Council 29 July 2024

Item 13.9

Notices of Motion

Protecting Traditional Boarding Houses

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that Council:

(A) endorse the community campaign for the protection of traditional boarding houses, which are an important form of private, relatively affordable housing in the inner city, and note that the campaign is calling for private boarding houses to be converted into permanent, protected affordable housing; and

(B) agree to:

- support an immediate ban by the NSW Government on all rent increases in all boarding houses in the city so that residents cannot be removed due to loss of affordability;
- (ii) immediately enforce tighter controls on adherence to safety, security and amenity standards so that residents cannot be removed due to loss of habitability; and
- (iii) support the purchase the Selwyn Street boarding houses, which are at risk of redevelopment.

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