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Item 13.8

Notices of Motion

City Waste Services Public Meeting and Taskforce Establishment

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) in September 2018, Council accepted a tender for the City of Sydney's domestic waste collection services from Cleanaway;
 - (ii) in November 2019, the City of Sydney Council accepted a contract variation to amend the contract service area to the whole of the City of Sydney Local Government Area for all waste collection services, including general waste, and booked household clean up collection services, however this was opposed by Councillor Scott at the time;
 - (iii) since this time, the City of Sydney has received increasing numbers of complaints, with Councillor Scott's office receiving 23 emails in the past week alone regarding waste issues residents are experiencing, including:
 - (a) missed collections of up to four weeks;
 - (b) vermin infestation; and
 - (c) rubbish dumping;
 - (iv) under the Local Government Act 1993, waste removal and disposal are core council functions of the City of Sydney's responsibilities; and
 - (v) urgent action must be taken to rectify the complex, multifactorial issues the City's waste collection services are currently suffering;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to urgently hold a public forum addressing the City of Sydney Waste service issues; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to
 - (i) establish a taskforce dedicated to monitoring the cleansing and waste services provided by the City of Sydney:
 - (a) the taskforce should predominately consist of City of Sydney community members and businesses; and
 - (b) the Chief Executive Officer should report back to Council regarding progress made by the Taskforce and City staff to improve the efficiency, consistency and quality of the cleansing and waste services; and

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(ii) provide Councillors with advice, via the CEO Update, on whether the City of Sydney Council is upholding its obligations under the Local Government Act 1993 and the City of Sydney Act 1988.

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