

Item 9.4

Notices of Motion

Fort Street Public School State Significant Development Application Modification

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the NSW Government has submitted a modification to the approved State Significant Development (SSD) application for Fort Street Public School to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in late March 2021;
 - (ii) residents have expressed concerns that the proposed modification to the Fort Street Public School upgrade is out of step with the heritage standards of Millers Point;
 - (iii) the proposed modification would see the main building of Fort Street Public raised to four storeys exceeding the height of the heritage-listed Meteorology Building and breaching the Conservation Management Plan (CMP);
 - (iv) the original proposal received nine objections while on public display, the modification received 85 objections from 93 submissions;
 - (v) the National Trust's strong objection to the modification as the plans "will have a major impact upon one of the most significant and historically important parts of Sydney" and "the addition of an extra floor level and the increase in scale and bulk goes against all previous planning and heritage advice for this sensitive, State Heritage Listed location";
 - (vi) non-compliance with the Conservation Management Plan risks the creeping of the CBD into this important heritage area;
 - (vii) a heritage study, responding to community objections to the modifications, recognised that the proposed modification conflicts with the Conservation Management Plan;
 - (viii) the City did not seek to consult with residents regarding their submission to the proposed modification;
 - (ix) the City's submission to the proposed modification fails to express serious concerns about the heritage impacts of the proposed height increase;
 - (x) residents have expressed concerns with the praise of the "careful balance between minimising heritage impacts, whilst achieving the practical and functional needs of the school redevelopment" offered in the City's submission to the proposed modification; and

- (xi) residents have expressed concerns with the City's acceptance of the heritage impact of the proposed modification expressed in its submission;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to:
- (i) urgently write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes detailing concerns about the non-compliance with the Conservation Management Plan, height of the proposed modification and threat of this proposal to the character of Millers Point; and
 - (ii) urgently write to Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell requesting the current proposal be withdrawn and an alternative proposal in line with the Conservation Management Plan and character of Millers Point be considered; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to submit a revised objection to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, noting strong community concerns about modification and supporting National Trust advocacy about the protection of heritage in the Millers Point area.

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