

Item 3.1

Notices of Motion

Reinstating the 9pm Family Fireworks

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) since 2001, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the NSW Government (the State) has provided a commitment between the State, NSW Government Agencies (the Agencies) and the City to cooperate in the organisation and staging of Sydney New Year's Eve;
 - (ii) in 2020, due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the NSW Government took over the operations and expenses of running Sydney New Year's Eve. The NSW Government chose not to hold 9pm family fireworks due to concerns about the risk of Covid-19 spread;
 - (iii) current projections predict that by 1 December 2021 vaccination rates in NSW will be at 90 per cent;
 - (iv) Sydney New Year's Eve fireworks bring up to \$133 million into the local economy;
 - (v) the 9pm fireworks are known as the 'family fireworks' and allow children to partake in the New Year's Eve festivities; and
 - (vi) children and their families across Sydney have expressed sadness at the cancellation of the 9pm fireworks; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to bring a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agency Agreement to Council that includes 9pm fireworks in all years of the agreements.

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