

Item 13.3

Notices of Motion

Closing the Gap

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the City of Sydney is keenly committed to Reconciliation and addressing the disproportionate disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
 - (ii) a National Agreement on Closing the Gap has been developed to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and governments to work together to overcome the inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and achieve life outcomes equal to all Australians;
 - (iii) the National Agreement requires each jurisdiction (state and territory) to have an implementation plan in place to Close the Gap by July 2021;
 - (iv) the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations and NSW Government have been developing a NSW Implementation Plan for Closing the Gap which is currently Cabinet-in-confidence and not publicly available;
 - (v) councils across Australia are highly engaged in the priority reform areas and socio-economic targets referred to throughout the National Agreement on Closing the Gap including early childhood care and development; social and emotional wellbeing initiatives; housing, health, disability inclusion, social cohesion, inclusion and anti-racism initiatives; prevention of family and domestic violence and community infrastructures;
 - (vi) Local Government engagement will be crucial to ensuring the success of Closing the Gap initiatives; and
 - (vii) all councils have a role to play and should develop their own strategies to close the gap; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to develop a Closing the Gap Strategy for Council endorsement at the first Council meeting following the September 2021 Local Government election that:
- (i) is developed in partnership with local Aboriginal stakeholders and organisations;
 - (ii) builds on and links to the existing City Reconciliation Action Plan, outlining how Council can contribute and is contributing to the priority reform areas and socio-economic targets in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap; and

- (iii) considers how Closing the Gap reform areas and targets could be considered as part of the review of the Community Strategic Plan (which has to be endorsed by Council by 30 June 2022).

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