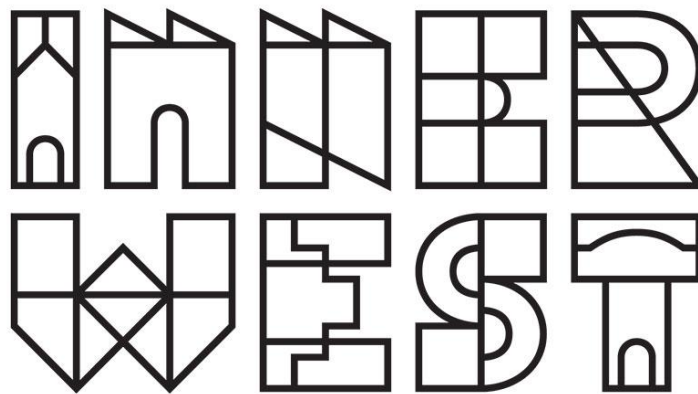


# AGENDA

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## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**6.30pm**

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**Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on  
Council's website on 7 September 2021**

The meeting was deferred until 7.20pm due to technical difficulties

**Meeting commenced at 7.21pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Victor Macri	Deputy Mayor
Rochelle Porteous	Elected as Mayor during the Mayoral Election held in this meeting
Pauline Lockie	Elected as Deputy Mayor during the Mayoral Election held in this meeting
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Sam Iskandar	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Graeme Palmer	Acting Director Planning
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director Community
Peter Livanos	Acting Director Corporate
Katherine Paixao	Acting Manager Governance
Carmelina Giannini	Acting Governance Coordinator

Nathan Moran CEO of Metro Local Aboriginal Lands Council gave a Welcome to Country.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:** Nil

**C0921(1) Item 1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

**Motion: (Hesse/McKenna OAM)**

THAT in the view of openness and transparency the election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor be conducted by a show of hands.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

### **Position of Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Mayor for Councillor Porteous, Councillor Macri and Councillor Byrne.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Porteous being the first nomination received, for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Porteous received a total of 6 votes from Councillors Porteous, Kiat, Steer, Da Cruz, Hesse and Lockie.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Macri being the second nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Macri received a total of 4 votes from Councillors Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Byrne being the third nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Byrne received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Byrne, McKenna OAM, Drury, York and Iskandar.

As Councillor Macri received the lowest amount of votes, Councillor Macri is excluded.

A second round of voting was undertaken.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Porteous being the first nomination received, for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Porteous received a total of 7 votes from Councillors Da Cruz, Porteous, Hesse, Kiat, Steer, Stamolis and Lockie.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Byrne being the third nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Byrne received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Drury, Byrne, McKenna OAM, York and Iskandar

Councillors Macri, Passas and Raciti abstained from voting.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Porteous is elected as Mayor until the end of the current term of Council.**

The Mayor, Councillor Porteous assumed the Chair.

### **Position of Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Lockie and Councillor McKenna OAM.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Lockie being the first nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Lockie received a total of 7 votes from Councillors Lockie, Da Cruz, Porteous, Hesse, Kiat, Steer and Stamolis.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor McKenna OAM being the second nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor McKenna OAM received a total of 5 votes from Councillors McKenna OAM, Drury, Byrne, York and Iskandar.

Councillors Macri, Passas and Raciti abstained from voting.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Lockie to be elected Deputy Mayor until the end of the current term of Council.**

The Mayor Councillor Porteous and Deputy Mayor Councillor Lockie gave a speech.

**C0921(1) Item 2      Response to Notice of Motion - Interactions and Computer Literacy**

**Motion: (Passas/Steer)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council receive and note the report;**
- 2. Where residents do not have access to the Internet, Council will use paper mail addressed specifically to the individual which will be used to provide a record and meet confidentiality and privacy obligations; and**
- 3. Council confirms its ongoing commitment to inclusive communications with the community during the current Pandemic and lockdowns.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0921(1) Item 3      Investment Strategy & Portfolio Review 2020/21**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Passas)**

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0921(1) Item 4      Investment Report as at 31 July 2021.**

**Motion: (Steer/Hesse)**

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(1) Item 5      Notice of Motion: Goods Line Rail noise**

**Motion: (Macri/Passas)**

**THAT Council:**

1. **Write to Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) requesting they investigate the noise concerns of the Meeks Road residents. In the event the residents' concerns are proven, the ARTC implement treatments to reduce the impact to the residents; and**
2. **Write to the relevant Federal members seeking assistance for the residents, informing them of the impact of the freight line noise issues in the early hours of the morning along the rail corridor through Marrickville South particularly Meeks Road residents.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(1) Item 6      Notice of Motion: New Park in Croydon**

**Motion: (Passas/Raciti)**

**THAT Council recognise and give thanks to the late Ms Bell for willing her home to Council, Liam Noble of Stuart Noble and associates for architectural work on the project and to Rene Holmes for providing details of Ms Bell's history and to Council implementing her wishes.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(1) Item 7      Notice of Motion: Report of Delays with Dawn Fraser Pool**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Passas)**

**THAT:**

1. **The Ernst & Young report on Dawn Fraser Pool come back to Council when available; and**
2. **Council expresses its thanks to Council officers for the completion of the project and the opening of the pool.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York  
**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor York retired from the Meeting at 9:00 pm.

**C0921(1) Item 8      Notice of Motion: Notification Signs Regarding COVID Restriction around the LGA**

**Motion: (Passas/Da Cruz)**

**THAT Council supply and erect A3 posters with information on how to be safe with the current pandemic around the Inner West Local Government area in multiple languages. These posters should be provided to Local shop keepers, businesses, placed in parks, at bus stops and other public areas.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer  
**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, Kiat and McKenna OAM  
**Absent:** Cr York

Councillor Byrne retired from the Meeting at 9:30 pm.

**C0921(1) Item 9      Notice of Motion: WestConnex St Peters Interchange Park  
Motion: (Lockie/Hesse)**

**THAT Council writes to the Premier and relevant Ministers to request that the NSW Government:**

- 1. Conducts an immediate investigation into potential contamination at the site of the WestConnex St Peters Interchange;**
- 2. Retains responsibility for the remediation, ownership and management of the parkland within the Inner West Council local government area, due to the ongoing challenges and financial costs Council would face if it were to take this on; and**
- 3. Works with Council to identify an alternative site to provide genuine open space and parkland as compensation for the impact WestConnex has had and continues to have on the surrounding area.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer  
**Against Motion:** Nil  
**Absent:** Crs Byrne and York

Councillor Kiat left the Meeting at 9:50 pm.

**C0921(1) Item 10 Notice of Motion: Right To Know**

**Motion: (Passas/Stamolis)**

**THAT:**

1. All petitions and submissions be accompanied with report to Council with details redacted; and
2. Unredacted petitions and submissions be made available to councillors.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:** Crs Drury, Iskandar and McKenna OAM

**Absent:** Crs Byrne, Kiat and York

**ADJOURNMENT**

9.57pm - The Mayor, Clr Porteous adjourned the meeting for a short recess.

10.06pm - The Mayor, Clr Porteous resumed the meeting.

Councillor Kiat returned to the Meeting at 10:06 pm.

**C0921(1) Item 11 Notice of Motion: Public Toilets Cleaning**

**Motion: (Passas/Da Cruz)**

**THAT:**

1. Council conducts an urgent audit of the cleaning and maintenance of all out public toilet facilities;
2. All our public toilets be added to the public toilets map
3. Signage be provided in all public toilet facilities to report cleaning and maintenance issues

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:** Crs Drury and Lockie

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and York

**Procedural motion - Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Motion: (Drury/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT Council suspend standing orders to deal with item 18 Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers and go into confidential session at this time.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Drury, Iskandar, Lockie and McKenna OAM

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and York

**C0921(1) Item 12 Notice of Motion: Barbeques**

**Motion: (Passas/Raciti)**

**THAT Council installs an extra barbeque with seating facilities and Canopy to be installed at the Orpington Street section of Ashfield Park.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Macri, Passas and Raciti

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and York

**Procedural Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Motion: (Porteous/Lockie)**

**THAT Council suspend standing orders to deal with item 18 Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers and go into confidential session at this time.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz and Steer

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and York

Councillor Steer retired from the Meeting at 10:36 pm.

**Confidential Session**

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

**C0921(1) Item 18 Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers** contains commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret.

**Procedural motion - Extension of Time**

**Motion: (Hesse/Lockie)**

**THAT the meeting be extended until 11.05pm.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Byrne, Steer and York

**Motion: (Porteous/Passas)**

THAT Council move back into the Open Session of the Council Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Byrne, Steer and York

**REPORTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**C0921(1) Item 18 Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers**

**Motion: (Hesse/Porteous)**

THAT Council:

1. Receives and notes the recommendations from SSROC for the appointment of the Panel of Code of Conduct Auditors commencing September 2021; and
2. Establish a new panel of preferred suppliers of Code of Conduct reviewers for a period of two years:
  - a) Centium Group Pty Ltd
  - b) CT Management Group Pty Ltd
  - c) Nemesis Consultancy Group t/a National Workplace Investigations
  - d) O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd
  - e) On Track Investigations Pty Ltd
  - f) Procure Group Pty Ltd
  - g) Train Reaction Pty Ltd
  - h) Pack Investigations Pty Ltd as The Trustee for Weir Trading Trust t/a Weir Consulting (National).

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs Drury, Iskandar and McKenna OAM

**Absent:** Crs Byrne, Steer and York

**Amendment (Stamolis/Porteous)**

THAT Council amend point 2 of the primary motion from four years to two years.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Kiat, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie and McKenna OAM

**Absent:** Crs Byrne, Steer and York

As the amendment was carried, it was incorporated into the primary motion.

**Procedural motion - Extension of Time**

**Motion: (Porteous/Passas)**

THAT the meeting be extended until 11.10pm.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna  
OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Byrne, Steer and York

**Procedural motion (Porteous/Lockie)**

**THAT items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 6.30pm.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna  
OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Byrne, Steer and York

Meeting closed at 11.08pm

Unconfirmed minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 7 September 2021.

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 14 September 2021**

**Meeting commenced at 6.32pm**

**Present:**

Rochelle Porteous	Mayor
Pauline Lockie	Deputy Mayor
Darcy Byrne	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Sam Iskandar	Councillor(6:46pm)
Tom Kiat	Councillor (6:33pm)
Victor Macri	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Graeme Palmer	Acting Director Planning
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director Community
Peter Livanos	Acting Director Corporate
Katherine Paixao	Acting Manager Governance
Carmelina Giannini	Acting Governance Coordinator

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

Councillor Kiat entered the Meeting at 6:33 pm.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Councillor Lockie declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Notice of Motion: Outdoor dining and Live performance and Item 24 Mayoral Minute: Move Citizenship Ceremonies online to address backlog as both items mention City of Sydney and she works there.

**Motion: (Hesse/Steer)**

THAT Council note the disclosure of interest.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Motion: (Hesse/Steer)**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 August 2021, Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 5.30pm Tuesday, 24 August 2021, Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 6.00pm Tuesday, 24 August 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

Councillor Iskandar entered the Meeting at 6:46 pm.

### **C0921(2) Item 1      Condolence Motion: Vale Barbara Halnan**

### **Motion: (Da Cruz/Passas)**

**THAT Council writes to Barbara's family, friends and colleagues at Articulate offering our condolences on her passing.**

### **Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

### **C0921(2) Item 20      Mayoral Minute: Thank you to “Papa Joe” a local hero**

### **Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT:**

- 1. The Mayor and Councillors of Inner West Council write to Jo Panetta thanking him for his 57 years of service to the Balmain community and asking him to accept the title of “Local Balmain Hero”;**
- 2. A plaque acknowledging Joe’s many years of service and his title of “Local Balmain Hero” be manufactured and presented to Jo; and**
- 3. A story about Joe be included in the next Council newsletter.**

### **Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0921(2) Item 21      Mayoral Minute: Welcoming refugees from Afghanistan**

**Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes Inner West Council and the three former councils of Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville have a long history of welcoming and providing refuge and safe haven for people from other countries who are fleeing violence and political persecution;
2. Notes Council is deeply concerned about the Afghanistan refugee crisis and notes that tens of thousands of Afghani people are now seeking refuge from oppression by the Taliban;
3. Recognises the rich social, cultural and economic contributions of humanitarian migrants from Afghanistan;
4. Recognises the historical contribution of Afghan migrants to Australia;
5. Acknowledges the particular persecution, marginalisation and disadvantage now facing Afghans who worked with Australian forces over the past twenty years;
6. Commits to working with the Afghan diaspora in the Inner West to provide appropriate social and community support;
7. Calls on the Australian Government to urgently:
  - a) Grant permanent protection visas to Afghan refugees who are on temporary visas already here;
  - b) Enable family reunification by granting financially accessible partner/family type visas;
  - c) Establish a resettlement quota for Afghans most at risk from the current unrest in Afghanistan and assist with their emergency evacuation; and
  - d) Increase the intake of Afghan refugees from 3,000 to 20,000 people on top of our existing humanitarian intake.
8. Use its communication channels, including social media and e-newsletters to promote charities doing work to support Afghan refugees.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamilis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(2) Item 22      Mayoral Minute: Library Click and Collect Services****Motion: (Porteous)****THAT Council:**

1. Notes Council's commitment to library services and the important role it plays on the wellbeing of the Inner West Community;
2. Notes the exemption under Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (No 2) 2021 under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) that libraries can be open to the public to provide a "click and collect" service for the community;
3. Officers work to open the click and collect service, ensuring the safety of the community and staff, as soon as possible;
4. The offering of the "click and collect" service be widely promoted to the community; and
5. Recommence the click and collect service and the library home delivery service by Monday 20 September 2021.

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(2) Item 23      Mayoral Minute: Access to aquatics facilities and community sport****Motion: (Porteous)****THAT Council:**

1. Notes Council's commitment to aquatics services and community sports and the important role it plays in the wellbeing of the Inner West community;
2. Notes the current Public Health Order prevents attendance at aquatics facilities;
3. Writes to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, and Mr Brad Hazzard, NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research requesting that given the pending summer season that guidance on the Public Health Order in relation to public access to aquatic centres be provided;
4. Consult with Inner West sporting associations about what assistance and support they will need to recommence community sport once it is safe to do so; and
5. Receive a report from Council officers on the process and precautions for reopening outdoor pools, Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and Ashfield Aquatic Centre in a COVID-safe way, noting that Ashfield Aquatic Centre is currently being used as COVID testing centre.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0921(2) Item 24      Mayoral Minute: Move Citizenship Ceremonies online to address backlog**

**Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Immediately initiates virtual online Citizenship Ceremonies to address the backlog; and
2. Seeks advice whether citizenship applicants can receive citizenship online or wait to opt to receive it in person or if a second ceremony can be held in person later.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 8:32 pm.

**C0921(2) Item 2      Local Government NSW Board Election and Annual Conference ` 2021**

**Motion: (Hesse/Lockie)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Nominate Councillors Porteous, Steer, Lockie, Hesse, McKenna OAM, Byrne, Drury, York and Da Cruz as the voting delegates for LGNSW Board Election; and
2. Nominate Councillors Porteous, Steer, Lockie, Hesse, McKenna OAM, Byrne, Drury, York and Da Cruz to attend and be the voting delegates for the 2021 Local Government NSW Online Annual Conference (29 November 2021).

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 8:40 pm.

**C0921(2) Item 3      Community Support in the Covid Pandemic**

**Motion (Byrne/Kiat)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Provides financial assistance totalling \$250 000 to the ten local organisations tabled in the report as the most effective way to provide direct assistance to vulnerable people during the crisis;
2. Fund this assistance through the following saving accrued through lockdown:
  - \$90 000 library closures;
  - \$120 000 from the closure of aquatic centres;
  - \$20 000 from reduced cleaning costs at community centres; and
  - The remaining funds to be identified in the next quarterly budget review.
3. Maintain funding for Living arts Edge events, Leichhardt Espresso Chorus, the Yabun festival and New Year's Eve safety measures;
4. Urgently consult with Leichhardt Espresso Chorus about options for a virtual or COVID-safe Carols on Norton event in 2021 with the outcomes to be reported to the next available Ordinary Council meeting;
5. Receive a briefing on the current COVID-19 restrictions and how these impact on the delivery of events, cultural activations and local activations;
6. Note the important contribution of Deadly Connections to the Inner West and continue discussions with Deadly Connections regarding finding suitable permanent accommodation within our Local Government Area; and
7. Receive a full report on all organisations that have requested funding from Council.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Amendment (Macri)**

**THAT Council receive a report on what Council is doing with sporting clubs.**

The Mayor ruled this amendment out of order as it did not relate to the subject matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8.54pm - The Mayor, Cllr Porteous adjourned the meeting for a short recess.

9.01pm— The Mayor, Cllr Porteous resumed the meeting.

Councillor Iskandar left the Meeting at 9:15 pm.

