) City officers are continuing to investigate the remaining buildings through a risk-based methodology;
- (iv) the City has issued 66 fire notices for either the removal and replacement of flammable cladding or for an audit to be undertaken to establish suitability of the cladding installed;
- (v) the City also maintains a register of properties subject to the submission of annual fire safety statements. This register currently lists some 5400 properties;
- (vi) the submission of annual fire safety statements helps to ensure that required fire systems within buildings are being maintained to the appropriate standards of performance and will operate where and when required;
- (vii) following a Resolution of Council in August 2019, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Premier calling on the NSW Government to fund the accelerated investigation and rectification of buildings with defects and provide support to those affected by the crisis in the building and construction sector;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) 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
- (x) 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 regular updates on the status of the City's investigations relating to buildings in the City of Sydney including those with flammable cladding known to the City, 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

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