

Item 11.11

Notices of Motion

Waste Management Reporting and 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 in recent weeks and over the last 12 plus months;
- (ii) that resident's bins are overflowing and that garbage is accumulating in streets across the Local Government Area;
- (iii) the collection of household goods was suspended for a number of weeks in 2022 and again at the start of 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) the recent industrial action has only exacerbated long-term systemic issues with waste management services in the City of Sydney;
- (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;
- (viii) that, since the start of this year, Councillors have made repeated requests for additional information and urgent briefings regarding the deterioration of waste management services and the City of Sydney's response;
- (ix) the information provided in briefings and reports to Council's has not sufficiently addressed Councillors' questions and concerns;
- (x) when Councillors requested the City of Sydney's contract with Cleanaway, the Chief Executive Officer directed them to a significantly redacted copy. It was only after further requests that Councillors were provided with the unredacted contract;
- (xi) that the majority of Questions on Notice submitted by Councillors ahead of the February Council meeting have yet not been answered; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) provide a comprehensive report to Council detailing the deterioration of waste management services and the City of Sydney's response, including short- and medium-term measures to mitigate the current challenges and rapidly improve waste management services;
 - (ii) review the collation and reporting of missed waste collections and response times to ensure that the information provided to Council is current and accurate;
 - (iii) provide an ongoing quarterly update to Council regarding the performance of both the City of Sydney's primary waste management contractors and overall waste management services; and
 - (iv) make Cleanaway's ongoing quarterly service reports available to Council (and provide previous reports dating back to the commencement of Cleanaway's current contract in 2018).

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