

Item 15.10

Notices of Motion

Support for City of Sydney Residents Slashing their Emissions and Making a Rapid Transition to Green Power

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved:

(A) Council note:

- (i) currently global energy prices are going up resulting in increased economic strains for members of the global community;
- (ii) in July 2022, the Australian Energy Regulator approved price increases of up to 18 per cent in NSW resulting in residents facing even more economic strain post Covid-19;
- (iii) a switch to Green Power within the City of Sydney could dramatically cut residents emissions and save them financially;
- (iv) choosing an accredited 100 per cent Green Power electricity plan lets people support the growth of Australia's renewable sector contributing positively to the City of Sydney's efforts to address the impacts of climate change within the City;
- (v) addressing climate change extends beyond the parameters of simply installing solar panels on the roofs of homes, but can be achieved in other ways such as switching to 100 per cent Green Power;
- (vi) Green Power is a government-managed scheme that allows households to purchase certified renewable energy through their electricity retailers. This ensures the retailer is purchasing electricity sourced from renewable energy projects;
- (vii) the City of Sydney switched to 100 per cent renewable electricity in 2020 and has been carbon neutral since 2011. Now the responsibility also lays with the residents and businesses within the Local Government Area to help contribute positively to climate change;
- (viii) recently, the results of the Green Power survey within the City of Sydney articulated that concerningly 33 per cent of residents did not know what the electricity plan was;
- (ix) the results of this survey also identify that 57 per cent, over half of residents would switch if they knew it was the best thing they could do for the environment; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate further ways of supporting the City of Sydney community to transition more rapidly the Green Power to positively contribute to our action on climate change and lessen the financial burden facing City of Sydney residents.

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