

Item 14.8

Notices of Motion

Lord Mayoral Styles and Titles

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Australia is an independent sovereign and democratic nation;
 - (ii) imperial honours, titles and awards have been abolished at both the national and state levels;
 - (iii) as the level of government closest to the people, local government should be the least formal and most accessible of the three levels of government;
 - (iv) the titles Lord Mayor and Right Honourable Lord Mayor have no basis in Australian law and are titles granted by the British Monarch more than a century ago;
 - (v) the styles and titles of Lord Mayor and Right Honourable Lord Mayor are not consistent with the contemporary, multicultural egalitarian values of our local community; and
 - (vi) the ongoing review of the City of Sydney's symbols and emblems for anachronistic and or cultural inappropriateness;
- (B) the title of Lord Mayor of Sydney bestowed by the British Monarch be changed to Mayor of Sydney;
- (C) the Mayor of Sydney cease to have the style and title Right Honourable;
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide an urgent report on the steps required to be taken to give effect to (B) and (C);
- (E) the robes, chains, and other trappings of the Office of the Mayor of Sydney be included in the review of the City's symbols and emblems and revised to reflect that the Mayor works in service of, rather than as Lord or Master of, the local community;
- (F) the comprehensive review of the City's symbols, emblems and trappings be finalised prior to the end of the current term of Council; and
- (G) upon completion of the review, and within the current term, a report be provided to Council to guide decisions about what should be retained in the proposed newly styled Office of Mayor.

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