

Item 12.15**Notices of Motion****Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Support for Drag Story Time Events in Local Government**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that:
- (i) the City of Sydney community is a proudly LGBTIQ+ inclusive community;
 - (ii) as demonstrated in the City of Sydney, pride and visibility should not just be something that LGBTIQ+ residents experience just once per year, and Council facilities such as public libraries, swimming pools, sporting facilities and community centres are ideal venues for local inclusive events; and
 - (iii) there has been a recent rise in homophobia and hate speech targeted at the LGBTIQ+ communities, including organised disruption of 'Drag Story Time' programs; and
- (B) submit the following motion for consideration at the upcoming 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

Topic: Support for Drag Story Time and LGBTIQ+ community activities by local councils

That Local Government NSW:

- (a) encourages and facilitates member councils to organise local events that are inclusive for LGBTIQ+ residents year-round;
- (b) supports councils to facilitate community-driven safety solutions to ensure that drag story time and similar events can take place at council facilities safely for performers and attendees; and
- (c) encourages member councils to ensure that drag performers receive payment in full for events that are cancelled.

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