

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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INNER WEST COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019

6.30pm

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

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The following report appear as late item with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the report was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C0719(2) Item 9
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: ROZELLE RAIL YARDS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to request that he:

- a) **Requires the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to begin the work of the Design Review Panel required under the WestConnex Stage 3 Environmental Impact Statement approval to prepare an Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) for the Rozelle Rail Yards detailing the new recreation area to serve the local community;**
- b) **Confirms that Inner West Council will be a member of the Panel;**
- c) **Confirms that the NSW Government will fund the development and delivery of the masterplan for the proposed parklands and associated facilities; and**
- d) **Convenes a meeting with relevant stakeholders including peak sporting associations, local schools and Westconnex to discuss the development of the masterplan.**

Background

At the completion of WestConnex the State Government has indicated that it will hand back a green 'corridor' in the form of the Rozelle Parklands.

The Rozelle Interchange design approved in the WestConnex Stage 3 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes the Rozelle Rail Yards (RRY) recreation area on the former rail yards site. This would be a park with an area of around 10ha that would include sporting fields, walk/cycle paths and landscaped areas. A condition of approval requires detailed design of the RRY recreation area to be part of an Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) for WestConnex Stage 3.

Notwithstanding Council's objections to Westconnex, this parkland represents a great opportunity to create a facility for the whole Inner West region. With preparations for construction at the interchange site proceeding it is urgent that Council initiates cooperation with the Government on planning for the proposed parklands.

A sporting and recreational precinct including multipurpose facilities, parking, transport connections and lighting could be of benefit people from across our region and cater for a variety of sporting codes including soccer, league, rugby union, AFL, hockey, netball, baseball and cricket.

Significantly, Council is not the land owner and is currently committed financially to developing master plans for a number of key open space areas including Leichhardt Park, the Tempe Reserve Lands and Henson Park. Previous attempts by Council to "masterplan" State Government owned land, including Callan Park and the Greenway, have been faced with continual challenges and have been expensive planning and engagement exercises.

The UDLP is to be prepared by a design review panel that is chaired by the Government Architect and membership approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, and

Industry and Environment (DPIE). Members are not mandated, but councils are to be consulted in the preparation of the UDLP. The panel has not been formed at this stage, however it is critical that Inner West Council is a member of the Panel.

The NSW Government has not indicated who would be responsible for delivery of the final RRY recreation area and its future management.

As the approval places the Government Architect and the DPIE Secretary in key roles in determining arrangements for the masterplanning of the site, Council will need to advocate to them to ensure involvement in securing the best possible outcome.

Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and John Sidoti, Minister for Sport, are both potential allies who can work in partnership with Council to achieve a great outcome at the Rail Yards. Now is the time for the Government to convene a meeting with interested stakeholders to ensure to the best outcome for Inner West residents is delivered.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.