

Item 12.10

Notices of Motion

Increasing Gender Equality in Sport

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) women are under-represented in organised sport—as participants, coaches, officials, administrators, and board members—when compared to their male cohort;
 - (ii) outside the period of major sporting festivals, sports receive only around four per cent of all sports media coverage;
 - (iii) AusPlay data indicated that overall, girls are almost as likely as boys to play sport, however, when they grow up women are less likely;
 - (iv) an AusPlay study recorded that women aged over 18 participated less than half as much as men in sport-related activities and even less so in team sports;
 - (v) participation in sport is important to the physical, social and mental health of individuals, a benefit currently not equally provided to women;
 - (vi) it has often been accepted in the past that women’s and girls’ teams will be given inconvenient training times, lower standard grounds and facilities that are not designed for females;
 - (vii) the Women’s World Cup 2023 set viewing records around the world, including here in Australia where it attracted more viewers across all platforms than the most recent AFL and NRL grand finals and the State of Origin;
 - (viii) the recent World Cup generated a \$7.6 billion economic boost for retail and travel industries across Australia;
 - (ix) Lake Macquarie City Council has announced the upgrade of eight sports facilities to make them more inclusive for women and girls;
 - (x) Moorabool Shire has introduced the Female Friendly Sport and Recreation Participation and Infrastructure Strategy, which aims to create, facilitate and recognise the importance of women and girls’ involvement in physical activity;
 - (xi) the Federal Government recently announced the \$200 million Play our Way program to improve sporting facilities and equipment specifically for women and girls; and

- (xii) the NSW Government has committed up to \$25 million to the Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program, which invests in developing or renovating sport facility bathrooms and change rooms and upgraded lighting; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) undertake an audit to assess the level of gender equality present across all sporting facilities in the City of Sydney;
 - (ii) produce a strategy paper addressing the City of Sydney's plans to support and increase female participation and safety in sport, addressing gender equality in:
 - (a) sport and recreation facilities including changerooms, playing and training time allocations and lighting;
 - (b) sport and recreation opportunities for participation;
 - (c) funding allocated by the City; and
 - (d) promotion by the City on all advertising platforms; and
 - (iii) work alongside Babana Aboriginal to identify a City owned or other Redfern site for a mural of Australian Indigenous rugby league women.

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