

Attachment B

**Department of Premier and Cabinet to City
of Sydney (22 July 2021)**



Ms Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer
City of Sydney
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Barone

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2021 regarding arrangements for the City of Sydney's New Year's Eve event (NYE) in 2021 and 2022.

I note your proposal that the NSW Government takes over responsibility for and management of major elements of NYE from the City, including crowd management, transport, traffic and harbour management, counter-terrorism mitigation, stakeholder consultation and public services.

NYE is an important major event for Sydney and NSW and many Government agencies provide support and collaboration for it each year. However, your suggestion for NYE in 2021 and 2022 would shift significant responsibilities and costs for your event from the City to the NSW Government. I cannot agree to this proposal.

The NSW Government took temporary custodianship of a smaller NYE event in 2020. This was a one-off measure to allow the event to proceed, agreed only when the City decided not to proceed with delivering the event itself. Management of NYE was returned to the City for 2021.

The City is best placed to deliver NYE in full, as your experienced team has done over many years. The NSW Government will continue to work closely with the City to support the ongoing success of your event. My department will continue to provide support through whole-of-government coordination in NYE event planning and convening the Government Coordination Centre.

I welcome the opportunity to progress a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City for NYE based on a similar model to previous MOUs and in consultation with relevant agencies.

Should you have queries about this matter, please contact Jan Willett, Director Events on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Tim Reardon
Secretary

22 July 2021