

Item 14.2

Notices of Motion

Redfern Railway Line Bridge

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the communities of Darlington and Chippendale are separated from those in Erskineville, Redfern, Waterloo and Alexandria by the railway line that runs between them;
- (ii) the privatisation of the Australian Technology Park has caused an influx of Commonwealth Bank workers to the area;
- (iii) the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that the population of Redfern has been growing since 2017 with growth of 5.36 per cent in 2017, 4.20 per cent in 2018, 3.01 per cent in 2019 and 1.95 per cent in 2020;
- (iv) the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that the population of Erskineville-Eveleigh has been growing since 2013 with growth of 4.41 per cent in 2013, 3.88 per cent in 2014, 3.65 per cent in 2015, 2.70 per cent in 2016, 2.84 per cent in 2017, 4.27 per cent in 2018, 2.30 per cent in 2019 and 1.85 per cent in 2020;
- (v) the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that the population of Darlington has been growing since 2013 with growth of 6.41 per cent in 2013, 5.62 per cent in 2014, 6.62 per cent in 2015, 7.81 per cent in 2016, 4.45 per cent in 2017, 1.95 per cent in 2018, 0.83 per cent in 2019;
- (vi) the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that the population of Chippendale has been growing since 2013 with growth of 17.00 per cent in 2013, 16.43 per cent in 2014, 14.73 per cent in 2015, 9.55 per cent in 2016, 7.37 per cent in 2017, 3.17 per cent in 2018, 2.38 per cent in 2019 and 1.31 per cent in 2020;
- (vii) the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that the population of Alexandria has been growing since 2013 with growth of 2.51 per cent in 2013, 3.75 per cent in 2014, 3.80 per cent in 2015, 2.07 per cent in 2016, 4.06 per cent in 2017, 3.52 per cent in 2018, 2.25 per cent in 2019 and 1.82 per cent in 2020;
- (viii) the NSW Government, through Transport for NSW, is undertaking a number of major developments in the immediate area that will impact the whole precinct;
- (ix) the construction of the Waterloo Metro Station and upgrade to Redfern Station will see the use of this already busy transit hub increase;

- (x) residents of Redfern, Erskineville, Waterloo and Alexandria have been lobbying for a bridge that would connect North and South Eveleigh since at least 2008 when the Redfern Waterloo Authority prepared a proposal for a bridge across the railway line which they called the "Eveleigh Heritage Walk";
 - (xi) calls for a bridge across the railway line have recently been renewed by the local community; and
 - (xii) community groups REDWatch, Friends of Erskineville and the Alexandria Resident Action Group launched a petition in September 2021, which has gained 480 signatures, calling on the NSW Minister for Transport to approve the construction of a bridge over the railway line as a matter of urgency;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of commissioning a scoping study and design for the creation of a pedestrian and cycling connection, connecting the City communities between Redfern, Erskineville and Alexandria, across the railway line and report back to Councillors via the CEO Update on the feasibility and costs involved with commissioning this work. If feasible, funding could be included in the 2022/23 budget for Council consideration; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport requesting that the NSW Government collaborate with the City on the design of a new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the railway line separating Redfern, Alexandria and Erskineville.

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