

Item 15.7

Notices of Motion

Electric Vehicles within the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) currently, within the City of Sydney, there are 20 electric vehicle charging ports available to electric vehicle users;
- (ii) many City of Sydney residents have identified that despite the positive impacts that transitioning to electric cars would have on the environment within the City of Sydney, available public charging ports to support this transition are lacking;
- (iii) the Federal Government recently announced the 'Driving the Nation' policy designed to reduce transportation emissions by making electric vehicles (EVs) more affordable and easier to charge with Federal Government investment in establishing more EV charging stations;
- (iv) the NSW Government has also announced the investment in ultrafast EV charging station infrastructure. However, the investment in infrastructure relies upon site owners hosting public EV fast-charging facilities;
- (v) currently, Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, Paddington, Redfern, Newtown, Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay do not have any electric charging station facilities. These areas need sites for the installation of the appropriate infrastructure to support the transition to EVs in alignment with the movements of the Federal and State Governments to commit to action on climate change;
- (vi) Mirvac introduced free charging ports, with many others being privately rented and commercially operated. The rest remain privatised and largely inaccessible to the public; and
- (vii) the City of Sydney should allow the usage of select sites for installation and operation of publicly-accessible EV fast-charging stations to align with the NSW Government's EV strategy. The latter aims to drive EV sales to more than 50 per cent of new car sales by 2030-2031, preparing the NSW road network for a low-emissions future; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) help the growing need and demand for publicly-accessible electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging stations throughout the City of Sydney by facilitating their installation in critical destination hotspots on Council-owned land, including dedicated on-street and off-street charging spaces for EV cars and vans;

- (ii) implement more EV charging stations that are publicly available to ensure it adheres to the City of Sydney's commitment to climate change and net zero emissions by 2035;
- (iii) implement EV charging stations on a needs basis, targeting areas outside of the current selection of CBD charging stations to ensure all City of Sydney Local Government Area residents have equitable access to such charging stations;
and
- (iv) immediately begin identifying City of Sydney-owned sites appropriate for installing EV charging ports by the end of the current term of Council.

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