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Consultation Report

Consultation report – revised market policy and guidelines

Consultation overview and background

Between 30 June 2022 to 28 July 2022 the City consulted the community on a revised market policy and guidelines.

This report outlines activities undertaken to promote the consultation and summarises key themes and feedback received during the public exhibition.

Purpose of the consultation

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- exhibit and gather community feedback on the revised market policy and guidelines
 - gauge level of support for the revised documents
 - inform the final documents ahead of adoption by Council
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Activities to support the consultation

- The [webpage and survey](#) were open for feedback from 30 June 2022 to 28 July 2022, with 872 unique page views and 48 document downloads during this period.
 - Included in July edition of Sydney Your Say eNews (sent 7 July), sent to 7,152 subscribers
 - Email notification sent to key stakeholders (including residents action groups): 96 stakeholder
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Outcomes from the consultation

We received a total of 134 submissions during the consultation period. 98 submissions were received via surveymonkey and 36 submissions were received via email. We received submissions from the following organisations:

- Animal Liberation
- FOUR PAWS Australia
- Humane Society International Australia
- World Animal Protection
- The freelance consultancy group
- World Animal Protection
- Collective Fashion Justice

Submissions are summarised in the tables below.

Overview of submissions	Number of times raised
General feedback in support of the policy and proposed changes banning the sale or promotion of any prohibited items or services at a market such as fur and exotic animal skin products.	134
Requests for the ban to go further	97
Support for exemption where permitted under traditional First Nation cultural practices	3
Do not support exemption where permitted under traditional First Nation cultural practices.	2

City of Sydney response to key issues raised in submissions

Detail of issues raised in submissions	City of Sydney response
<p>Requests to include a ban on the following, regardless of whether these wild animals are farmed or wild-caught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exotic feathers (such as ostriches, peacocks etc) - all exotic skins including crocodiles, snakes, lizards, sharks and kangaroos. - ban products from Australian native animals 	<p>Noted, the City has amended the policy to extend the ban to exotic feathers. Banning the sale of exotic skins and native animals is already covered in the current wording.</p>
<p>Request for clarification over whether the ban extends to the selling of animals ie cats, dogs, chickens or any other animal for purchase.</p>	<p>The City will not approve events which conflict with its vision or values or that do not represent a positive benefit to its community in some way.</p>
<p>Requests to ban animal and reptile petting zoos</p>	<p>The City will not approve events which conflict with its vision or values or that do not represent a positive benefit to its community in some way. This includes petting zoos and/or circuses with the use of live animals.</p>
<p>Ban single use plastic and support recycling, regeneration, and effective rubbish disposal</p>	<p>This is addressed in the markets guidelines ('guide to setting up a market on Council land').</p>

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<p>Temporary markets - how this will be monitored and conflicts to the policy managed? Understand the point on increasing number of temporary markets before the policy is introduced but that goes against the intent of the policy.</p>	<p>The number of temporary markets will be monitored against the Account Name of the applicant/organisation. Once the organisation has reached the 12 occasion limit over a 12 month period, the conditions of the Markets Policy will apply.</p>
<p>Requests to extend this ban to shops</p>	<p>This submission does not apply to the Markets Policy.</p>
<p>Request to include a clear definition of both 'fur' and 'exotic skins' included in this policy.</p> <p>We suggest the phrasing:</p> <p><i>'a prohibition on the marketing, exhibition and sale of all animal fur, skin with attached fur, or skin from all animals excluding cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.'</i></p> <p>While acknowledging the inherent cruelty involved in the use of these farmed animals in fashion, too, using this phrasing ensures the policy is specific to wild rather than domestic animals, as is likely intended.</p>	<p>Submission is noted. The phrasing is not required as the term fur and exotic animals is clearly defined.</p>
<p>Request to extend this policy to all City sponsored activities, including but not limited to Australian Fashion Week.</p>	<p>Noted, this submission has been forwarded to the appropriate City of Sydney teams.</p>
<p>Comments in support of the exemption where permitted under traditional First Nation cultural practices.</p> <p>Comments not in support of the exemption where permitted under traditional First Nation cultural practices.</p>	<p>The City of Sydney supports First Nations Cultural Practices. The City's Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practice policy outlines the criteria for exemptions for the practice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.</p>