

Item 9

Questions on Notice

1. Claimable Crown Land

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

In November 2022, the Land and Environment Court found that in the case of New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council v Minister Administering the Crown Land Management Act – Waverton Bowling Club the Claimed Land was claimable Crown Land, and was not likely to be needed for public recreation. North Sydney Council was ordered to transfer the land in Waverton that was the subject of the Claims to the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

1. Are management plans concerning Crown Land managed by the City of Sydney reviewed to ensure Crown Land is used for essential public purpose? If so, what is the process for ensuring management plans maximise public benefits?
2. In light of the decision in New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council v Minister Administering the Crown Land Management Act – Waverton Bowling Club, is there Crown Land managed by the City of Sydney that has been or could be subject to claims by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council or local Aboriginal land councils?
3. Does the City of Sydney review the use of City of Sydney managed Crown Land to assess whether such land used for non-essential purposes could be transferred to the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council or local Aboriginal land councils?
4. Does the City advise the Council on land claims?
5. How many land claims has the Council received?
6. What has been the decision of each claim?

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2. Public Housing in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. Is the Council aware of any current development applications or planning proposals regarding the development or sale of public housing in the Local Government Area? If yes, please provide details.

2. Have City staff had any recent discussions with NSW Government representatives about planned or future development applications, or planning proposals, regarding the development or sale of public housing in the Local Government Area? If yes, please provide details.

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3. State Government Redevelopment Projects in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the NSW Government is the land owner or proponent? Please provide details.
2. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the Land and Housing Corporation is the proponent?
3. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) is the proponent?
4. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where other NSW Government entities or agencies are known to be the landowner or proponent? Please provide details.
5. Which development applications or other forms of planning proposals - where the NSW Government is the land owner or proponent - has the City of Sydney responded to in the last 12 months? This includes through submissions or other representatives. Please provide details.
6. Have City staff had any recent discussions with NSW Government representatives about future or planned development applications, or planning proposals, regarding State owned or controlled land in NSW? If yes, please provide details.

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4. New Cleanaway Contract's Adherence to the City's Waste Targets

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Will the City's new negotiated contract with Cleanaway ensure the City achieves the City's following targets:
 - (a) Percentage of source separated recycling of total residential waste at 35 per cent by 2025; and

- (b) Percentage diversion from landfill of residential waste at 70 per cent by 2025 and 90 per cent by 2030.

2. If so, how and what reductions will be achieved, by year?

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5. Leasing of Council Property to Politicians

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. Are there presently any properties owned by City of Sydney which are leased to:
 - (a) Local government Councillors, including City of Sydney Councillors?
 - (b) NSW State parliamentarians?
 - (c) Members of the Federal Parliament?
2. If the answer to any part of 1 is yes,
 - (a) What are the names of the lessees and what are the addresses of the properties?
 - (b) Are there any special probity or integrity measures to ensure that ethical and/or conflict of issues are addressed?
 - (c) How was the rent for any such properties determined and by whom was it determined?
 - (d) Was the property available to the public generally immediately prior to the occupation by the present occupant?

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6. Rat Eradication Management in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. The Mayor of New York City, Eric Adams, recently announced in the media a job posting for what he's terming the Big Apple's "Rat Czar", formally known as Citywide Director of Rodent Mitigation. The salary for the position is reported to be US\$120,000-\$170,000.
 - (a) Has the City of Sydney studied the recent announcements by the Mayor of New York City?

- (b) Is there merit in considering a similar appointment of a “Rat Czar” in the City of Sydney?
 - (c) How many Council staff and consultants are employed to work on eradicating rats in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (d) What is the City of Sydney budget for rat eradication in the Local Government Area in 2021/22?
2. A 2014 Study conducted by Jonathan Auerbach estimated there are 2 million rats ($\pm 150\,000$) in New York. The study noted rats have a phenomenal rate of reproduction, mating up to 20 times in six hours. A female rat produces four to seven litters of around 10 rats each year.
- (a) Are staff able to provide an estimate of the number of rats in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (i) If the answer to (a) is yes, what is the estimated number of rats in the Local Government Area?
 - (ii) If the answer to (a) is no, are there studies or other investigations underway or planned to provide information about the number of rats in Sydney?
 - (b) How many rat traps or other rat eradication devices are currently in place in the Local Government Area?
 - (c) Which areas of the Local Government Area are most affected by rat infestation based on number of rat eradication devices installed?

