

Item 13.15

Notices of Motion

Paddington Reservoir

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the petition lodged with 76 signatures from local residents calling for the prohibition of drone use, noise amplification and the limitation of noise in Paddington Reservoir;
 - (ii) the concerns expressed by local residents regarding the increasing use of Paddington Reservoir for private and commercial purposes including exercise classes and photography;
 - (iii) the increase in popularity of social media platforms such as tik tok has led to increasing use of Paddington Reservoir for the creation of social media content often involving significant amplification of music; and
 - (iv) since March 2020 Paddington Reservoir has seen significant increase in usage by private exercise classes moving outside to limit the spread of Covid-19, taking up large areas of Paddington Reservoir and limiting the quiet enjoyment of this public space;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) conduct a noise survey for a minimum period of a month after stay at home orders have been lifted and activity levels have returned to typical levels and report the outcomes of this via the CEO Update;
 - (ii) expedite the Paddington Reservoir Plan of Management review and revision due to the drastic change in the nature of use of this space, to ensure it returns to Council with appropriate noise and use limitations to reflect resident feedback; and
 - (iii) undertake to increase the regularity of ranger patrols to support enforcement of this updated Plan of Management; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to:
- (i) the Federal Member for Wentworth Dave Sharma MP to seek support for Paddington residents to reduce illegal drone activity via the Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and
 - (ii) the NSW Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich MP to seek support for residents to have noise and other inappropriate activities better regulated by NSW Police.