Council 20 February 2023

Item 13.15

Notices of Motion

Waste Management Crisis Response

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the alarming number of reports of missed waste collections in the City of Sydney both in recent weeks and over the last 12 months;
- (ii) that resident's bins are overflowing, and that garbage is accumulating in streets across the Local Government Area;
- (iii) that collection of household goods was suspended for a number of weeks in 2022 and has again been suspended since mid-January in 2023;
- (iv) the City of Sydney's waste management services are not meeting the expectation of the local community;
- (v) that although high unemployment and Covid-related staff absenteeism are shared challenges, waste management services in neighbouring Local Government Areas have not been impacted to the same extent as in the City of Sydney;
- (vi) that recent industrial action has only exacerbated long-term systemic issues with waste management services in the City of Sydney; and
- (vii) that, as elected representatives, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are responsible for ensuring that waste management services meet the expectations of the local community; and
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to:
 - (i) immediately address Council detailing the content of the discussion and the outcomes of her recent meeting with the Cleanaway Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (ii) immediately address Council explaining how the City is responding to the unfolding waste management crisis and outlining the short- and medium-term measures in place to mitigate the current challenges and rapidly improve waste management services.

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