

Item 15.1**Notices of Motion****Taylor Square – Pedestrianisation and Upgrade Feasibility Study**

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Taylor Square is the heart and soul of the Oxford Street precinct;
- (ii) Oxford Street is undergoing a mass revitalisation, with new businesses and developments appearing from Hyde Park to the Victoria Barracks, and a new cycleway and extended footpaths to start construction later this year;
- (iii) soon, the Oxford Street cultural precinct will be home to a new cultural institution, with Australia's first pride museum, Qtopia, establishing its permanent home in the former Darlinghurst Police Station; and
- (iv) that to foster cohesive cultural spaces, people must be prioritised over cars;

(B) Council note:

- (i) there is an opportunity to upgrade Taylor Square alongside the multiple other developments happening in its vicinity;
- (ii) that linking the National Art School, Qtopia, Taylor Square and Oxford Street with a pedestrianised square would create a fantastic public space for residents; and
- (iii) that this section of road has been closed previously for public events, such as the Glitter Festival; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the feasibility of pedestrianising sections of Forbes, Foley and Bourke Streets in the vicinity of the planned Qtopia Museum; and
- (ii) report back to Council with the feasibility study's findings.

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