**C0921(2) Item 4      Notice of Motion: The Livable House - Review of Council Planning Instruments for Mobility Access and Disability Needs**

**Motion: (Steer/Hesse)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Review Council's planning instruments including the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan to ascertain what changes are needed to ensure that residents with mobility access or disability needs are able to modify their homes as needed to enable them to remain in their homes. The review should refer to the most current available standards including Australian Standard AS 4299-1995 Adaptable Housing, Australian Standard AS 1428.1 and other relevant standards and government policies aimed at enabling people to modify their homes for their needs;
2. Include their recommendations in the current review of the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan and report to Councillors when the review is completed; and
3. Write to the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and NSW Building Minister Kevin Andrews to request that NSW adopts the new mandatory minimum accessibility standards contained in the National Construction Code 2022 to ensure that NSW residents have the same rights in relation to accessible housing as they have in a majority of Australian States.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**C0921(2) Item 5      Notice of Motion: Summer Hill ATM**

**Motion: (Kiat/Steer)**

**THAT:**

1. The Summer Hill Community have been impacted by the Commonwealth Bank's decision to remove the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) from the shopping village;
2. Council Officers liaise with the Chamber of Commerce and Summer Hill businesses to identify potential businesses that may consider installing an ATM;
3. Council Officers and the Chamber of Commerce approach other financial institutions advising there is an opportunity for an ATM at the Summer Hill Village; and
4. Council write to the Commonwealth bank and express our disappointment in pulling out of Summer Hill and Haberfield.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

Councillor Iskandar returned to the Meeting at 9:35 pm.

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 9:35 pm.

**C0921(2) Item 6      Notice of Motion: Sydney Wildlife Rescue**

**Motion: (Da Cruz/Byrne)**

**THAT Council refer callers to and promote Sydney Wildlife Rescue on website and next newsletter.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:**                      Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**              Nil

**Absent:**                          Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 9:36 pm.

**C0921(2) Item 7      Notice of Motion: Rates Review**

**Motion: (Passas/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council reviews the Rate Harmonisation Policy as a matter of urgency; and**
- 2. A briefing be sought and a report be brought back to Council on the implementation of the rates and Domestic Waste fee harmonisation and also the impact on payments given that many bank branches and Council service Centre have been closed during the lockdown.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:**                      Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:**              Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM and York

**Amendment (Da Cruz/Hesse)**

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**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:**                      Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:**              Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti and York

As the Amendment was carried, it was incorporated into the primary motion.

## **Foreshadowed Motion (Byrne)**

**THAT Council give in principle support the harmonisation of rates over 4 years instead of 8 and that this proposal be tabled for consideration by the newly elected Council in preparation of the 2022/23 Budget.**

This foreshadowed motion lapsed.

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 10:16 pm.

## **C0921(2) Item 8 Notice of Motion: Simpson Park Upgrade**

**Motion: (Macri/Hesse)**

**THAT Council**

- 1. Allocate funding in the 22/23 budget for the upgrade to the lighting at Simpson Park on the grounds that the current lighting is failing, as it is at the end of its useful life. Noting it is an important community safety issue; and**
- 2. Investigate the condition of the public toilet in the park with a view to upgrade the facility in the future but seeing what measures can be taken now to improve its current state until an upgrade can be done. A report to come back to Council with options on the best way forward.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 10:19 pm.

## **C0921(2) Item 9 Notice of Motion: Outdoor dining and Live performance**

**Motion: (Byrne/Da Cruz)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council urgently prepare a COVID-recovery outdoor dining and live performance policy to allow and encourage safe use of public spaces by local restaurants, cafes, bars and licensed premises, when health orders allow, with the objective of facilitating the safe reopening of local hospitality businesses;**
- 2. The draft policy include consideration of the following temporary uses of public spaces in the opening-up phase following lockdown, noting that existing disability access to footpaths must be maintained:**
  - a) Use of parking spaces in front of premises for outdoor dining and live performance;**
  - b) Temporary closure of main streets and / or adjoining side streets by Council to create space for safe outdoor dining and live performance with the required barriers and application process to be undertaken by Council. The cost effectiveness of purchasing rather than hiring barriers as well as extended rather than temporary closures should be assessed;**
  - c) Expediting new or temporary applications by businesses for footpath dining;**

- d) Council undertaking the approval process for outdoor dining and live performance in newly identified areas so that individual applications from businesses aren't required;
  - e) Use of Council car parks for outdoor dining and live performance;
  - f) Use of Councils parks nearby to main streets for outdoor dining and live performance; and
  - g) Provisions already enacted by the City of Sydney in response to the 2020 lockdown for outdoor dining and live performance that can be implemented in the Inner West.
3. The draft policy include options for how funding from festivals and events that have not proceeded due to the lockdown can be redirected to a small grants program to allow hospitality businesses to hire local musicians and performers to provide entertainment at outdoor dining locations; and
4. The draft policy is to include localised options for all Inner West main streets in recognition that a variety of approaches may be needed in different suburbs and the whole of the Inner West hospitality and live performance sectors will need new outdoor options to operate.

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**Procedural Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders****Motion: (Porteous/Hesse)**

**THAT Council bring forward Item 14 to be dealt with at this time.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(2) Item 14      Local Traffic Committee Meeting - August 2021****Motion: (Macri/Hesse)**

**THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 August 2021 be received and the recommendations be adopted.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**C0921(2) Item 10 Notice of Motion: COVID Financial assistance for renters**

Clr Byrne withdrew this motion.

**Procedural Motion - Extension of time**

**Motion: (Porteous/Da Cruz)**

**THAT Council extend the meeting by 15 minutes.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Cr Drury

**C0921(2) Item 11 Notice of Motion: Opposing Rate increases to pay for de-amalgamation**

**Motion: (Byrne/Drury)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes the Morrison Low cost-benefit assessment of a potential de-amalgamation of the Inner West Council into its former councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville; and
2. Opposes any rate increase to pay for the de-amalgamation of Inner West Council and again requests a written guarantee from the Local Government Minister that the NSW Government will fund the full costs of de-amalgamation including the specific quantum of the funding commitment.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti and York

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

**Foreshadowed Motion (Hesse/Stamolis)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes the correspondence received from the Office of Local Government on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, that on receipt of a request by Inner West Council to de-amalgamate funding would be “made under section 218CC” of the NSW Local Government Act; and
2. In particular notes Clause (6) “The Minister is, by making grants under section 620 or using money otherwise appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, to ensure that the cost of any de-amalgamation of the new area resulting from a business case submitted under this section is fully funded.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti and York

Councillor McKenna OAM retired from the Meeting at 11:14 pm.

**Procedural Motion (Porteous/Lockie)**

**THAT items 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2021 at 6.30pm.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Ni

**Absent:** Cr McKenna OAM

**Procedural Motion (Porteous/Hesse)**

**THAT item 12 be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2021 at 6.30pm.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Ni

**Absent:** Cr McKenna OAM

Meeting closed at 11.14pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
<b>Item 1:</b>	Margaret Roberts	Leichhardt
<b>Item 3:</b>	Carly Stanley	Dulwich Hill
	Justin Clarke	Ashfield
	Liz Yeo	Newtown
	Michelle Leonard	Petersham
<b>Item 6:</b>	Sandra Guy	Paddington
<b>Item 7:</b>	Graeme McKaay	Haberfield
	Sharon Laura	Haberfield
<b>Item 9:</b>	Pasan Wijesena	Newtown
	Andrew Fineran	Dulwich Hill
<b>Item 14:</b>	Jack Breen	Tempe
	Patrick William	Tempe
	Sam Taleb	Tempe
	Mark Ludbrooke	Tempe
<b>Item 21:</b>	Tamkin Hakim	Marrickville

Unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 14 September 2021.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 1  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: BALMAIN ROWING CLUB: COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Note the correspondence from Mr Joe Grech, President of the Balmain Rowing Club;**
- 2. Congratulate the Balmain Rowing Club on its 140<sup>th</sup> year;**
- 3. Congratulate the Balmain Rowing Club on being awarded Winner, Sport NSW Community Club of the Year 2021 and Winner, NSW Rowing Para Shield 2021; and**
- 4. Congratulate former club member, James Talbot, on his representation of Australia at the Tokyo Paralympics**

**Background**

Letter from Mr Joe Grech, President, Balmain Rowing Club

*On behalf of the Committee and members of Balmain Rowing Club I am writing to thank Inner West Council for your support, and to ask if you would consider putting a council motion to note our recent achievements made in partnership with council.*

*Balmain Rowing Club has entered our 140th year with some major milestones achieved with the support of Council:*

- Winner, Sport NSW Community Club of The Year 2021
- Awarded \$1,000,000 grant via the latest Greater Cities Sport Facilities Fund (on top of Council's \$100k (seed funding commitment)
- Winners NSW Rowing Para Shield 2021

*And to top it off, we are proud to have a member - James Talbot - selected to represent Australia at the Tokyo Paralympics!*

*Council has saved our neighbours at Dawn Fraser baths, and councillors will be pleased to know they have contributed to saving our heritage rowing club and its history as part of the fabric of the local community. The \$100k seed commitment council gave for access, along with council's support for our grant application, has yielded this stunning result of a \$1,000,000 funding outcome.*

*Rowing sometimes suffers a reputation as hard to access. But at Balmain Rowing Club nothing can be further from the truth - our motto is Rowing for All! Because that is our aim, receiving the award for Community Club of the Year is one of the proudest moments in the modern history of the club and must be shared with all our supporters at council.*

*Some reasons the judges awarded the club the win included:*

- *Growing membership, participation and growth of women and junior girls in the club, even during the pandemic*
- *Providing Australia's most successful Para Rowing program for people with disabilities*
- *Running open access Learn to Row programmes for the general public*
- *Establishing a new indoor rowing fitness programme for seniors and women called Community Crew*
- *Partnering with the local high school (Sydney Secondary College, Balmain) to provide rowing as a sport for students*
- *Providing a large volume of volunteer administration and coaching support for members*

*Support for community activities in the arts and other sports though sharing its facilities with other community groups*

*As you may know, many of these activities have been supported directly and indirectly by Council.*

*Thank you for your consideration*

*Joe Grech*

*President, Balmain Rowing Club*

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 2

**Subject:** AQUATIC CENTRES ENTRY FEE-SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENT CONCESSION

**Prepared By:** Simon Duck - Senior Manager Aquatics

**Authorised By:** Graeme Palmer - Acting Director Planning

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council:**

1. Receive and note the community engagement outcome; and
  2. Consider whether to adopt the proposed 'Social Security Recipient Concession' fee of \$1.20 for all Aquatic Centres, noting the financial implications.
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## BACKGROUND

On 29 June 2021, Council resolved in part to:

*8. Exhibit a change to the fee for the 'Pensioner Concession' (to be renamed 'Social Security Recipient Concession' to apply to social security recipients including JobSeekers, DSP, etc) rate for all aquatic centres to the LPAC rate of \$1.20. That Council officers bring a report back to Council on the implication of the fee change when the public exhibition has concluded;*

It was proposed that all Inner West Council Aquatics Facilities including Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre, Dawn Fraser Baths and Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre offer a new (reduced) casual swimming fee for Social Security recipients. This would see a reduction in the current fee at each of these facilities and a \$1.20 fee be implemented. This fee is already in existence at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.

The purpose of the proposed change is to consider opportunities for those eligible for 'Social Security Recipient Concession' to provide affordable and equitable access and to promote additional attendance and subsequently healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

## Engagement

The community was invited to provide feedback via:

- Your Say Inner West through an online feedback form
- Email through Local Democracy Groups
- Phone (including via the National Relay Service for Translating and Interpreting Service)

The community had access to the Council meeting minutes via a web page on Your Say Inner West and was also notified they could obtain a hard copy of the proposal and provide feedback by contacting a named officer.

The engagement was promoted through:

- Council website
- Council e-newsletter
- Inner West Council social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram
  - Inner West Aquatics Facebook page (run by Council's Aquatics team)
  - Email to relevant Council Local Democracy Groups - Access Advisory Committee and Seniors Working Group

### Key engagement outcomes

Of the 298 participants on the online survey, 279 were in support of the changes to swimming fees for Social Security recipients, 11 were opposed to the change and 8 were not sure or neutral in their response.

Key trends from those in support (279) of the proposal trended to the following areas:

- Believe it's important that Council facilities are accessible for all (106 respondents).
- Highlighted the benefits of access to swimming for health and wellbeing particularly for those experiencing hardship (53 respondents).

Key trends for those against (11) supporting the initiative were spread across a variety of responses however were broadly along lines of financial impacts and that an initiative of this nature may make the centre busier at peak times. Further detailed information is available within the community engagements report.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The table below provides an outline of projected attendances and income for the IWC Aquatics Facilities with the \$1.20 fee. Total income and attendances are projected as a combined total of all facilities.

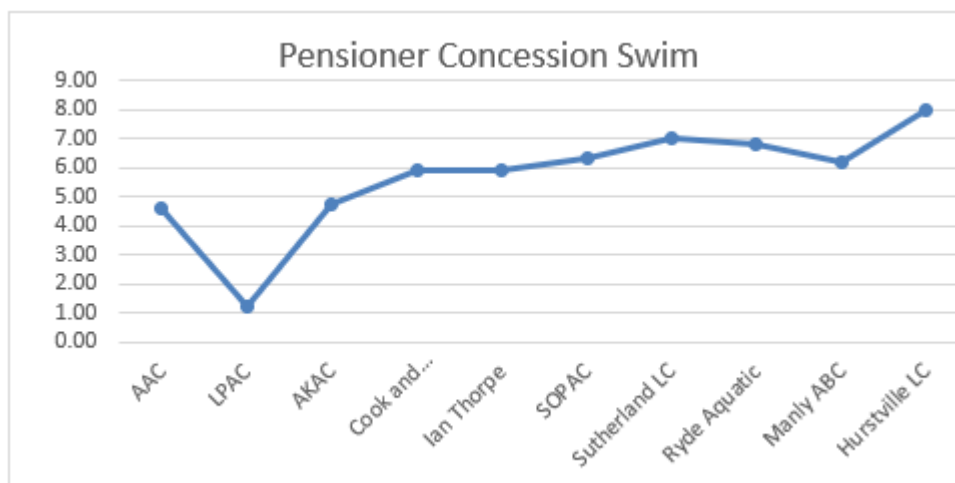
Table 1

	Previous visits	Adjusted visits (assuming 50% increase in attendance)	Previous projected income	Adjusted projected income for 1.20 entry	Income Variance
Total	61096	78982	\$180,032	\$95,299	-\$84,733

The above modelling indicates that:

- A reduction of the fee's for 'Social Security Recipient Concession' to \$1.20 will generate an increase in estimated attendance of 17,076,
- A total estimated reduction in income of \$84,000 per year is demonstrated and unfunded, which will result in additional operating deficit to that amount.
- The breakeven point to generate the previous projected income has been calculated at \$2.40 for this fee category across all Aquatic Centres.

Table 2



- It can be demonstrated that the pensioner concession swim for IWC facilities represents excellent value when benchmarked across various comparable facilities within greater Sydney
- The LOW point being LPAC where there is a \$1.20 pensioner access in existence as a result of the former Leichhardt Council pricing.
- The \$1.20 price point represents an 'anomaly' when viewed across facilities in greater Sydney and indicates that other Councils are not subsidising the concession entry to this level.

Some further information for consideration is that Concession entry prices represent an approximate average of 60% of the regular Aquatics entry prices across the Sydney Aquatics facilities as listed. The \$1.20 entry price represents a price of 13.3% of the standard adult entry price at the LPAC.

## Summary

The proposed 'Social Security Recipient Concession' rate of \$1.20 will increase access to eligible persons across AAC, AKAC and FDAC and provide a subsequent health related benefit. The unbudgeted impact of the proposed fee is estimated to be 84k which will be realised as an additional operating deficit to the Aquatics Centres.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Engagement Outcomes Report - Making swimming more affordable](#)

# INNER WEST



## Engagement outcomes report *Making swimming more affordable*

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## Summary

Community feedback was sought between 5 August and 2 September 2021 regarding a proposal to reduce the cost of entry into most Inner West Council aquatic centres for those receiving social security payments. The change would see a standard casual swimming fee of \$1.20 applied for social security recipients across all Inner West Council Aquatic facilities.

The following community input was received over a four-week period:

- Online by filling in the feedback form – 298
- Emailing the Acting Director, Development & Recreation – 0
- Emailing the Centre Manager, Ashfield Aquatics Centre – 0
- Telephoning the Centre Manager, Ashfield Aquatics Centre including free interpreter or National Relay Services – 0

The project page on YSIW received 874 visits and 298 submissions were received.

Of those who submitted online, 279 were in support of the proposal to apply a standard \$1.20 fee for standard casual swimming across all Inner West Aquatic facilities for Social Security recipients, 11 were against the proposal and 8 were not sure/neutral.

## Background

On 29 June 2021, Council resolved to exhibit a proposed change to the fee for the 'Pensioner Concession' (to be renamed 'Social Security Recipient Concession' to apply to social security recipients including JobSeekers, DSP, etc) rate for all aquatic centres to the LPAC rate of \$1.20.

