Item 12.5

Notices of Motion

No Net Dwelling Loss Provisions

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) Sydney is amid a housing affordability crisis, affecting both renters and aspiring homeowners;
 - (ii) despite housing supply issues, there have been reports that developers are redeveloping multi-dwelling apartment buildings that have traditionally been affordable due to their age and size to make way for fewer luxury apartments;
 - (iii) recently, both Woollahra and Waverley Councils resolved to update their Local Environment Plans (LEPs) to prevent new developments that result in a reduction of dwellings; and
 - (iv) for example, Waverley Council recently inserted a new objective into its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 'to increase or preserve residential dwelling density', and require a Social Impact Statement for where a development proposes a 'reduction in dwelling numbers on site'; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) advise Council on any available data about the 'net dwelling loss' in the City of Sydney Local Government Area;
 - (ii) investigate preparing a planning proposal to include objectives and controls in the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 to protect against the net reduction of dwellings on a development site; and
 - (iii) report back to Council.

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