

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 09 September 2019

7.00pm

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**



Present

Council Members

Councillor Con Hindi (Chair), Councillor Leesha Payor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Vince Badalati, Councillor Rita Kastanias, Councillor Christina Wu, Councillor Stephen Agius, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry

Council Staff

Director Environment and Planning - Ms Meryl Bishop, Director Legal Services – Ms Jenny Ware, Manager Development and Building –Mr Ryan Cole, Acting Manager Environment Health and Regulatory Services – Ms Fiona Stock, Manager, Officer of the General Manager – Ms Roxanne Thornton, Executive Assistant to the Director Environment and Planning – Ms Leanne Allen

Opening

Councillor Hindi, opened the meeting at 7.20pm

Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Hindi acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Biddegal people of the Eora Nation.

Apologies/Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

Notice of Webcasting

The Chairperson, Councillor Hindi, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest made.

Public Forum

There were no registered speakers.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING - 12 AUGUST 2019

Recommendation: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 August 2019 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Committee Reports

ENV029-19 Legal Services Report - August 2019

(Report by Director Legal Services and General Counsel)

Recommendation: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

- a) That the report "Legal Services Report – August 2019" be received and noted.
- b) That a monthly detailed report on the status of current Court cases including costs for the financial year, is published on Council's website.
- c) That company searches are not required to be obtained for legal reports where a summary only is provided, until such time legal advice is received on this matter.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV030-19 Dog Waste Bag Dispensers

(Report by Coordinator, Environmental, Sustainability and Waste)

Recommendation: Councillor Katris and Councillor Kastanias

That Council endorse the implementation of the dog waste bag programs involving the following actions:

- a) Installation of additional dog waste bag dispensers in 14 parks;
- b) Use of compostable dog waste bags; and
- c) Contractor (Suez) to be engaged to service the dispensers.
- d) Preparation of an educational flyer to be included in the Council magazine highlighting the health dangers of dog faeces, as well as including a reminder that penalties apply for not picking up their dogs faeces and for not walking dogs on leashes (in non-leash free areas). The flyer is also to be incorporated on our web page.
- e) Erection of signage in relation to dealing with dog waste in all parks that contain the dog waste bag dispenser.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV031-19 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

Recommendation: Councillor Katris and Councillor Agius

- (a) That Council adopt a policy position that all new or upgrades to an existing shop or shopping centre where shopping trolleys are/proposed to be used be required to use coin operated or wheel locking trolleys.
- (b) That a condition of development consent to be applied to all development applications for new or upgrades to an existing shop or shopping centre requiring the use of coin operated or wheel locking trolleys.
- (c) That Council staff continue to work with retailers and centre managers to introduce on-premises controls to all premises that use trolleys to prevent trolleys from entering public land throughout the Local Government Area.

- (d) That Council write to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, The Hon Kevin Anderson, MP seeking amendments to the Impounding Act 1993 to regulate abandoned shopping trolleys similar to those recently introduced to address abandoned share bikes.
- (e) That Council write to all retailers requesting that they commit to developing, publishing and reporting on a service level for the removal of trolleys from public land.
- (f) That Council commence a community education campaign as detailed in this report to educate the community that dumping trolleys is illegal and that retailers be contacted requesting their support to work with their shops during the campaign's implementation.
- (g) That a further report be provided to Council within 6 months to update on the outcomes of the above recommendations.
- (h) The General Manager is to provide a report on options to address the issue of managing shopping trolleys being removed from the major retail centres including:
 - i. The installation of a mechanism to wheel lock trolleys in areas abutting the entrances of key retail premises in Hurstville and Kogarah.
 - ii. The cost of a 3 month trial based on the Impounding Act 1993 that allows Council to collect abandoned trolleys and charges the supermarket identified on the trolley, for the areas within and surrounding the Hurstville and Kogarah Business District. This costing should include the actual cost of collecting and storing the abandoned trolleys based on the approximate forecast number of trolleys that may be collected.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV032-19 Unregistered Motor Vehicles

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

Recommendation: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council write to the Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon Andrew Constance MP seeking amendments to the *Road Transport Act 2013* to enable Council Authorised Officers to issue fines for all types of unregistered vehicles parked on public roads.
- (b) That Council write to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to seek its support (and the support of member councils) to amend the Road Transport Act 2013 to enable Council Authorised Officers to issue fines for all types of unregistered vehicles parked on public roads.
- (c) That Council in relation to dealing with unregistered vehicles, contact NSW Police in the first instance and if the Police are unable to deal with the matter within 1 week, staff proceed to implement procedures relating to unregistered vehicles.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 7.58pm

Chairperson