### **'Social Security Recipient Concession'**

It was proposed that all Inner West Council Aquatics Facilities including Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre, Dawn Fraser Baths and Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre offer a new (reduced) casual swimming fee for Social Security recipients. This would see a reduction in the current fee at each of these facilities and a \$1.20 fee be implemented. This fee is already in existence at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

The purpose of the change is to provide equitable access for those who are eligible for this category and to promote additional attendance and subsequently healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

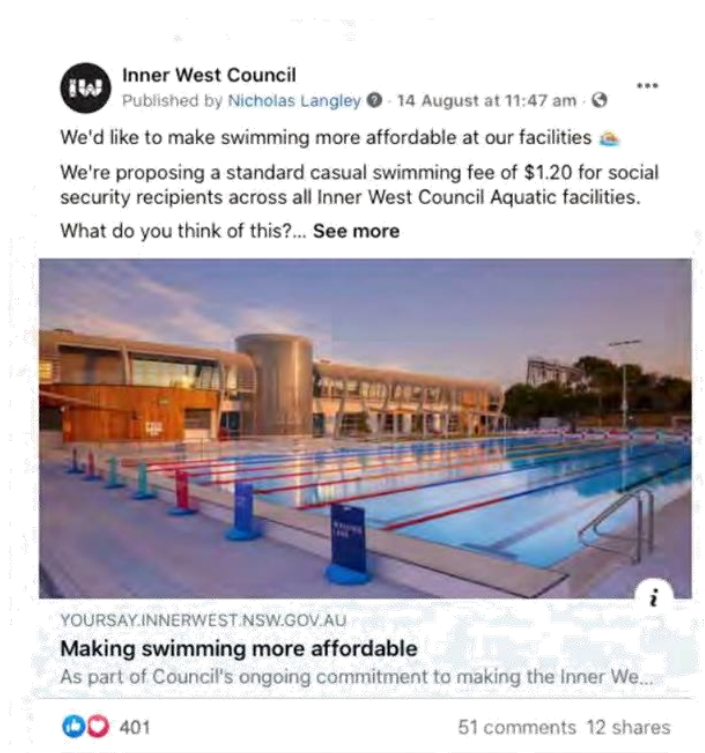
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## Engagement outcomes

Who did we hear from?

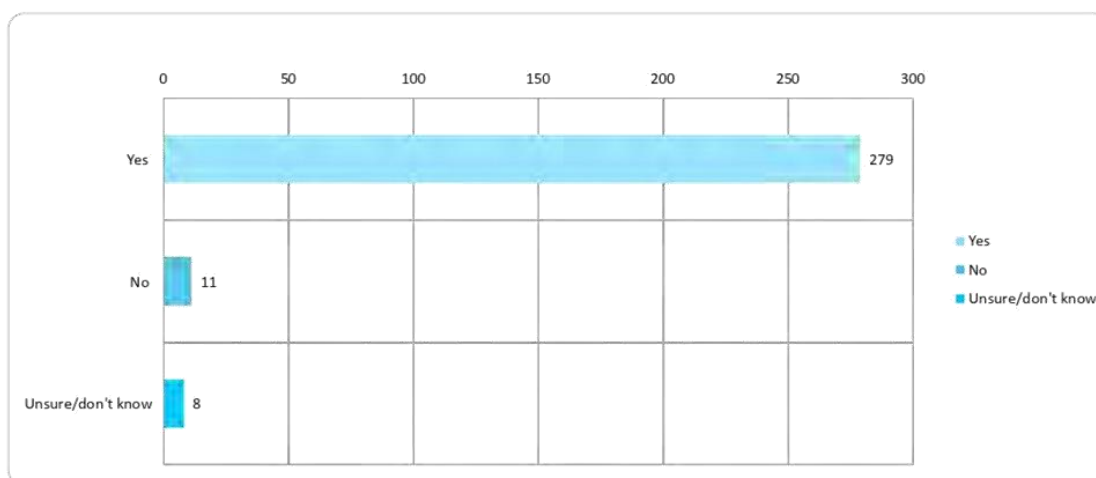
We did not ask demographic questions in this engagement.

What did they say?

- Online via [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

Of the 298 participants on the online survey, 279 were in support of the changes to swimming fees for Social Security recipients, 11 were opposed to the change and 8 were not sure or neutral in their response.

Do you support the changes in swimming fees for Social Security recipients?



## Comments

In total, **278** people out of 298 provided comments in the survey.

### Key themes:

#### Comments from those in support of proposal:

- Believe it's important that Council facilities are accessible for all (106 respondents).
- Highlighted the benefits of access to swimming for health and wellbeing particularly for those experiencing hardship (53 respondents).
- Thought the current fees are too expensive (26 respondents).
- It's important to support those on Social Security benefits (21 respondents).
- Would swim more regularly if this change came into effect (19 respondents).
- Swimming should be free, especially for over 65s (8 respondents).
- Important that swimming fees are harmonized across all Council aquatic centres (8 respondents).
- Covid-related financial hardship has hit those in need the most, believe this change would be welcome relief (3 respondents).

#### Comments from those not in support of/unsure about the proposal:

- Offer the discounted rates for Social Security recipients at off-peak times as the aquatic centres are already too busy (3 respondents).
- Concern it would increase the cost of paid entry (1 respondent).
- Questioned what the \$1.20 fee is based on (1 respondent).
- Support the change for elderly social security recipients but not those on NewStart (1 respondent).
- Should only be offered to those in the Inner West LGA. Could offer a reduced rate for Social Security recipients outside LGA but focus on those living in Inner West (1 respondent).
- Council already in debt, it's a good cause but not affordable for Council. (1 respondent).
- Pensioners already get many benefits, don't need this one (1 respondent).
- Questioned why the discount doesn't apply to rate payers who have experienced large fee increases (1 respondent).

**In addition, comments included the following issues:**

- Would also like to see the cost of swimming for families reduced including the spectator fee for those supervising children (8 respondents).
- Use of the Gym should be reduced to the same price (4 respondents) as well as pool group exercise classes (1 respondent).
- Suggested implementing multi-passes and benefits for regular uses of the aquatic centres (3 respondents).
- Would like to see the discount also apply to self-funded retirees (2 respondents).
- Requested accessibility lanes for walkers at all Council aquatic centres (1 respondent).
- Should have reduced fees for kids with disabilities (1 respondent).
- Discount should also apply to students (1 respondent).
- Suggest discount also applies to dependents of Social Security recipients (1 respondent).
- Would like to see Council lobby NSW Government to open more pools during lockdown (1 respondent).

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 3

**Subject:** INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REFORMS STATUS UPDATE

**Prepared By:** Graeme Palmer - Acting Director Planning

**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council:**

1. **Opposes the proposed Infrastructure Contribution reforms; and**
2. **Increase awareness of the Infrastructure Contribution reforms implications via relevant communication channels.**

## DISCUSSION

The NSW Government introduced the Infrastructure Contributions Bill into Parliament on 22 June, which was then referred to the Upper House Planning & Environment Committee for inquiry and report.

A Bill guide is included in this report at **attachment 1**.

The Committee called for submissions and Council provided their submission on 8 July 2021 refer to **attachment 2**. The submission reiterated the concerns of LGNSW, that the Bill is premature without adequate information being provided on the future contents of the associated Regulations and Ministerial Directions.

Council also indicated its preference that matters relating to Section 7.11 and 7.12 contribution plans be deferred until the broader infrastructure contribution reforms are known.

On 13 July 2021, Councillors were provided with a briefing note relating to these reforms.

A hearing was held on 16 July 2021 where local government representatives, including LGNSW, appeared as witnesses. LGNSW made a submission to the inquiry, opposing the passage of the Bill in this form and called for it to be withdrawn.

The Committee tabled its report on 10 August 2021 and recommended that the Bill not proceed until the draft regulations have been developed and released for consultation and the reviews into the rate pegging system, benchmarking and the essential works list have been published by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

At the ordinary Council meeting on 24 August 2021 Council resolved in part to:

*5. Agree to contribute to the open letter proposed by the City of Sydney and Local Government NSW articulating the local government sector's opposition to the proposal to be funded from Council's communications budget.*

In a demonstration of unity, 23 local Councils, including Inner West have united in opposition with regular meetings and discussions being held.

The SSROC group are also advocating and are scheduled to meet with DPIE on 28 September 2021.

On 16 September 2021, the General Manager received correspondence from DPIE in relation to the reforms. This correspondence sought to clarify the information available to Council. There were 5 key messages that DPIE felt important for Councils to understand. Refer to **attachment 3**.

A formal Policy position of the State Government has not yet been adopted as they continue to consider stakeholders positions and representations. Engagement between stakeholders and State Government is ongoing.

Councillors will be provided with regular updates via briefing notes.

To provide a brief example of future proposed projects that may be affected by a reduction in contribution income, a recent development resulted in total contributions of \$3.1m. From this contribution, funds are divided between community and recreational facilities. As such community facilities projects, such as the Newtown Town Hall upgrade works and recreational facilities such as the Camdenville Park remediation and staged upgrade could potentially be impacted.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Over 10 years Council is expected to have their contributions reduced by \$51.7m.

If Council were to pass on the reduction in contributions to rate payers, this would result in a 3.8% rate increase over 10 years.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 - Bill Guide
2. [↓](#) IWC Submission to Infrastructure Contribution Bill 2021
3. [↓](#) DPIE Correspondence to General Managers

## Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021

### Bill Guide

Recc.	Proposed amendment	Act section	Bill ref.
4.1	<b>Aligning contributions plans with rezoning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A direction-making power will allow the Minister to specify when a contributions plan must accompany a planning proposal. This will align the exhibition of draft contributions plans with the exhibition of planning proposals. It does not affect planning proposal assessment timeframes.</li> </ul>	7.17(1)(e)	[23]
4.2	<b>Introduce a land value contribution mechanism to improve efficiency and certainty for funding land acquisition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new framework will allow councils to require all landowners in an identified precinct in an approved contributions plan to contribute towards land required for public purposes.</li> <li>The contribution will be based on a percentage of land area or value and is imposed when land is rezoned. It will be payable when the land is sold or developed.</li> <li>Landowners will be notified of the land value contribution being imposed within a precinct as part of the public exhibition of draft contributions plans and planning proposals.</li> </ul>	7.16B-F	[22]
4.9	<b>Encourage councils to forward fund infrastructure through borrowing and pooling funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils will be able to pool contributions without the need for a Ministerial Direction or contributions plan to allow it.</li> <li>Regulations extend recoupment to include interest costs associated with forward-funding infrastructure.</li> </ul>	7.3(2) 7.11(2)	[10] [19]
4.10	<b>Defer payment of contributions to occupation certificate stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directions to set the timing of contributions payments will be extended beyond the COVID-19 pandemic period.</li> </ul>	7.17(1A) and (1B)	[24]
4.11	<b>Increase maximum section 7.12 fixed development consent levies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum rates and a broader calculation methodology can be set by regulation.</li> </ul>	7.12(5)(a)	[19]
4.12	<b>Planning agreements consistent with principles-based approach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning authorities will be required to publicly exhibit rather than notify draft agreements, and to invite and consider submissions.</li> <li>The requirement for hard copies of planning agreements will be removed given planning agreement information will be available online.</li> </ul>	Schedule 1, clause 6A 7.5, 7.10	[33] [16-17]

Recc.	Proposed amendment	Act section	Bill ref.
5.1	<b>Adopt regional infrastructure contributions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional infrastructure contributions will replace current special infrastructure contributions.</li> <li>Regional infrastructure contributions will be imposed via State environmental planning policy to bring together requirements currently spread across regulations, determinations and directions.</li> <li>The contributions may be applied to a region or parts of a region, with funds collected in the region to be spent on infrastructure within the region.</li> <li>A new fund will be established for management of regional contributions, administered by the Secretary of the Treasury. Payment out of the Fund requires approval of the Treasurer and consultation with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.</li> <li>Transitional arrangements will preserve existing determinations including the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and other determinations made before 1 July 2022.</li> </ul>	7.22-7.30 7.23(3) 7.25(1)(c) 7.31 Schedule 4	[27]    [34]
5.3	<b>Adopt transport contributions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A transport project component of the regional infrastructure contribution will be able to be levied in areas benefitting from investment in transport infrastructure.</li> <li>The transport component will be imposed in service catchments within the region (and not the entire region).</li> <li>The funds collected must be spent on the identified transport project and kept separately within the regional infrastructure contributions fund.</li> </ul>	7.25(1)(f)(i)  7.31(2)	[27]
5.4	<b>Adopt strategic biodiversity contributions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A strategic biodiversity component of the regional infrastructure contribution will be able to be levied in areas with biodiversity certification under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i>.</li> <li>The strategic biodiversity component will be imposed in biodiversity certified areas within a region (and not the entire region).</li> <li>Funds collected from the strategic biodiversity component will be paid to a new fund administered by the Planning Secretary and must be spent in line with the certification.</li> </ul>	7.24, 7.25(1)(f)(ii)  7.30	[27]
6.1	<b>Use digital tools to make contributions simpler and more transparent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form and content of plans can be set by regulations, building on existing ePlanning provisions.</li> </ul>	7.18(2)	[25]
6.5	<b>Better synchronise State and local strategic planning frameworks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review timeframes for local strategic planning statements will be changed from seven to five years to align with review requirements for State infrastructure strategies and regional plans.</li> </ul>	3.9	[4]

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8 July 2021

Upper House Committee  
Portfolio Committee No. 7 Planning and Environment  
NSW Parliament

Dear Upper House Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Infrastructure Contribution Bill (2021) introduced to State Parliament on 29 June 2021. Council has reviewed the proposed changes and provided commentary in the attachment to this letter for your consideration.

In regards to the proposed legislative changes that relate to section 7.11 and section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, we re-iterate the concerns of LGNSW that the Bill is premature without adequate information being provided on the future contents of the associated Regulations and Ministerial Directions. It is Council's preference that the matters relating to section 7.11 and 7.12 contribution plans be deferred until the broader infrastructure contributions reforms are known. It is our view that the application of the proposed changes should only be imposed on contribution plans that are implemented under the new infrastructure contribution framework. This would avoid the potential for legal appeals to arise as local governments transition their local contributions plan to the NSW Government's future reform's framework.

If you require any further details or have any queries on the matters raised, please feel free to contact Katie Miles, Senior Strategic Planner, via phone (02) 9392 5732 or email at [katie.miles@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:katie.miles@innerwest.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Inner West Council Submission to EP&A Act 1979 (Infrastructure Contribution Bill) 2021				
Recc.	Proposed Amendment	Act Section	Bill Ref.	Council's Comment
4.1	<p>Aligning contributions plans with rezoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A direction-making power will allow the Minister to specify when a contributions plan must accompany a planning proposal. This will align the exhibition of draft contributions plan with the exhibition of planning proposals. It does not affect planning proposal assessment timeframes.</li> </ul>	7.17(1)(e)	[23]	<p>Support in-principle, the alignment of growth and contribution plan updates is considered essential to address infrastructure needs. Concern is raised about the statement that <i>"this will not affect planning proposal assessment times"</i> as contribution plans often require special expertise and studies to be commissioned. This will be especially poignant for planning proposals and contribution amendments proceeding through the transitory period to July 2024 as the future framework proposes to distinguish development-contingent costs and population-related costs. Any proposed Minister Directions enabled by this section should incorporate savings and transitional arrangements for existing section 7.11 and 7.12 Plans until July 2024 (when plans under the new framework are required to be completed by).</p>
4.2	<p>Introduce a land value contribution mechanism to improve efficiency and certainty for funding land acquisition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new framework will allow councils to require all landowners in an identified precinct in an approved contributions plan to contribute towards land required for public purposes.</li> <li>The contribution will be based on a percentage of land area or value and is imposed when land is rezoned. It will be payable when the land is sold or developed.</li> </ul>	7.16B-F	[22]	<p>Support in-principle, subject to adequate detail being provided about the Regulatory framework. It is recommended that LGNSW support the inclusion of <i>land value contribution</i> but request the wording be amended so to allow monetary contributions for land subject to uplift in urban in-fill areas, where value capture studies demonstrate profitability, to enable in-fill metropolitan councils to collect funds for local infrastructure to meet infrastructure demand gaps across their local government areas (LGAs).</p> <p>The primary aim of this objective is to address issues with rising land value costs for land in Greenfield areas. This does not benefit or address the issues relating to brownfield (in-fill) redevelopment areas - given high land costs and</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners will be notified of the land value contribution being imposed when land is rezoned. It will be payable when the land is sold or developed.</li> <li>Landowners will be notified of the land value contribution being imposed within a precinct as part of the public exhibition of draft contribution plans and planning proposals.</li> </ul>			<p>small lot sizes mean that land acquisition for new public services and amenities is largely <i>more</i> cost prohibitive than what is encountered in Greenfield area. There is often a funding shortfall for the establishment of new local infrastructure in urban renewal corridors, and so to address the needs of incoming populations it is a typical approach that existing infrastructure must "work-harder" to suffice demands.</p> <p>Numerous metropolitan councils have attempted to address this infrastructure funding gap via the inclusion of land-value sharing arrangements that offer local environmental plans (LEPs) planning incentives when section 7.4 planning agreements are forthcoming for local infrastructure, such precedents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Square Community Infrastructure Floorspace scheme (City of Sydney)</li> <li>Green Square Town Centre Development Rights Scheme (City of Sydney)</li> <li>Kensington and Kingsford Community Infrastructure LEP clause scheme (Randwick City Council)</li> <li>Burwood Town Centre Community Infrastructure LEP Clause scheme (Burwood City Council); and</li> <li>Penrith Town Centre Community Infrastructure LEP clause scheme (Penrith City Council).</li> </ul> <p>The precedents tend to set a base floor space ratio (FSR) on relevant sites, which can be achieved without proponents providing any value sharing contribution (i.e. towards</p>