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7. Cyclist Road Safety in George Street and on Temporary Cycleways

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. Are cyclists permitted to ride on the footpath George Street in the CBD?
2. If the answer to 1 is yes,
 - (a) What sections of the footpath in George Street are cyclists permitted to ride?
 - (b) What sections of the footpath on George Street are cyclists not permitted to ride on?
 - (c) What are the reasons for cyclists not being allowed to ride on the entirety of the footpath George Street?
 - (d) If cyclists are permitted to ride on the footpath in George Street is there signage advising where cyclists can/cannot ride?

- (e) If cyclists are not permitted to ride on the footpath in George Street where is the signage advising this located?
 - (f) Is the decision about where cyclists can ride on the footpath George Street under review by Council?
 - (g) Are there penalties for cyclists riding on the footpath on George Street where cycling is not permitted?
3. Are cyclists permitted to ride on the road where the trams travel on George Street in the CBD?
4. If the answer to 3 is yes,
- (a) Where in George Street are cyclists permitted to ride where the trams are on the road?
 - (b) What sections of George Street where the trams travel are cyclists not permitted to ride on?
 - (c) What are the reasons for cyclists not being allowed to ride on the entirety of George Street where the trams travel?
 - (d) If cyclists are not permitted to ride in George Street where the trams travel is there signage advising where cyclists cannot ride?
 - (e) If cyclists are not permitted to ride in George Street where the trams travel is the signage advising this located?
 - (f) Is the decision about where cyclists can ride on George Street where the trams travel under review by Council?
 - (g) Are there penalties for cyclists riding in locations on George Street where the trams travel?
 - (h) If the answer to (g) is yes what are the penalties that apply?
5. The Council website states in respect of the temporary cycleway on Moore Park Road:
- “We consulted the community on the design for a permanent cycleway on Moore Park Road in 2017 This design is no longer feasible and will not be implemented.” and
- “Transport for NSW installed this cycleway and gave it to the City of Sydney to manage. The temporary cycleway will remain while Transport for NSW builds the cycleway on Oxford Street between Taylor Square and Centennial Park. When the project is complete, the temporary cycleway on Moore Park Road will be removed and the previous road arrangements will be reinstated.”
- (a) Was a road safety audit undertaken at the time changes were made to the cycleway by Council to change the materials aimed to provide a better a safety barrier for cyclists?
 - (b) If the answer to (a) is yes when was the audit conducted and who conducted the road safety audit?

- (c) If the answer to (b) is no, why was no road safety audit conducted?
 - (d) What is the proposed date for the temporary cycleway in place on Moore Park Road be removed?
 - (e) Has a design been finalised for the cycleway announced for Oxford Street from Centennial Park to Taylor Square?
 - (f) If the answer to (b) is yes when will the design be exhibited to the public?
6. The Council website states in respect of the temporary cycleway on Bridge Street, Henderson Road and Railway Parade

“We consulted the community on a permanent design for the cycleway. Following feedback, the project was approved. Work started in early 2022 and it due for completion by December 2022.”

- (a) Is the completion date for this cycleway expected to be met?
 - (b) Has a pre-opening safety audit been conducted for this cycleway?
 - (c) If the answer to (b) is no, when will a pre-opening road safety audit be undertaken?
7. Bridge Road Glebe temporary cycleway
- (a) Has the City of Sydney been consulted by Transport for NSW on a design to replace the unsafe temporary cycleway on Bridge Road Glebe?
 - (b) Has the City of Sydney been consulted by Transport for NSW on proposals contained in an Options report for the cycleway prepared by Transport for NSW in 2021/22 that the right hand turn lanes for vehicles be removed at Glebe Point Road and Ross Street as part of an option to improve cyclist safety on Bridge Road?

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