

Item 12.7

Notices of Motion

Stop Trolley Dumping

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) unattended shopping trolleys left in public areas are an eyesore and obstruct the amenity and accessibility of our city;
- (ii) in November 2022, the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Bill 2021 was introduced;
- (iii) the new offences associated with the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 came into effect on 1 May 2023;
- (iv) the Act refers to offences of unattended vehicles, trolleys, and shared devices;
- (v) the Act legislated a three-hour collection time limit on trolleys, vehicles or other items causing a safety hazard, and a seven-day limit for others;
- (vi) under the new legislation, fines for offences range from \$660 per trolley for individuals to \$1320 per trolley for businesses who don't collect the abandoned property;
- (vii) the Act was introduced to help local governments clean up our public spaces, making them safer, more accessible and more enjoyable for our communities;
- (viii) abandoned trolleys cost the NSW Government \$17 million a year in picking up the unattended items;
- (ix) the new Act is designed to save councils time and money by deterring dumping; and
- (x) the City of Sydney community has shown consistent frustration at the number of dumped trollies around the City;

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) fast track the policy required to enact the enforcement of abandoned trolley penalties;
 - (ii) consult with trolley providers on future planning provisions to minimise trolley use; and
 - (iii) consider undertaking regular compliance blitz activities on abandoned trolleys in order to deter illegal dumping.

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