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				community infrastructure). Identified sites are able to achieve higher FSRs generally up to a maximum FSR if community infrastructure is provided, with the rate of contribution and appropriate contribution types usually specified in a separate policy. The rationale for this approach is generally to secure community infrastructure, which is required to support high-density development, but which cannot be funded in other ways. It is a value sharing mechanism.  Recent policy reforms pursued by the State Government are discouraging a continuation of these precedents however a fundamental funding gap remains for urban in-fill areas for local infrastructure. There is an opportunity for the ' <i>land value contribution</i> ' pathway to better enable the purposes of these precedents, should it be amended so to allow monetary contribution for local infrastructure <i>as well as</i> the identified of land.
4.9	Encourage council to forward fund infrastructure through borrowing and pooling funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council will be able to pool contributions without the need for a Ministerial Direction or contributions plan to allow it.</li> <li>Regulations extend recoupment to include interest costs associated with forward-funding infrastructure.</li> </ul>	7.3(2) & 7.11(2)	[10] [19]	Support, in-principle.
NA	Other Section 7.11(1) & (2) changes: Proposed change from " <i>a consent authority be satisfied that there will be, or is likely to be, an</i> "	7.11(1)&(2)	Pages 5-6	Strongly opposed to the imposition of an objective test as there will be greater potential for population-related costs or in-direct costs imposed through section 7.11 frameworks to

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	<i>increased demand for public amenities or services as a result of development"</i> to an objective test that considers works council has provided the service or amenities, or whether the development will benefit from the provision of services or amenities.			be appealed. This is especially poignant given the proposed subclause 7.11(2) then states that the cost of providing public amenities and public services be calculated in accordance with the regulations and Minister directions - that are not yet available for comment. This raises the potential for legal appeals for contribution plans that calculate costs not in accordance with the unknown Regulations. It is requested that the existing clause 7.11(1) be retained until the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) can provide further guidance on the Regulations and Ministerial Directions.
NA	Other Section 7.11(1) changes: Previously, section 7.11 condition could only be imposed on the <i>grant</i> of a development consent, but the new wording is that ' <i>a consent authority may impose a local infrastructure condition on a development consent.</i>	7.11(1)	Page 5	Subject to the above comment, relating to the deferment of this matter until DPIE can provide further guidance on the Regulations and Ministerial Directions, Council would support the expansion of s7.11 to being imposed on applications made under section 4.55 of the EP&A Act to modify a development consent.
NA	Other Section 7.11(3) & (4) changes: The new section 7.11 will allow consent authorities to accept ' <i>the provision of a material public benefits in part or full satisfaction of a local infrastructure condition.</i>  Meaning that two things not currently permitted by the wording of the existing section 7.11 will be allowed: (1) the dedication of land in satisfaction of an obligation to pay a monetary contribution, and	7.11(3)&(4)	Page 6	Support in-principle, however this will impact section 7.11 treatments of credits/discounts where planning agreements or works in kind are being pursued. Potentially, it may generate the risk of legal appeals for contributions plans as they transition to the new contributions reform framework. It is suggested that this section be deferred until such time the DPIE can provide more guidance on how credits and discounts are to be treated in the contributions reform.

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	(2) works in satisfaction of an obligation to dedicate land free of cost.			
NA	<p>Changes to Section 7.13</p> <p>There are two changes to note about this proposed section, which governs the circumstances in which local levy conditions and local infrastructure conditions may be imposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firstly, there is an additional requirement that a local infrastructure condition or local levy condition is '<i>imposed in accordance with the regulations and relevant Ministerial directions</i>'.</li> <li>Secondly, the words '<i>this subsection does not authorise the Court to disallow or amend the contributions plan or direction</i>' have been deleted from the current section 7.13(3).</li> </ul>	7.13	Page 7	Request that this section be deferred until such time the DPIE can provide more guidance on the associated Regulations and Ministerial Direction. The proposed change may allow judicial intervention into contributions plans, Ministerial directions, and planning appeals, subject to limitations set by the Regulations. The intent of this change needs to be adequately explained by the NSW Government.
4.10	<p>Defer payment of contributions to occupational certificate stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directions to set the timing of contribution payments will be extended beyond the COVID-19 pandemic period.</li> </ul>	7.17(1A) & (1B)	[19]	Opposed due to ongoing compliance issues in ensuring payments are made and the short-term loss of revenue. Request a continuation of the pre-COVID response that requires payment with issuance of the construction certificate.
4.11	<p>Increase maximum section 7.12 fixed development consent levies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum rates and a broader calculation methodology can be set by regulation.</li> </ul>	7.12(5)(a)	[19]	Endorsed, however it remains to be seen what limitations are imposed by the Regulations. It would be preferable if this matter was deferred until the Regulations are drafted.

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4.12	<p>Planning agreements consistent with principles-based approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning authorities will be required to public exhibit rather notify draft agreements, and to invite and consider submissions.</li> <li>The requirement for hard copies of planning agreements will be removed given planning agreement information will be available online.</li> </ul>	Schedule 1, clause 6A 7.5, 7.10	[33] [16-17]	Endorsed.
5.1- 5.4	Adopt Regional Infrastructure Contributions, Adopt Transport Contributions & Adopt Strategic Biodiversity Contributions.	7.22-7.31(2)	[27] [34]	<p>Supported in-principle, provided adequate transparency and forward planning with LGAs should occur so that it is known what infrastructure works are being funded by State Infrastructure Contributions. We strongly advocate that the money collected from a LGA should be approximate to the level of expenditure outlaid in that area, and this be stated in the associated Regulations.</p> <p>The LGNSW's attention is brought to a continuing trend of the DPIE continuing to apply pseudo SIC-type clauses in LEPs that require developers to enter planning agreements with the State Government before development consent is given for public infrastructure. This is a mechanism not addressed by this Bill, or discussed in the NSW Productivity Commissioners Final Report, but is a mechanism by which the State collect contributions for public infrastructure, outside the provisions of Part 7 of the EP&amp;A Act.</p>

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				<p>This pseudo-SIC LEP clause approach is contrary to DPIE's own advice, that planning agreements should not be mandated for development consent to be issued. Likewise, DPIE has repeatedly discourages councils' from adopting similar approach, as discussed in the commentary to 4.2. Examples of the pseudo SIC-type clauses DPIE have inserted in recent LEP amendments, typically along urban in-fill renewal areas, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 6.18 of Marrickville LEP 2011 - Arrangements for designated State public infrastructure in relation to development on certain land at Victoria Road, Marrickville - <i>"development consent must not be granted...unless the Secretary has certified in writing to the consent authority that satisfactory arrangements have been provided for State public infrastructure"</i>.</li> <li>• Clause 6.23 of Leichhardt LEP 2012 - Development of land at 1-5 Chester Street, Annandale - concurrence needed by the Planning Secretary.</li> <li>• Clause 8.1 and 8.1A of Parramatta LEP 2011 - Arrangements for designated State public infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>It is requested that the Parliaments' attention be drawn to this matter as an inconsistency to be addressed by DPIE as part of this policy reform.</p>

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NA	Expanded scope for Regulations Section 7.16A proposed by the Bill expands the scope of what the regulations can provide for, such as when and how monetary contributions must be paid. Normally, this would be provided for in a contributions plan.	7.16A	Page 8	Strongly opposed to this change being progressed without adequate information regarding the content of the Regulations. This may significantly impact local government funding able to be obtained by section 7.11 and 7.12 respectively.
6.1	Use digital tools to make contributions simpler and more transparent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form and content of plans can be set by regulations, building on existing ePlanning provisions.</li> </ul>	7.18(2)	[25]	Support in-principle, so long as adequate time and assistance (funding and resources) is provided to local councils for adoption and implementation.
6.5	Better synchronise State and local strategic planning frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review timeframes for local strategic planning statements will be changes from seven to five years to align with review requirements for State Infrastructure strategies and regional plans.</li> </ul>	3.9	[4]	Support in-principle, so long as adequate time and assistance (funding and resources) is provided to local councils.
NA	<u>Proposed Section 7.46(2)</u> If passed, this sub-section would allow consent authorities and councils in the area of a development to recover unpaid contributions required under local infrastructure conditions as debts in a court of competent jurisdiction.	7.46[2]		Endorsed.



**Subject:** FW: 5 things I want you to know

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 16 September 2021 at 6:05:33 pm AEST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 5 things I want you to know

Dear General Managers

There has been some information circulating recently on the proposed infrastructure contributions reform and it is important, as our partner in these reforms, that you have correct information available to you.

**I wanted to reiterate 5 key things about the reforms that it is important you know.**

The work we are doing is critical to designing a better system – one that is built on the principles of fairness, transparency, consistency, and certainty.

At every step of the way, decisions have been and will continue to be informed by the views and experience of local government, industry and the impact on the communities who use and benefit from the infrastructure.

We will continue to have an open and honest conversation with the sector about the reform process.

I am always available for a discussion about your views or questions, as is the whole department team.

1. **We will ensure Regional Infrastructure Contributions (RIC) support new growth, and local investment in high growth areas.**

RICs will not replace or take any money away from local infrastructure contributions revenue.

A RIC will be in place in Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Outside these areas nothing will change.

They replace the current special infrastructure contributions which have been applied inconsistently and resulted in uncertainty for the community, industry and councils.

The RIC will be of significant benefit to planning for areas and communities experiencing growth that need State and local infrastructure.

There will be clearer rules for the RIC in a new State Environmental Planning Policy. This will be backed up by governance arrangements for the spending of the regional fund aligned to strategic plans.

2. **We will ensure Councils have a sustainable revenue stream to fund infrastructure**

Our commitment is that local government will not be worse off as a result of the reforms.

The reforms reset how some processes within the infrastructure contributions system are designed and implemented. The Department's focus is on ensuring local government has a sustainable revenue stream to pay for local infrastructure.

As each Council has its own unique local community, needs and financial structure we are focused on ensuring the reform accounts for these unique aspects, while staying simple and fair as a package.

The local government sector's involvement is critical in assisting the Department to design the best possible system and participate in the policy development process as partners.

### 3. We will ensure the settings contained within the reforms strike the right balance

We are testing the assumptions of the Productivity Commission's recommendations, getting further research and modelling done, and looking at the package as a whole and how it plays out in the real world.

This will ensure the settings are viable and sustainable for local government.

The Department is also analysing the research conducted by local government and shared with us as a part of this process.

This work is ongoing, and we are working with Councils and LGNSW to respond to challenges and adjust as we go.

### 4. We will work to overcome the structural challenges of rates and infrastructure contributions

Infrastructure contributions provide Councils with income for infrastructure, and rates income for local services. The two are linked when we speak about the financial structure and viability of councils.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is reviewing the current system for setting council rates revenue to include population growth. This process acknowledges the reality that the revenue councils currently receive in rates is usually not enough to cover the increased costs associated with population growth – and this change will create a fairer approach.

This report and recommendations will complement the infrastructure contributions reforms and ensure there is a holistic picture of how local infrastructure and services can be funded.

### 5. We will continue to partner with you to ensure these reforms are delivered

Councils are important partners in the reform of the system, our focus is on working with you. In addition to formal forums and meetings we have with councils, the Department is also having ongoing informal conversations with leaders from local government.

In these conversations we do not always agree, but they enable the Department to adjust and change the policy due to this feedback and expertise. We are committed to doing this right.

It is only through these interactions and partnership that we can get the outcomes we need from the reforms and the new system.

Look forward to speaking soon and continuing our work together

[Redacted Signature]

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*The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment acknowledges that it stands on Country which always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work.*

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 4  
**Subject:** INVESTMENT REPORT AT 31 AUGUST 2021  
**Prepared By:** Daryl Jackson - Chief Financial Officer  
**Authorised By:** Peter Livanes - Acting Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

## DISCUSSION

Council's investments are held in various investment categories which are listed in the table below. Council's investment portfolio size is \$230.2m. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's annualised return continues to exceed the bank bill index benchmark. Council's portfolio had a return of 0.90%, which is above the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark (0.04%).

Changes in the value of our portfolio was due to maturing investments of \$2m and amortised face value received \$15.6k –

- Investment
  - Members Equity Bank \$2.9k (interest)
  - CBA (Green) \$2m
- Matured in August
  - Australia Bank (Sustainability) \$2m
  - Emerald Reserve Mortgage \$15.6k (amortised face value received)

The investment market had limited non-fossil fuel products available in the month. Those available were offered with low interest rate.

The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for periods ending 31 August 2021.

The Current Market value is required to be accounted for. The Current Market Value is a likely outcome if Council were to consider recalling the investment prior to its due date.

All investments made for the month of August 2021 have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Local Government Regulations and the Inner West Council Investment Policy.

ADI Lending Status *	Current Month (\$)		Previous Month (\$)	
Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs				
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	9,600,000		9,600,000	
Emerald Reverse Mortgage	1,500,971		1,516,521	
Great Southern Bank	2,000,000		2,000,000	
Members Equity Bank	11,082,720		11,079,805	
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	11,700,000		11,700,000	
Suncorp Bank	18,150,000		18,150,000	
Suncorp Bank Covered	5,500,000		5,500,000	
	59,533,691	26%	59,546,326	26%
Socially Responsible Investment				
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	4,000,000		6,000,000	
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000		18,200,000	
CBA (Green)	72,000,000		70,000,000	
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000		7,444,000	
National Housing Finance Investment	4,500,000		4,500,000	
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000		5,000,000	
Westpac Group (Green)	59,500,000		59,500,000	
	170,644,000	74%	170,644,000	74%
	230,177,691		230,190,326	

\* source: <http://www.marketforces.org.au>  
Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

The 2020/21 Financial Year End process is in progress. The split between the External and Internal Restrictions are not available at this time.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [IWC Investment Report - August 2021](#)
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## Investment Summary Report August 2021

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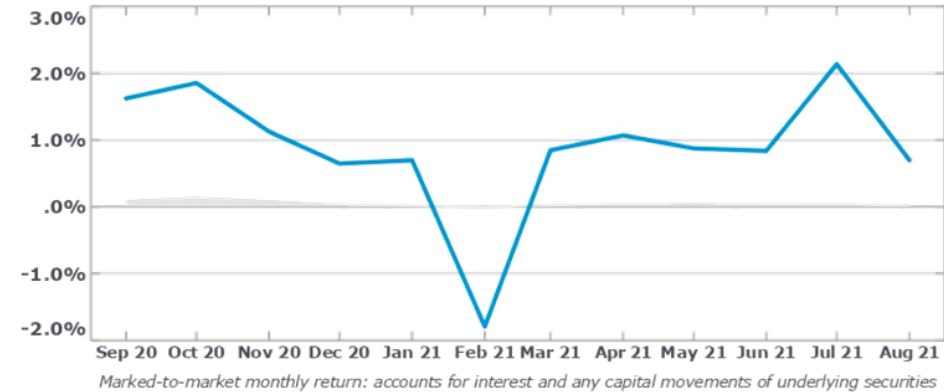


#### Investment Holdings

By Product	Face Value (\$)	Current Value (\$)	Current Yield (%)
Bonds	36,944,000.00	38,776,529.52	3.0233
Cash	8,582,719.98	8,582,719.98	0.4000
Floating Rate Note	49,150,000.00	49,602,640.04	0.8093
Floating Rate Term Deposits	7,000,000.00	7,004,577.60	0.3789
Mortgage Backed Security	1,500,970.86	1,076,011.20	0.6599
Term Deposit	127,000,000.00	127,222,483.01	0.5851
	<b>230,177,690.84</b>	<b>232,264,961.35</b>	<b>1.0116</b>

Face Value = capital value to be repaid upon maturity  
Current Value = current market value + accrued interest  
Current Yield = weighted average interest rate

#### Investment Performance

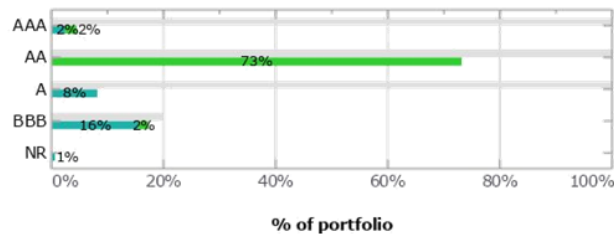


Portfolio Annualised Return

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#### Investment Policy Compliance sorted by Socially Responsible Investments (SRIs) and non-Fossil Fuel (NFF) banks

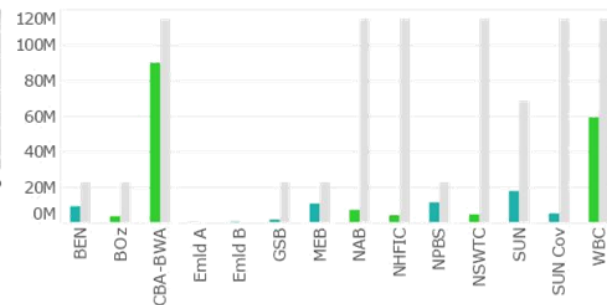
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Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADI Socially Responsible Investments  
Investment Policy Limit

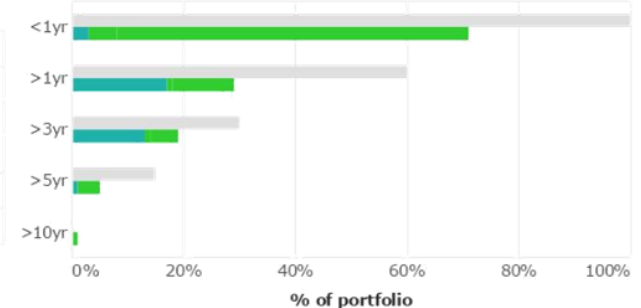
Holdings in each credit rating category vs policy limits

