

## Item 11.4

### Notices of Motion

#### Rushcutters Bay Park - Kayaks

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the importance of physical exercise for the wellbeing of residents and that:
    - (a) kayaking is an increasingly popular form of physical exercise in the City of Sydney;
    - (b) equality of access to the harbour is a policy that this Council has reaffirmed at previous meetings;
    - (c) according to the Rushcutters Bay Park Plan of Management snapshot, 74 per cent of residents use Rushcutters Bay Park for physical exercise; and
    - (d) the Rushcutters Bay masterplan affirms the importance of stair access to the harbour;
  - (ii) Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay and surrounding suburbs are some of the densest suburbs in Australia;
  - (iii) that a majority of residents in these suburbs live in apartments;
  - (iv) that most apartments in the area do not come with adequate storage space;
  - (v) that removing the right to store kayaks at Rushcutters Bay Park disproportionately impacts residents who cannot afford large apartments or houses with adequate storage; and
  - (vi) that residents have been storing their kayaks down at Rushcutters Bay Park for many years without issue; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) cease any current action taken against residents who store their kayaks at Rushcutters Bay Park, including the impounding of kayaks stored at Rushcutters Bay Park;
  - (ii) investigate immediate and long-term alternatives for the storage of kayaks at Rushcutters Bay Park, including the option of installing free-to-use kayak racks, similar to that of bike racks;

- (iii) establish ongoing community consultation with residents in the area regarding the storage of kayaks at Rushcutters Bay Park; and
- (iv) regularly notify Councillors through the CEO Update of all progress of Council's community consultation and alternative storage options.

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