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COUNCIL MEETING

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Item No:C0819(2) Item 15Subject:MAYORAL MINUTE: INNER WEST WAR ON WASTEFrom:The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Commend staff for their work in bringing together such a high-quality forum;
- 2. Write to the Minister for Environment the Hon Matt Kean and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon Rob Stokes to let them know of the success of the Inner West War on Food Waste forum, and to thank the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Planning and Environment for their involvement;
- 3. Collaborate with Randwick Council to coordinate a further meeting, to be hosted at Randwick, with the objective of beginning discussions with interested Councils regarding a group approach to planning and locating a food waste recovery plant and transfer stations for the use of metropolitan Councils; and
- 4. Write to the Clean Energy Finance Corporation to thank them for their presentation at the War on Food Waste forum and ask for their guidance in ongoing collaboration between metropolitan Sydney councils and the development of a proposal for a food waste processing plant.

Background

On Monday 26 August Inner West Council brought together a coalition of Sydney food recyclers for the Inner West War on Food Waste forum.

Held at the Pavilion at the new Marrickville Library, the forum was at absolute capacity, attracting 90 attendees from across all levels of government and the recycling industry.

President of LGNSW, Cr Linda Scott, facilitated the forum, and speakers included:

- Craig Reucassel: War on Waste
- Amanda Kane: A/Director Waste Programs, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- Sheelagh Laguna: Senior Planning Officer, Industry Assessments, Department of Planning & Environment
- Chris Derksema: Manager Sustainability, City of Sydney
- Mac Irvine: Associate Director, Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- Gayle Sloan: CEO, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia

Large scale food and organics recovery services, while feasible, have yet to be realised across metropolitan Sydney.

Councils provide daily waste management services to millions of residents across Sydney. In 2014/15 it is estimated that the Sydney Metro Area sent 331,150 tons of food organics to landfill, costing more than \$40m in waste levies alone.

Residents are calling on their local governments to act, Sydney councils want to do it, and industry is ready to be involved. All the ingredients for food recycling to succeed are on the table.

The forum has generated significant momentum amongst Metropolitan councils, and we need to ensure that that builds into a real food waste recovery solution for Sydney.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.