##### Highest Individual Exposures



Holdings per bank / product provider vs policy limits

##### Term to Maturities



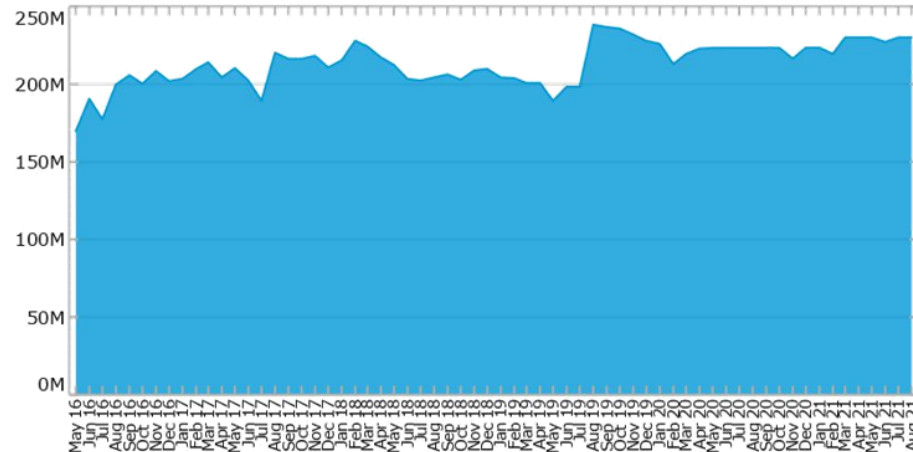
Current maturity profile of all holdings vs policy limits

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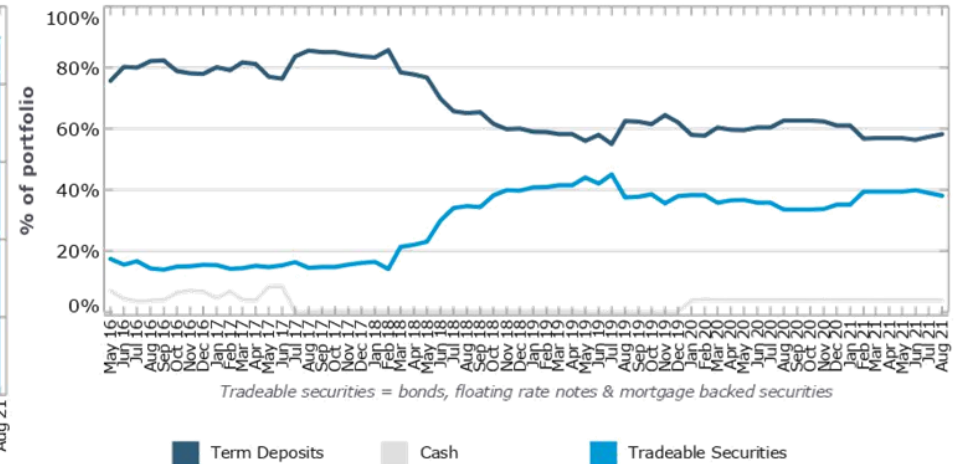
Historical Graphs - August 2021



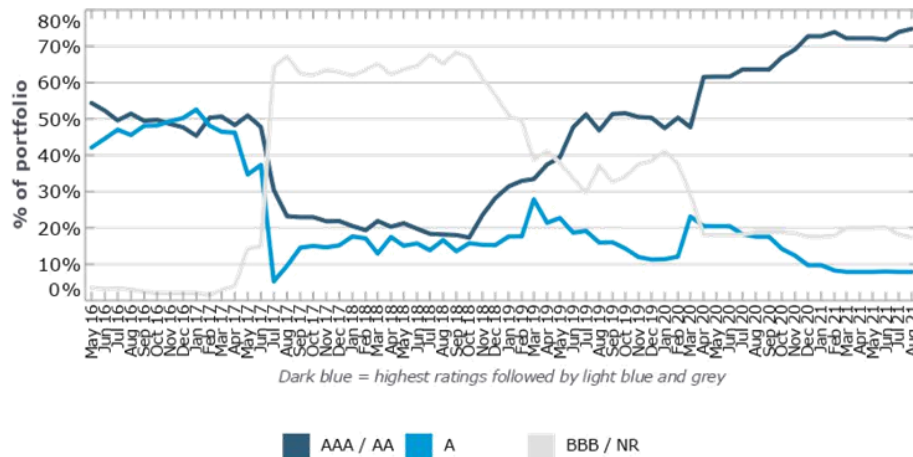
Month end investment balances since amalgamation



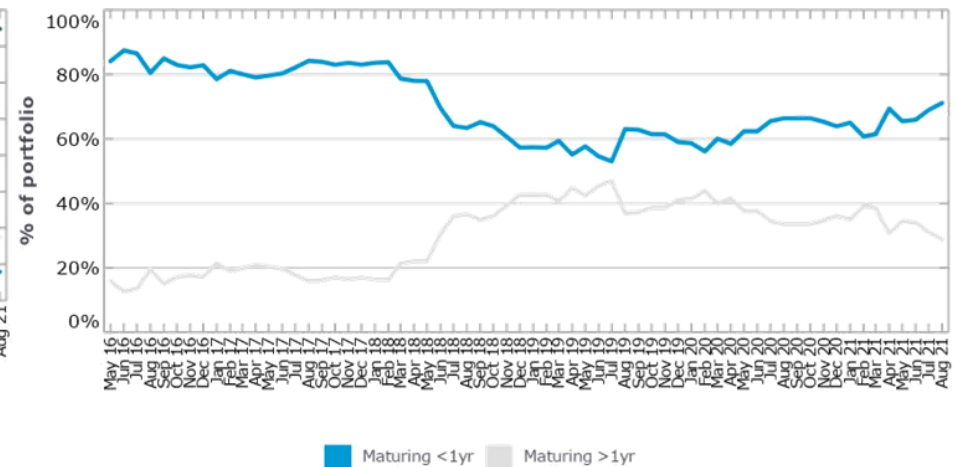
Composition of portfolio by asset type



Composition of portfolio by credit rating categories



Composition of portfolio by short (<1 yr) and long term (> 1 yr) holdings



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Cash Accounts											
Face Value (\$)	Rate (%pa)	Institution	Credit Rating	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Reference					
8,582,719.98	0.4000%	ME Bank	BBB+	8,582,719.98	539404						
<b>8,582,719.98</b>	<b>0.4000%</b>			<b>8,582,719.98</b>							

Term Deposits											
Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Rate (%pa)	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Coupon Frequency	Reference
28-Sep-21	10,000,000.00	0.7000%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	10,064,438.36	540345	64,438.36	At Maturity	Green
27-Oct-21	7,500,000.00	0.5400%	Westpac Group	AA-	7,500,000.00	30-Oct-20	7,503,661.64	540480	3,661.64	Quarterly	Green
29-Nov-21	4,000,000.00	0.4300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	4,008,812.05	540981	8,812.05	At Maturity	Green
24-Dec-21	13,000,000.00	0.4500%	Westpac Group	AA-	13,000,000.00	24-Dec-20	13,011,058.90	540753	11,058.90	Quarterly	Green
25-Jan-22	20,000,000.00	0.4300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	20,000,000.00	29-Jan-21	20,050,657.53	540914	50,657.53	At Maturity	Green
22-Feb-22	10,000,000.00	0.3700%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	10,000,000.00	30-Apr-21	10,012,569.86	541299	12,569.86	At Maturity	Green
29-Mar-22	2,500,000.00	0.5000%	ME Bank	BBB+	2,500,000.00	26-Mar-21	2,505,445.21	541224	5,445.21	At Maturity	
29-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	0.3600%	Westpac Group	AA-	4,000,000.00	31-Mar-21	4,002,485.48	541236	2,485.48	Quarterly	Green
26-Apr-22	10,000,000.00	0.4100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	10,000,000.00	30-Apr-21	10,013,928.77	541300	13,928.77	At Maturity	Green
31-May-22	9,000,000.00	0.3000%	Westpac Group	AA-	9,000,000.00	31-May-21	9,000,073.97	541444	73.97	Quarterly	Green
28-Jun-22	10,000,000.00	1.8700%	Westpac Group	AA-	10,000,000.00	28-Jun-19	10,033,301.37	538091	33,301.37	Quarterly	Green
30-Jun-22	5,000,000.00	0.4300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	5,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	5,003,710.96	541604	3,710.96	At Maturity	Green
25-Jul-22	4,000,000.00	1.5700%	Westpac Group	AA-	4,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	4,005,677.81	538347	5,677.81	Quarterly	Green
26-Jul-22	7,000,000.00	0.3300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	7,000,000.00	30-Jul-21	7,002,088.49	541690	2,088.49	At Maturity	Green
30-Aug-22	4,000,000.00	0.3100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	4,000,000.00	30-Aug-21	4,000,067.95	541796	67.95	At Maturity	Green
30-Aug-22	2,000,000.00	0.3100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	2,000,000.00	31-Aug-21	2,000,016.99	541800	16.99	At Maturity	Green
30-Jun-23	5,000,000.00	0.5200%	Westpac Group	AA-	5,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	5,004,487.67	541607	4,487.67	Quarterly	Green
<b>127,000,000.00</b>	<b>0.5851%</b>				<b>127,000,000.00</b>		<b>127,222,483.01</b>		<b>222,483.01</b>		

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#### Floating Rate Term Deposits

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Rate (%pa)	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Interest Date	Reference Date
28-Jun-24	4,000,000.00	0.3403%	Westpac Group 3moBBSW+0.31%	AA-	4,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	4,002,349.47	541605	2,349.47	30-Sep-21	Green
30-Jun-26	3,000,000.00	0.4303%	Westpac Group 3moBBSW+0.40%	AA-	3,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	3,002,228.13	541606	2,228.13	30-Sep-21	Green
<b>7,000,000.00</b>		<b>0.3789%</b>			<b>7,000,000.00</b>		<b>7,004,577.60</b>		<b>4,577.60</b>		

#### Floating Rate Notes

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Coupon Date	Reference Date
19-Jan-22	2,500,000.00	1.0352%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	BBB+	2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	2,511,919.78	537202	3,119.78	19-Oct-21	
16-Aug-22	1,000,000.00	0.9857%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	1,008,632.09	535607	432.09	16-Nov-21	
16-Aug-22	4,000,000.00	0.9857%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	4,000,000.00	31-Oct-18	4,034,528.35	537263	1,728.35	16-Nov-21	
2-Dec-22	4,000,000.00	0.9309%	BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	BBB	4,000,000.00	2-Dec-19	4,036,363.50	538824	9,283.50	2-Sep-21	
25-Jan-23	1,500,000.00	1.0750%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	BBB+	1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	1,519,649.59	536141	1,634.59	25-Oct-21	
6-Feb-23	1,700,000.00	1.4100%	NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	BBB	1,700,000.00	6-Feb-18	1,725,439.45	536175	1,707.45	8-Nov-21	
30-Jul-24	6,000,000.00	0.8005%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	6,084,322.44	538330	4,342.44	29-Oct-21	
30-Jul-24	750,000.00	0.8005%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	749,182.50	1-Oct-19	760,540.30	538563	542.80	29-Oct-21	
24-Oct-24	2,000,000.00	1.1450%	GSB Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	BBB	2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	2,042,921.37	538603	2,321.37	25-Oct-21	
24-Apr-25	3,700,000.00	1.1450%	SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	AAA	3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	3,806,118.53	539640	4,294.53	25-Oct-21	
2-Dec-25	5,600,000.00	0.5509%	BEN Snr FRN (Dec25) BBSW+0.52%	BBB+	5,600,000.00	2-Dec-20	5,617,435.47	540602	7,691.47	2-Sep-21	
24-Feb-26	6,400,000.00	0.4607%	SUN Snr FRN (Feb26) BBSW+0.45%	A+	6,400,000.00	24-Feb-21	6,412,166.24	540964	646.24	24-Nov-21	
4-Mar-26	10,000,000.00	0.6563%	NPBS Snr FRN (Mar26) BBSW+0.63%	BBB	10,000,000.00	4-Mar-21	10,042,602.93	540984	16,002.93	6-Sep-21	
<b>49,150,000.00</b>		<b>0.8093%</b>			<b>49,149,182.50</b>		<b>49,602,640.04</b>		<b>53,747.54</b>		

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Fixed Rate Bonds												
Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Purchase Yield	Reference	
24-Mar-22	3,444,000.00	3.2500%	NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	3,468,039.12	26-Jun-18	3,552,757.21	536771	48,969.38	3.0000%		
24-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	4,066,280.00	1-Nov-18	4,126,315.00	537279	56,875.00	2.8400%		
31-Mar-22	10,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	10,088,200.00	28-Mar-18	10,315,648.63	536469	136,748.63	3.0348%		
31-Mar-22	1,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	1,111,198.00	22-May-18	1,134,721.35	536652	15,042.35	3.1115%		
31-Mar-22	3,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	3,143,462.00	13-Jun-18	3,197,851.08	536721	42,392.08	3.0592%		
31-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	4,083,240.00	31-Jul-18	4,126,259.45	536896	54,699.45	2.9908%		
24-Aug-26	1,300,000.00	3.2500%	SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	AAA	1,427,881.00	30-Apr-20	1,435,221.48	539692	918.48	1.7000%		
24-Aug-26	500,000.00	3.2500%	SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	AAA	549,310.00	5-May-20	552,008.26	539728	353.26	1.7000%		
15-Nov-28	5,000,000.00	3.0000%	NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	AA+	5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	5,698,043.41	537310	44,093.41	3.2350%		
27-May-30	1,500,000.00	1.5200%	NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (May30) 1.52%	AAA	1,540,140.00	10-Feb-21	1,534,760.16	540932	5,945.16	1.2500%		
1-Jul-31	3,000,000.00	1.7400%	NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (Jul31) 1.74%	AAA	3,000,000.00	1-Jul-21	3,102,943.48	541524	8,653.48	1.7400%		
<b>36,944,000.00</b>		<b>3.0233%</b>			<b>37,477,750.12</b>		<b>38,776,529.51</b>		<b>414,690.67</b>	<b>2.7945%</b>		

Mortgage Backed Securities											
Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Coupon	Security Name	Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Reference	
21-Aug-51	500,970.86	0.4600%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006A)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	395,823.80	310321	56.82		
21-Aug-56	1,000,000.00	0.7600%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006B)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	680,187.40	310334	187.40		
<b>1,500,970.86</b>		<b>0.6599%</b>			<b>2,000,000.00</b>		<b>1,076,011.20</b>		<b>244.22</b>		

## Inner West Council Accrued Interest Report - August 2021



Accrued Interest Report									
Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
<b>Bonds</b>									
NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536771		3,444,000.00	26-Jun-18	24-Mar-22	0.00	31	9,428.89	3.22%
NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	537279		4,000,000.00	01-Nov-18	24-Mar-22	0.00	31	10,951.09	3.22%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536469		10,000,000.00	29-Mar-18	31-Mar-22	0.00	31	27,527.32	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536652		1,100,000.00	24-May-18	31-Mar-22	0.00	31	3,028.01	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536721		3,100,000.00	13-Jun-18	31-Mar-22	0.00	31	8,533.47	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536896		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-18	31-Mar-22	0.00	31	11,010.93	3.24%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539692		1,300,000.00	30-Apr-20	24-Aug-26	21,125.00	31	3,602.87	3.26%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539728		500,000.00	05-May-20	24-Aug-26	8,125.00	31	1,385.72	3.26%
NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	537310		5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	15-Nov-28	0.00	31	12,774.73	3.01%
NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (May30) 1.52%	540932		1,500,000.00	10-Feb-21	27-May-30	0.00	31	1,900.00	1.49%
NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (Jul31) 1.74%	541524		3,000,000.00	01-Jul-21	01-Jul-31	0.00	31	4,326.74	1.70%
<b>Bonds Total</b>						<b>29,250.00</b>		<b>94,469.77</b>	<b>3.01%</b>
<b>Cash</b>									
ME Bank	539404		8,582,719.98			2,913.74	31	2,914.86	.40%
<b>Cash Total</b>						<b>2,913.74</b>		<b>2,914.86</b>	<b>.40%</b>
<b>Floating Rate Note</b>									
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Aug21) BBSW+1.30%	536986		2,000,000.00	30-Aug-18	30-Aug-21	6,661.70	29	2,122.96	1.34%
BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	537202		2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	19-Jan-22	0.00	31	2,198.03	1.04%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	535607		1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	16-Aug-22	2,516.59	31	846.92	1.00%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	537263		4,000,000.00	31-Oct-18	16-Aug-22	10,066.35	31	3,387.64	1.00%
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	538824		4,000,000.00	02-Dec-19	02-Dec-22	0.00	31	3,162.51	.93%
BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	536141		1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	25-Jan-23	0.00	31	1,369.52	1.07%

