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Item 13.12

Notices of Motion

Objection to Erskineville Toilet Development Application

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) D/2022/1360 is a Development Application currently on exhibition that seeks to install an automated public toilet at 5110 Erskineville Road, Erskineville;
- (ii) the Erskineville community have been calling for these amenities as a necessity for a long time, as there are no accessible toilets in the central village of Erskineville;
- (iii) families, residents and visitors that frequent this area of shops and parks require such amenities to be made available;
- (iv) the current proposed location is problematic and numerous submissions from residents objecting its placement have been received by the City;
- (v) the planned location interferes with an important pedestrian walkway travelling in front of the main shops of the central Erskineville village;
- (vi) the toilet's proposed location also obstructs the view and access to the shops behind it, subsequently impacting their business;
- (vii) of these obstructed shops, there is a long-standing and family-run laundry business owned by a Vietnamese refugee who, with his family, has worked tirelessly to develop their successful local business;
- (viii) the current location does not consider pedestrian needs or the welfare of local businesses;
- (ix) in 2021, D/2021/1087 sought for the same placement of the toilets and was rejected for the same reasons as it is opposed now;
- (x) alternative locations suggested by residents include the nearby parks or opening the Erskineville Town Hall bathrooms to the public; and
- (xi) the Erskineville Station Upgrade currently under construction includes family accessible, and male and female ambulant toilets;
- (xii) that D/2022/1360 will be determined by the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel; and
- (xiii) that the community has made numerous objections to D/2022/1360; and

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- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) investigate alternative locations for an automated public toilet in the central Erskineville Village area; and
 - (ii) update Council via the CEO Update on alternative location for an automated public toilet in the central Erskineville Village area.

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