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<b>Accrued Interest Report</b>									
<b>Investment</b>	<b>Deal No.</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Face Value (\$)</b>	<b>Settlement Date</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Interest Received (\$)</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Interest Accrued (\$)</b>	<b>Percentage Return</b>
NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	536175		1,700,000.00	06-Feb-18	06-Feb-23	6,170.30	31	2,042.79	1.41%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538330		6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	30-Jul-24	0.00	31	4,079.26	.80%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538563		750,000.00	01-Oct-19	30-Jul-24	0.00	31	509.90	.80%
GSB Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	538603		2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	24-Oct-24	0.00	31	1,944.93	1.14%
SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	539640		3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	24-Apr-25	0.00	31	3,598.12	1.14%
BEN Snr FRN (Dec25) BBSW+0.52%	540602		5,600,000.00	02-Dec-20	02-Dec-25	0.00	31	2,620.17	.55%
SUN Snr FRN (Feb26) BBSW+0.45%	540964		6,400,000.00	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-26	7,914.12	31	2,624.77	.48%
NPBS Snr FRN (Mar26) BBSW+0.63%	540984		10,000,000.00	04-Mar-21	04-Mar-26	0.00	31	5,574.05	.66%
<b>Floating Rate Note Total</b>						<b>33,329.06</b>		<b>36,081.57</b>	<b>.83%</b>
<b><u>Floating Rate Term Deposits</u></b>									
Westpac Group	541605		4,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	28-Jun-24	0.00	31	1,156.09	.34%
Westpac Group	541606		3,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-26	0.00	31	1,096.38	.43%
<b>Floating Rate Term Deposits Total</b>						<b>0.00</b>		<b>2,252.47</b>	<b>.38%</b>
<b><u>Mortgage Backed Securities</u></b>									
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class A	310321		500,970.86	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-51	649.00	31	208.85	.49%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class B	310334		1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-56	2,030.00	31	662.54	.78%
<b>Mortgage Backed Securities Total</b>						<b>2,679.00</b>		<b>871.39</b>	<b>.68%</b>
<b><u>Term Deposit</u></b>									
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540980		4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	30-Aug-21	7,906.85	29	1,239.45	.39%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540345		10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	28-Sep-21	0.00	31	5,945.21	.70%
Westpac Group	540480		7,500,000.00	30-Oct-20	27-Oct-21	0.00	31	3,439.72	.54%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540981		4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	29-Nov-21	0.00	31	1,460.82	.43%
Westpac Group	540753		13,000,000.00	24-Dec-20	24-Dec-21	0.00	31	4,968.49	.45%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540914		20,000,000.00	29-Jan-21	25-Jan-22	0.00	31	7,304.11	.43%

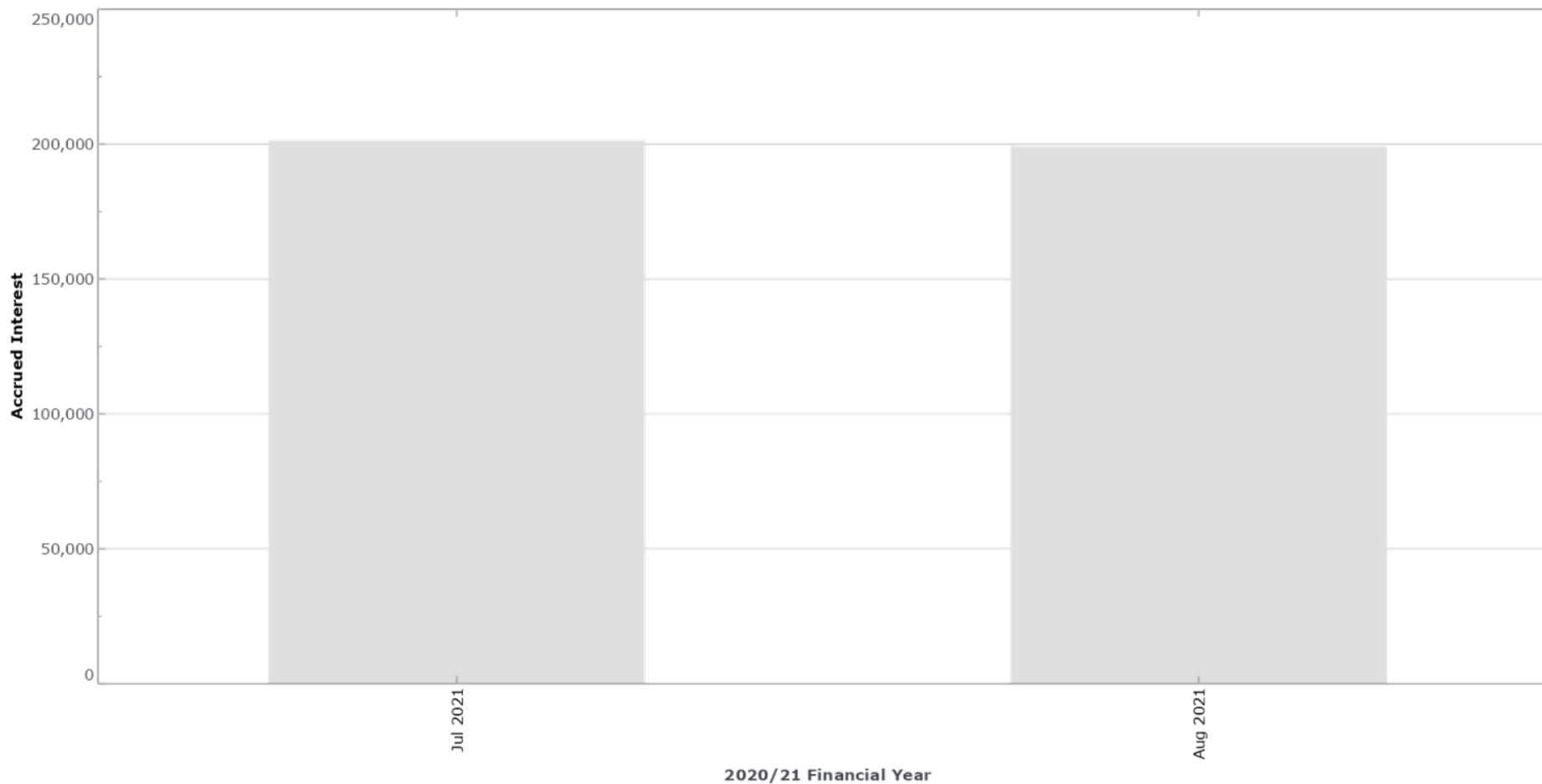
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Accrued Interest Report - August 2021



Accrued Interest Report									
Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541299		10,000,000.00	30-Apr-21	22-Feb-22	0.00	31	3,142.46	.37%
ME Bank	541224		2,500,000.00	26-Mar-21	29-Mar-22	0.00	31	1,061.65	.50%
Westpac Group	541236		4,000,000.00	31-Mar-21	29-Mar-22	0.00	31	1,223.01	.36%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541300		10,000,000.00	30-Apr-21	26-Apr-22	0.00	31	3,482.19	.41%
Westpac Group	541444		9,000,000.00	31-May-21	31-May-22	6,805.48	31	2,293.15	.30%
Westpac Group	538091		10,000,000.00	28-Jun-19	28-Jun-22	0.00	31	15,882.19	1.87%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541604		5,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	0.00	31	1,826.03	.43%
Westpac Group	538347		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	25-Jul-22	0.00	31	5,333.70	1.57%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541690		7,000,000.00	30-Jul-21	26-Jul-22	0.00	31	1,961.91	.33%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541796		4,000,000.00	30-Aug-21	30-Aug-22	0.00	2	67.95	.31%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	541800		2,000,000.00	31-Aug-21	30-Aug-22	0.00	1	16.99	.31%
Westpac Group	541607		5,000,000.00	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-23	0.00	31	2,208.22	.52%
<b>Term Deposit Total</b>						<b>14,712.33</b>		<b>62,857.25</b>	<b>.59%</b>
						<b>82,884.13</b>		<b>199,447.31</b>	<b>1.02%</b>

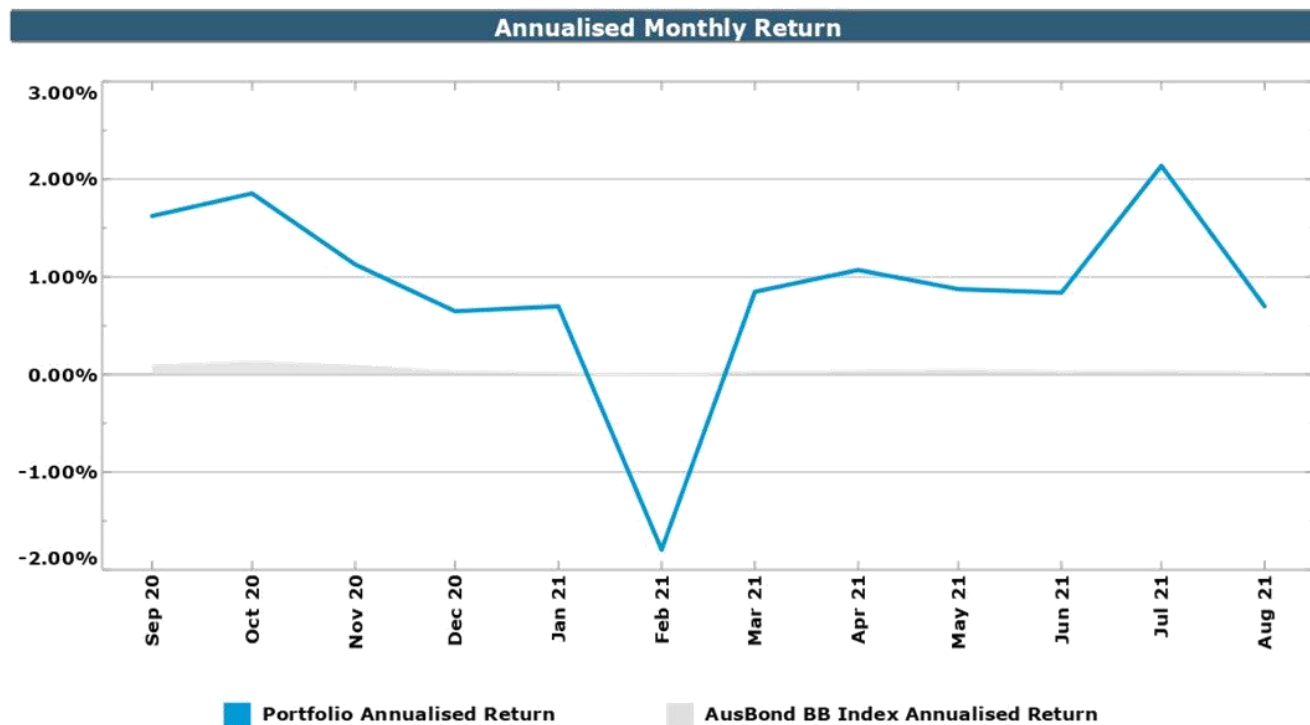
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### Investment Performance Report - August 2021



#### Historical Performance Summary

	Portfolio	AusBond BB Index	Outperformance
Aug 2021	0.70%	0.02%	0.68%
Last 3 Months	1.23%	0.03%	1.20%
Last 6 Months	1.08%	0.03%	1.05%
Financial Year to Date	1.42%	0.03%	1.39%
Last 12 months	0.90%	0.04%	0.86%

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### Environmental Commitments Report - August 2021

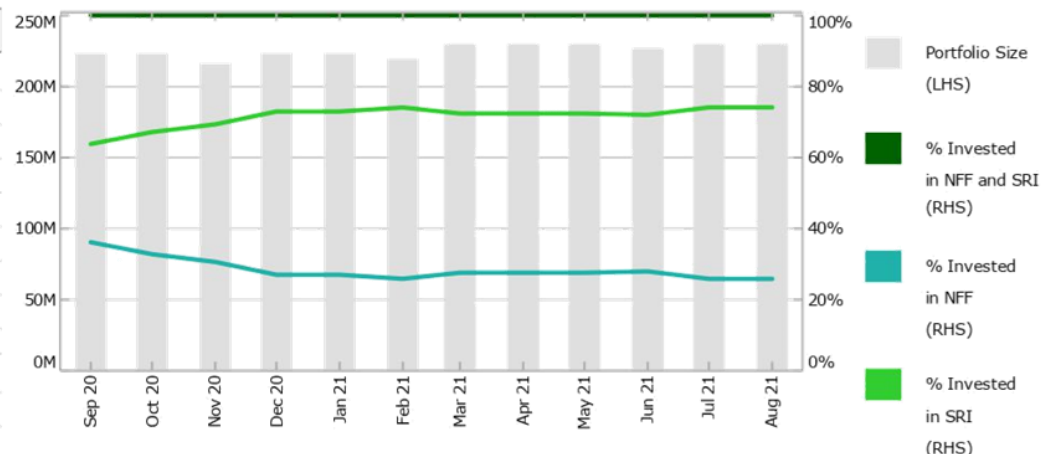


#### Current Breakdown

ADI Lending Status *	Current Month (\$)	Previous Month (\$)
<b>Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs</b>		
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	9,600,000	9,600,000
Emerald Reverse Mortgage	1,500,971	1,516,521
Great Southern Bank	2,000,000	2,000,000
Members Equity Bank	11,082,720	11,079,805
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	11,700,000	11,700,000
Suncorp Bank	18,150,000	18,150,000
Suncorp Bank Covered	5,500,000	5,500,000
	<b>59,533,691</b>	<b>59,546,326</b>
	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Socially Responsible Investment</b>		
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	4,000,000	6,000,000
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000	18,200,000
CBA (Green)	72,000,000	70,000,000
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000	7,444,000
National Housing Finance Investment	4,500,000	4,500,000
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Westpac Group (Green)	59,500,000	59,500,000
	<b>170,644,000</b>	<b>170,644,000</b>
	<b>74%</b>	<b>74%</b>
	<b>230,177,691</b>	<b>230,190,326</b>

\* source: <http://www.marketforces.org.au>  
Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

#### Historical Portfolio Exposure to NFF Lending ADIs and SRIs



#### Socially Responsible Investments Glossary

Investment	Use of Funds
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	Reduced Inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, life on land **
CBA (Climate)	Wind farms, low carbon transport, low carbon commercial buildings ***
CBA (Green TD)	Wind farms, low carbon transport, low carbon commercial buildings ***
National Housing Finance Investment Corp (Social)	No poverty, sustainable cities and communities **
National Australia Bank (Social)	Employers of Choice for Gender Equality ****
NSW T-Corp (Green)	Low carbon transport, water infrastructure ***
Westpac Group (Green TD)	Wind farms, low carbon commercial buildings ***

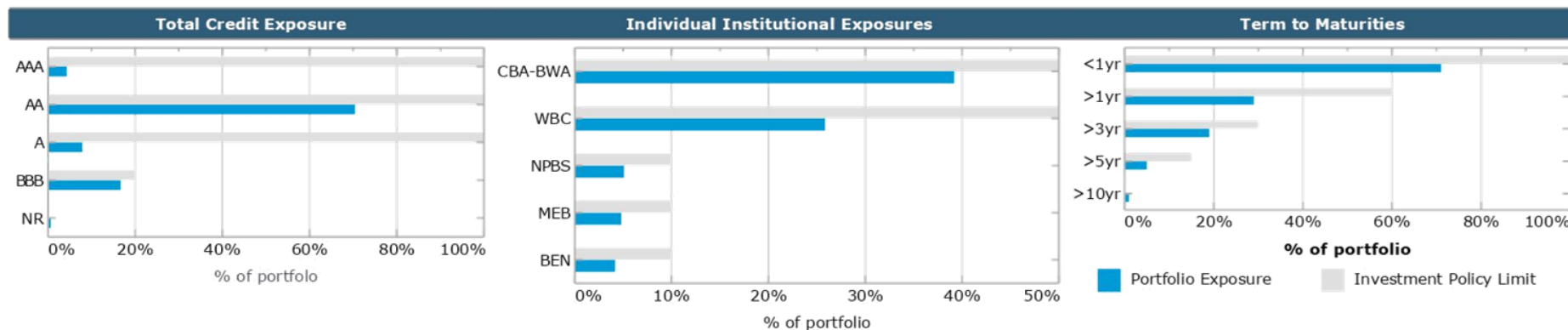
\*\* United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

\*\*\* Climate Bonds Standard

\*\*\*\* Cited by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency as Employers of Choice for Gender Equality

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### Investment Policy Compliance Report - August 2021



Credit Rating Group	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
AAA	10,000,000	4%
AA	162,144,000	70%
A	18,150,000	8%
BBB	38,382,720	17%
NR	1,500,971	1%
<b>230,177,691</b>		

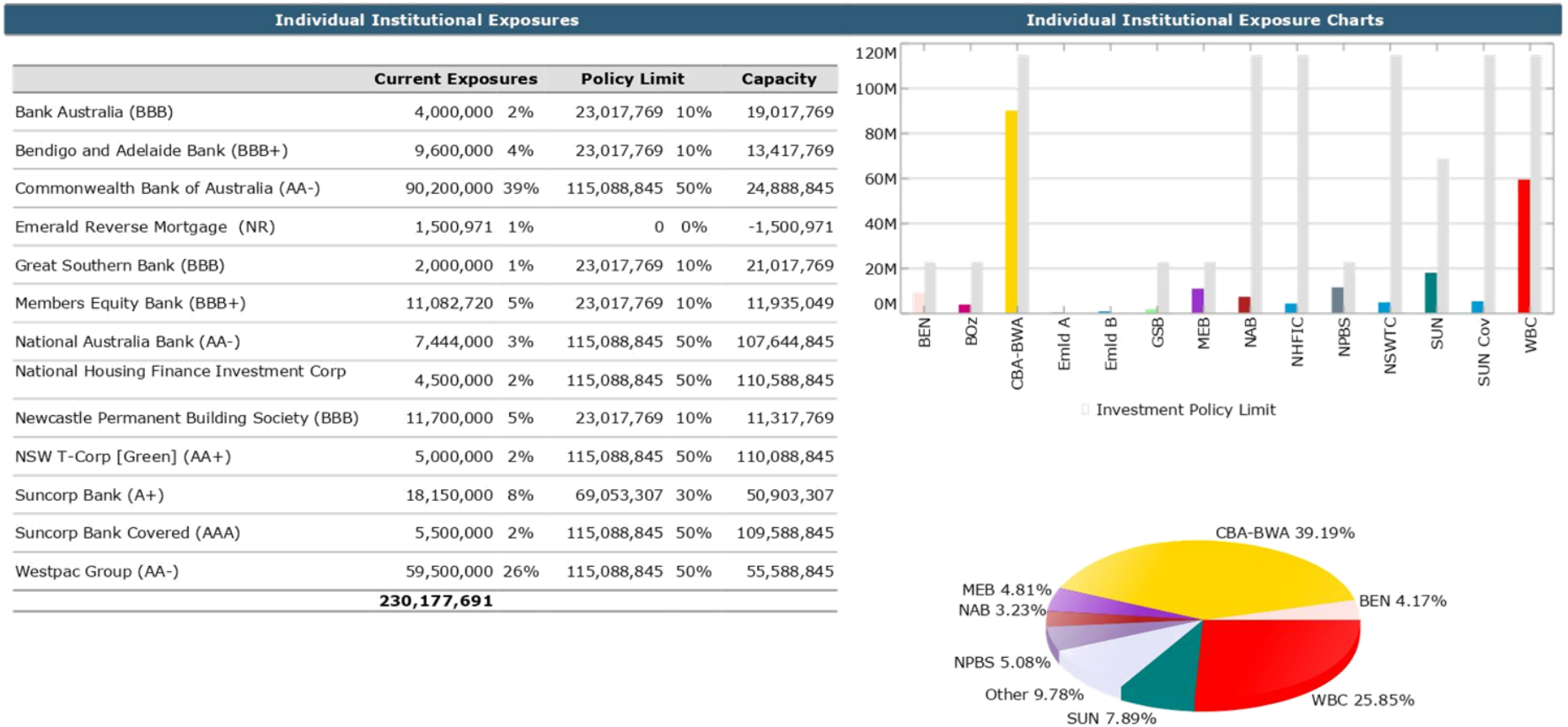
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	Portfolio Exposure	Investment Policy Limit
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (AA-)	39%	50%
Westpac Group (AA-)	26%	50%
Newcastle Permanent Building Society (BBB)	5%	10%
Members Equity Bank (BBB+)	5%	10%
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank (BBB+)	4%	10%
Suncorp Bank (A+)	8%	30%
Bank Australia (BBB)	2%	10%
Great Southern Bank (BBB)	1%	10%
National Australia Bank (AA-)	3%	50%
Suncorp Bank Covered (AAA)	2%	50%
NSW T-Corp [Green] (AA+)	2%	50%
National Housing Finance Investment Corp	2%	50%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage (NR)	1%	0%

Maturity Profile	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
Less than 1yr	163,726,720	71%
Greater than 1yr	66,450,971	29%
a. Greater than 3yrs	43,500,971	19%
b. Greater than 5yrs	11,000,971	5%
c. Greater than 10yrs	1,500,971	1%
<b>230,177,691</b>		
Detailed Maturity Profile	Face Value (\$)	
00. Cash + Managed Funds	8,582,720	4%
01. Less Than 30 Days	10,000,000	4%
02. Between 30 Days and 60 Days	7,500,000	3%
04. Between 90 Days and 180 Days	49,500,000	22%
05. Between 180 Days and 365 Days	88,144,000	38%
06. Between 365 Days and 3 Years	22,950,000	10%
07. Between 3 Years and 5 Years	32,500,000	14%
08. Between 5 Years and 10 Years	9,500,000	4%
09. Greater than 10 Years	1,500,971	1%
<b>230,177,691</b>		

## Inner West Council

### Individual Institutional Exposures Report - August 2021



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Cash Flows Report - August 2021



**Current Month Cashflows**

Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Received
6-Aug-21	536175	Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	6,170.30
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>6,170.30</u>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>6,170.30</b>
16-Aug-21	535607	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	2,516.59
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>2,516.59</u>
	537263	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	10,066.35
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>10,066.35</u>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>12,582.93</b>
23-Aug-21	310321	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006A)	Mortgage Backed Securities	Coupon - Received	649.55
		Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006A)	Mortgage Backed Securities	Amortised Face Value - Received	15,550.09
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>16,199.64</u>
	310334	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006B)	Mortgage Backed Securities	Coupon - Received	2,030.14
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>2,030.14</u>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>18,229.78</b>
24-Aug-21	539692	Suncorp Bank (Covered)	Bonds	Coupon - Received	21,125.00
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>21,125.00</u>
	539728	Suncorp Bank (Covered)	Bonds	Coupon - Received	8,125.00
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>8,125.00</u>
	540964	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	7,914.12
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>7,914.12</u>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>37,164.12</b>
30-Aug-21	536986	Bank Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	6,661.70
		Bank Australia	Floating Rate Note	Maturity Face Value - Received	2,000,000.00
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>2,006,661.70</u>
	540980	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposits	Maturity Face Value - Received	4,000,000.00
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	7,906.85
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>4,007,906.85</u>
	541796	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-4,000,000.00
<u>Deal Total</u>					<u>-4,000,000.00</u>

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**Current Month Cashflows**

Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Received
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>2,014,568.55</b>
31-Aug-21	541444	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	6,805.48
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>6,805.48</b>
	541800	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-2,000,000.00
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>-2,000,000.00</b>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>-1,993,194.52</b>
<b>Net Cash Movement for Period</b>					<b>95,521.16</b>

**Next Month Cashflows**

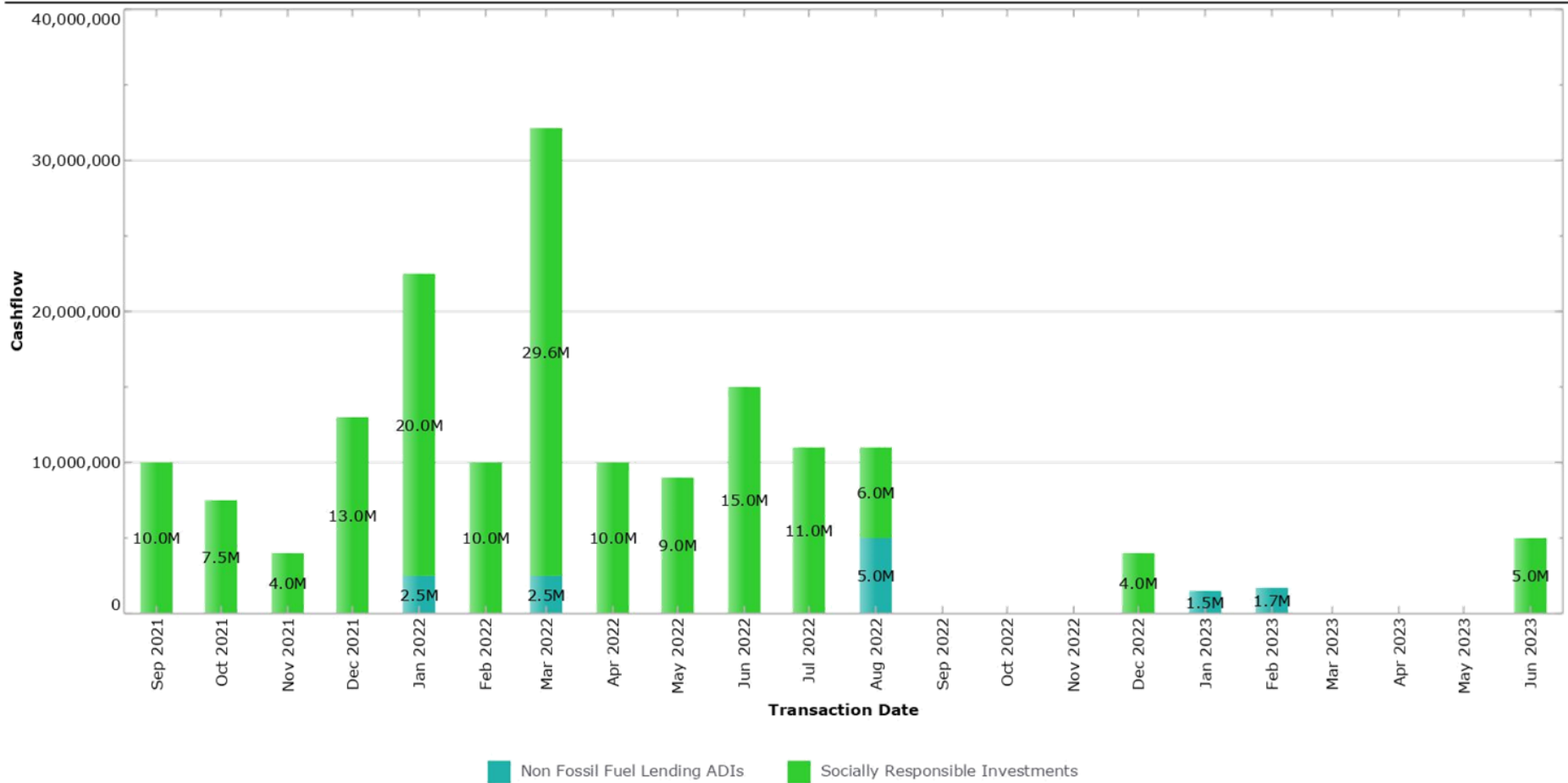
Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Due
2-Sep-21	538824	Bank Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	9,385.51
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>9,385.51</b>
	540602	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	7,775.99
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>7,775.99</b>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>17,161.50</b>
6-Sep-21	540984	Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	16,901.97
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>16,901.97</b>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>16,901.97</b>
24-Sep-21	536771	National Australia Bank	Bonds	Coupon - Received	55,965.00
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>55,965.00</b>
	537279	National Australia Bank	Bonds	Coupon - Received	65,000.00
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>65,000.00</b>
	540753	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	14,745.21
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>14,745.21</b>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>135,710.21</b>
28-Sep-21	538091	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	47,134.25
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>47,134.25</b>
	540345	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	Maturity Face Value - Received	10,000,000.00
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	69,616.44
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>10,069,616.44</b>
<b>Day Total</b>					<b>10,116,750.68</b>
30-Sep-21	536469	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	162,500.00
<b>Deal Total</b>					<b>162,500.00</b>
	536652	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	17,875.00

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Next Month Cashflows					
Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Due
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>17,875.00</u>
	536721	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	50,375.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>50,375.00</u>
	536896	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	65,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
	541236	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	3,629.59
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>3,629.59</u>
	541605	Westpac Group	Floating Rate Term Deposits	Interest - Received	3,430.97
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>3,430.97</u>
	541606	Westpac Group	Floating Rate Term Deposits	Interest - Received	3,253.78
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>3,253.78</u>
	541607	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	6,553.42
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>6,553.42</u>
				<b>Day Total</b>	<b>312,617.76</b>
				<b>Net Cash Movement for Period</b>	<b>10,599,142.13</b>

## Inner West Council Cash Flows Report - August 2021



## Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary August 2021

### Investment Portfolio Commentary

Council's investment portfolio posted a return of 0.70%pa for the month of August versus the bank bill index benchmark return of 0.02%pa. For the past 12 months, the investment portfolio returned 0.90%pa, exceeding the bank bill index benchmark's 0.04%pa by 0.86%pa.

Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 1.02%pa for the month. This is based on the actual interest rates being received on existing investments and excludes the underlying changes to the market value of the securities/deposits.

During August, Council's investment portfolio had a \$4m 6 month Green TD with CBA mature that had been paying 0.39%. Also, a \$2m 3yr Bank Australia Snr FRN matured that had been paying a quarterly rate of 3mo BBSW +1.30%. Council re-invested a total of \$6m in two 12 month CBA Green TDs paying 0.31%.

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested in non fossil fuel lending ADIs (26% of portfolio) and socially responsible investments (74% of portfolio).

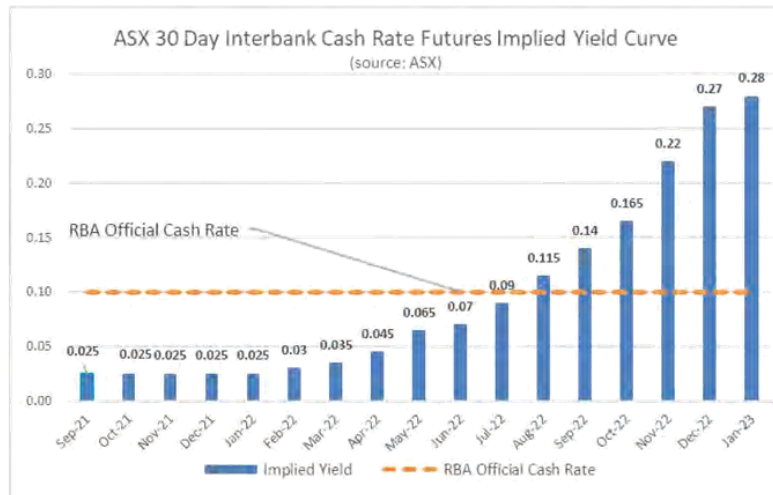
Council's portfolio is in full compliance with the NSW TCorp requirements while continuing to adhere to Council's socially responsible investment goals.

### Domestic issues:

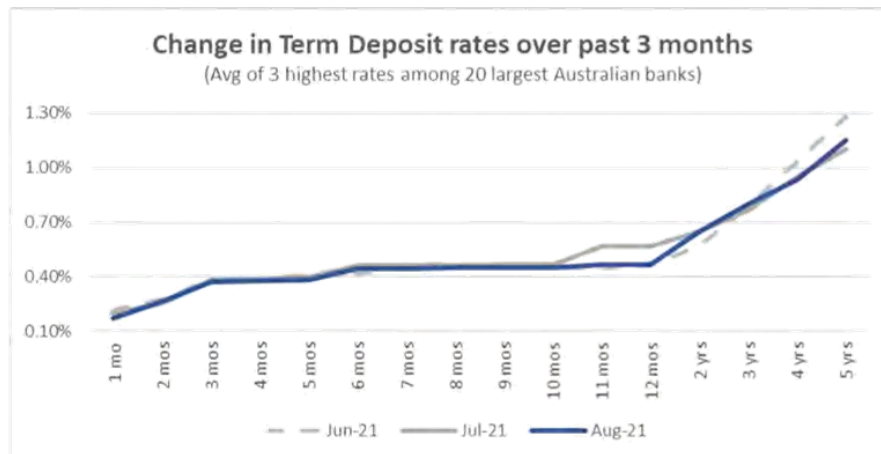
- Latest domestic economic data has been mixed. Business investment rose more than expected in the June quarter and investment plans for the current financial year also rose more than expected. However, June quarter construction was weaker than expected, jobs numbers fell again in the second half of July, led by NSW, and retail sales fell -2.7% in July due mainly to NSW which saw a -8.9% decline, but a further sharp fall is likely in August's numbers when released as the NSW lockdown has tightened and Victoria went into a hard lengthy lockdown.
- The direct cost of the lockdowns since May in terms of lost economic activity has now been pushed out to around \$25bn. Additional government assistance to workers and businesses is expected to enable the economy to bounce back quickly once the lockdowns end, but economists are expecting at a -4% or so contraction in September quarter GDP.
- Providing the lockdowns mostly end this quarter, there could be a solid rebound in the economy in the December quarter, aided by pent up demand from government support payments. This is expected to leave growth through the course of 2021 at around 2.5% and above 4% in 2022.

## Interest rates

- The market is pricing cash rate futures to gradually rise through 2022, touching the 0.25% level of a RBA rate hike in December, however the RBA is still expecting no rate hike until at least 2024:



- In August, short dated term deposit rates remained largely in line with their June and July averages, with only a modest dip lower at 11 and 12 months driven by a pullback in rates from one bank. Average rates beyond 12 months were also little changed over the month:



## Global issues:

- In the US, data continues to point to an improving economy with home sales rising, capital goods orders continuing to trend higher, and jobless claims continuing to trend lower.



- In Japan, latest GDP data rose a stronger than expected 0.3% for the quarter, reflecting stronger than expected consumer spending and capital expenditure.
- Meanwhile Chinese data for July remained on the soft side, with a bigger than expected slowing in industrial production, retail sales and investment, along with a rise in unemployment and a further slowing in property price growth.
- Global bond and share markets are focussing on differing factors. Bond markets are concentrating on the risks to short term economic growth, ongoing quantitative easing by central banks keeping bond yields down and confidence that the inflation spike will be transitory. Meanwhile, shares are being boosted by strong earnings, easy monetary policy, the valuation boost from lower bond yields and optimism that vaccines will ultimately allow global recovery to continue.

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**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 5

**Subject:** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - DE-AMALGAMATION  
BUSINESS CASE

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council receives and notes the De-amalgamation Cost Benefit Engagement Outcomes Report.**

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## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on 24 August 2021, Council resolved that:

1. *Council place the cost benefit report and the resolved de-amalgamation poll question on public exhibition, in keeping with the community engagement policy, with the outcomes of the consultation to be reported to the second Ordinary Council meeting in September;*
2. *YES and NO cases on de-amalgamation be included on Council's website, E-news, Flyers and the Inner West Council Newsletter;*
3. *Both YES and NO cases be translated into several languages;*
4. *Both the YES and NO cases be brought back to Council for approval after endorsement from the NSW Electoral Commission;*
5. *Council make clear to the community the caveats and limitations of the Morrison Low Report as they have identified in their report; and*
6. *The case for demerger references the statement in the legislation that State Government will fund the demerger.*

Council had a draft flyer prepared by an independent copy writer and this has been distributed to Councillors for comment prior to reporting this back to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 October.

## DISCUSSION

The NSW Parliament passed legislation that made it possible for Councils to put forward a business case for de-amalgamation. It remains at the discretion of the Local Government Minister whether to de-amalgamate councils.

At the Local Government elections on 4 December 2021, Inner West citizens will be asked whether to support separating the one Inner West Council into the three original councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville.

To assist in informing the community, Council commissioned an independent report from consultants Morrison Low about the cost and benefits of de-amalgamation.

## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

As per the resolution, the Cost Benefit Report and the resolved de-amalgamation poll question have been placed on public exhibition.

The engagement was conducted in accordance with Council's adopted Community Engagement Policy.

The exhibition period commenced on 31 August 2021 and closed on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

The engagement was promoted through Council's communication channels:

- Council website
- Social media - Facebook
- Press release
- Council e-news
- Your Say Inner West special bulletin.

Submissions were invited via Council's engagement hub [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au). Other options for the community to provide feedback were:

- By mail
- By phone
- Through an interpreter and voice relay via TTY and SMS.

A total of 413 participants viewed the information on the project page, of those 151 viewed multiple pages and 112 completed the survey.

All comments provided by the participants (unedited and provided in full) are included in the Engagement Outcomes Report found at attachment 1. This report can also be found at the [Your Say Inner West website](#).

Names and contact details have been redacted from submissions contained in attachment 1.

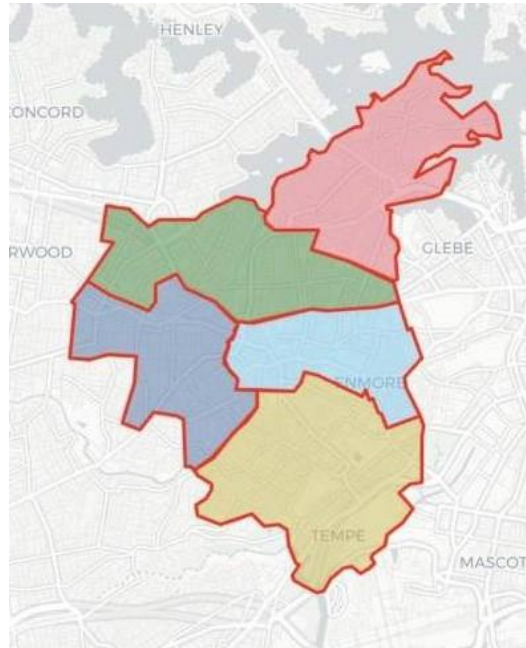
These details will continue to be redacted while Council seeks legal advice about the implications of the 'Right to Know' Motion resolved by Council on 7 September 2021.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of these activities has been met within existing operational budgets.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Community Outcomes Report - De-amalgamation Cost Benefit](#)



Engagement outcomes report  
*Independent de-amalgamation cost  
benefit report and poll question  
public exhibition*

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## Summary

A De-amalgamation Cost Benefit Report and de-amalgamation poll question were placed on public exhibition between 31 August and 15 September 2021.

A total of 413 participants viewed the information on the project page, of those 151 viewed multiple pages and 112 completed the survey. All comments provided by the participants are included in this report from page six.

Feedback received through Your Say Inner West:

- ☐ Question one – 93 responses (19 respondents did not answer that question)
- ☐ Question two – 109 responses (3 respondents did not answer that question)

And 25 via email:

Twenty-four of the emails were sent via an online email petition tool 'The Action Network' [actionnetwork.org](https://www.actionnetwork.org)

Note: We have redacted all names and contact details from the submissions included in this report.

## Background

In 2016, the NSW Government formed Inner West Council by bringing together Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils. Recently, the NSW Government made it possible for Councils to put forward a business case for de-amalgamation. In our local government area, de-amalgamation would mean separating the one Inner West Council into the three original councils: Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville.

Inner West Council is considering preparing a de-amalgamation proposal for the NSW Minister for Local Government who is responsible for the final decision.

At its meeting on 24 August 2021, the Council decided the following:

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## Engagement methods

The community was invited to provide feedback online via Council's engagement hub [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

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- ☐ By mail
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## Promotion

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- ☐ Your Say Inner West special bulletin

## Engagement outcomes

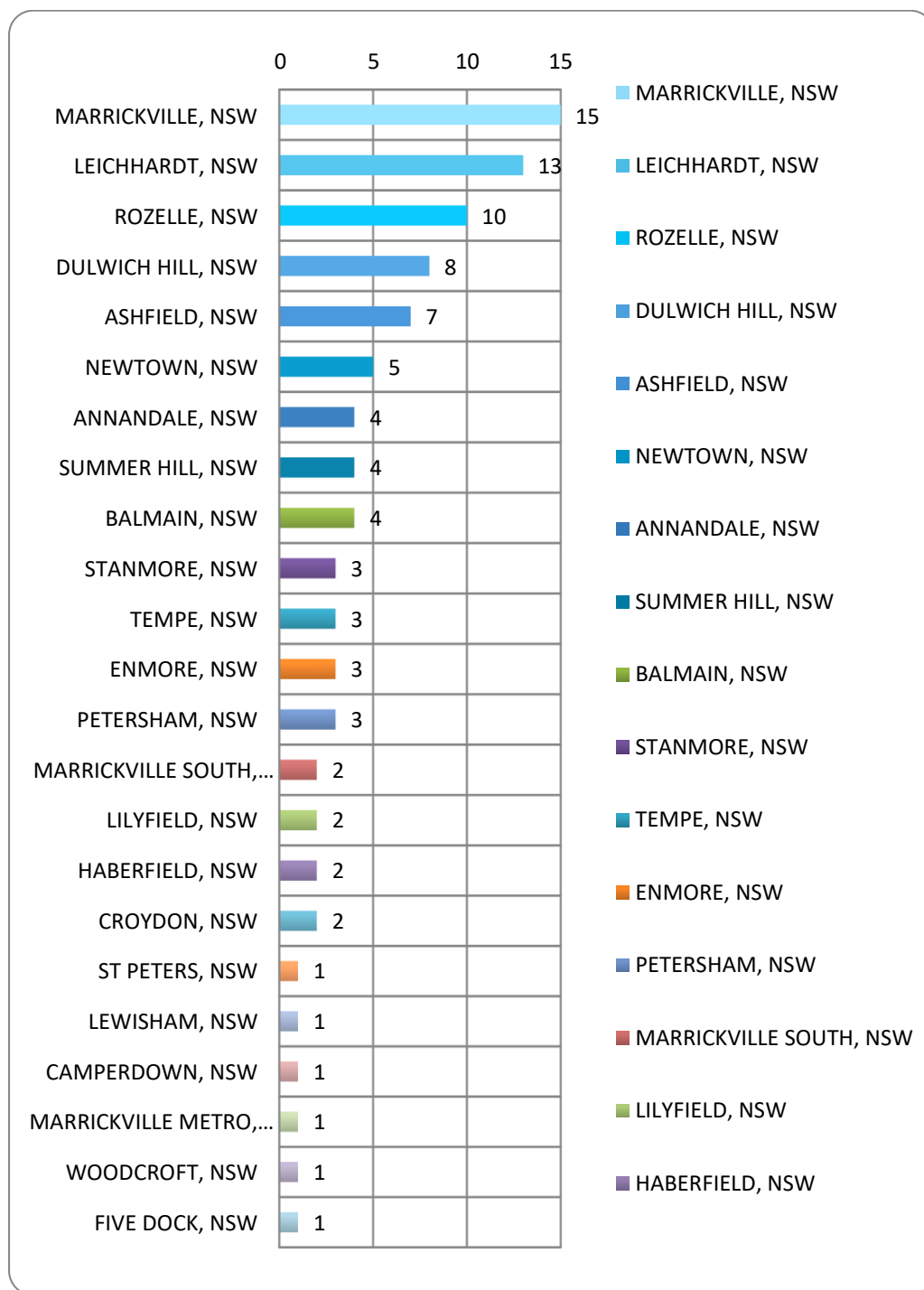
### Who did we hear from?

We asked respondents to select the suburb they lived in. The list of selected suburbs is extensive and shows that people across the Local Government Area have provided feedback.

The top five suburbs we received feedback from were:

- ☐ Marrickville 19
- ☐ Leichhardt 13
- ☐ Rozelle 10
- ☐ Dulwich Hill 8
- ☐ Ashfield 7

**Question: Suburb**



## What did they say?

**Question one – Would you like to provide feedback on the De-amalgamation Cost Benefit Report?** 93 Responses

No.	Comment
1	I find it appalling that we would need to pay additional costs for de-amalgamation when we had no say in this to begin with.
2	Amalgamation hasn't worked - the area is too large and too diverse to be managed under the one banner. The de-amalgamation should be done at no cost to rate payers many of whom didn't want the amalgamation to happen
3	yes
4	What a proposed disaster. As a citizen, the amalgamated council has worked very well for me. REMEMBERING councils were AMALGAMATED BECAUSE of the cost of overt CORRUPTION ENDEMIC to all tiers of Government as a hangover of the first white settler colony of New South Wales, Pre-Federation. There has ALSO been lobbying to DO AWAY WITH the Independent Anti-Corruption Inner West Ombudsman. The Inner West council AND ALL TIERS OF GOVERNMENT in New South Wales need to MAXIMISE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY to CITIZENS, TAXPAYERS AND CONSTITUENTS
5	Despite its qualifications, it clearly demonstrates that there will be considerable financial burden on residents if de-amalgamation occurs. The term, 'economies of scale' comes to mind. Sharing facilities is much more sensible and economical than fragmenting them.
6	Unsurprisingly, the report confirms that de-amalgamation would have large one-off and ongoing costs as the scale benefits of amalgamation are all lost again. What conceivable case is there for undoing this expensive reform? Personally, I have noticed no degradation in council's services whatsoever since the merger; I also find that I can live with fewer councillors serving larger 'electorates'. My question is: why even risk a vote on this? We've seen some really dumb precedents, where complex questions have been boiled down to emotive, yes/no votes - try Brexit - what happens if you ask, and you get an angry, ill-informed answer? While I'd hope for a cooler examination of the issues here, what is the counter-factual? What would happen if council simply toughed it out and refused to hold a vote? It wouldn't be Newtown without a few printed cries of rage from the extremes of the political spectrum; let them rant I say, and leave our rates lower and our services better.  Given the report, I am puzzled why the question is even being put to the vote. I will also consider supporting any councillors who oppose this vote, at the coming elections.

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7	<p>I think it would be very important to have a short, clear, summary of the Report in front of all voters on polling day - The Report finds that de-amalgamation would mean major disruption once again (just like we had when the amalgamation happened) AND your rates would go up significantly. Basically the only benefit you might experience is greater access to your local councillors; everything else is a disadvantage. (In all languages used locally)</p> <p>If consultation with the community and surveys are finding that people are dissatisfied with some aspects of the current Council arrangements (such as access to Councillors; levels of community involvement and consultation), why doesn't the Council explore ways that these concerns might be addressed? Could the number of Councillors be increased, for example? Asking about de-amalgamation is like asking about Brexit - the question should never have been put, and people should not have been offered the opportunity to shoot themselves in the foot.</p>
8	<p>The de-amalgamation cost-benefit report makes it patently obvious that there is great cost and little benefit to de-amalgamation. The ongoing costs are astronomical and the minor benefit of more councillors in the Inner West area (frankly, I'm not even sold on that being a benefit) are not worth the millions that will be push onto rate payers</p>
9	<p>It should also be mentioned that the considerable expense of the 3 into 1 amalgamation process after 2016 to 2021 would be completely wasted.</p>
10	<p>No.</p>
11	<p>I would have liked to have seen a simple cost analysis of services / rates in the deamalgamated structure or comparison of previous rates/services prior to amalgamation v current. However- I should note that my assumption is that amalgamation has resulted in cost savings and other efficiencies.</p>
12	<p>The report, commissioned by the amalgamated IWC should include information from the Boundaries Commission reports into demergers completed, exponential rate increases flowing from rate equalisations and special rate variations being sought by amalgamated councils. Information from investigations undertaken by the Save our Councils Coalition and the metropolitan council audit committee should also be represented. The Save our Council Coalition has reviewed the financial performance of merged councils. In our 2019 analysis Council Amalgamations: A Sea of Red Ink, SOCC says there is little evidence that amalgamated councils have made the savings promised, for example in 2017-2018 only two of the seven metro merged councils were in surplus while, of the smaller councils, saved by court action, 13 of the 14 councils were in surplus.</p>
13	<p>Yes</p>
14	<p>De-amalgamation is not a good idea.</p>

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15	The cost to amalgamate would need to be recovered or at least justified in the de-amalgamation
16	Yes
17	We should be spending money on services not reports
18	yes
19	Yes
20	Yes
21	not required - enough damage has been done to Marrickville with the amalgamation.
22	No. Stop wasting effort on de-amalgamation. It feels like a ridiculous status issue. There are more important issues affecting the community to be thinking about.
23	I support the De-amalgamation proposal.
24	I think the Cost-Benefit Report and Summary should have mentioned the increased democratic representation that would likely result from a de-merger.
25	I am shocked that after 5 years the Inner West Council is looking at de amalgamating. I have lived in Leichhardt for 41 years and really hated the idea of the amalgamation... the cost was huge and now there is no personal service at all. No one answers the hone... all correspondence is via email and often just a standard response is sent. Everyone I speak to hate the Inner West Council.
26	yes
27	<p>Just wanted to give some feedback on the way this question is presented. The report target audience is not the one who needs to answer the question. The summary, does not include the most relevant information for the community to make the decision.</p> <p>Also the critical impact is barried under a lot of complex wording and numbers and tables, instead of one clear summary of the impact and potential increase in cost per household per quarter.</p> <p>At least the risks are mentioned.</p> <p>Please be fair, not everyone have the time and the expertise to be informed from such long and complicated reports.</p> <p>Here's the summary of the risks:</p>

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	<p>The risks from a three council de-amalgamation of Inner West Council may be lower considering that Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils were operating successfully before the merger, however there are likely to be challenges associated with unpacking and establishing new service levels, organisational operating procedures, systems, processes, policies, plan and organisational behaviours.</p> <p>While there are some minor differences in the three communities (growth, density and ethnicity), they also have many features in common (demographic, economic and employment profiles). The relatively similar community of interest profiles suggest the risks in separating the communities are lower than they might otherwise be, but also the differences are not significant enough to make the Inner West Council less effective delivering services to three constituent councils.</p> <p>Perhaps the largest risk arises from the fact that the future councils, who will make many of these key decisions, are yet to be elected. Their political alignment, policy program and priorities will not be known for some time and may impact on the realisation of planned benefits.</p> <p>The Queensland de-amalgamations that took place in 2014 provide an insight into organisational dynamics.</p> <p>Those organisations experienced significant redundancies and staff displacement during the transfer process from the originating council to the new councils. Those redundancies occurred through voluntary and forced processes as the newly formed council ran as lean as possible for the first year or two after establishment.</p>
28	<p>It would appear there are negligible financial benefits to be gained from going through a long, arduous and expensive de-amalgamation process which would then require extensive expenditure on new independent IT systems and the like and result in reduced services to ratepayers. It would be an example of pure bureaucratic waste of funds. The money would be better spent throughout the inner west area on infrastructure and other improvements. The report itself implied de-amalgamation was a high risk, low return strategy. Scrap the idea. I think the inner west council is doing a good job.</p>
29	<p>I'm sure deamalgamation is beneficial but I think the horse has left the gate now, we are one - we are InnerWest.</p>
30	<p>Yes</p>
31	<p>I only support deamalgamation if the cost to carry out the change and the ongoing costs are materially favourable for a resident of Tempe (which includes me).</p>

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32	My citizenship ceremony was delayed in Jul2021 due to COVID-19, one of the main reasons I applied for citizenship was to finally have a say in my community and country of 20 years domicile. I will and hope to be able to vote for de-amalgamation of Inner West Council.
33	The report seems to focus almost entirely on financial analysis and doesn't adequately represent the full range of qualitative benefits from deamalgamation. The one page summary, focusing only on rate impacts, is misleading and it certainly seems like the Council is trying to push the community not to deamalgamate without fairly representing both sides of the story. In my opinion in almost every aspect the amalgamated council has been worse for my local area (Rozelle) and we do not have anything like the representation and inclusiveness that we used to.
34	Five years ago the councils merged and the NSW government artificially forced the council rates to be kept at the same level through the trick of using state government funding to make up the shortfall. As soon as that period ended, our rates jumped. Now that we're de-merging the estimate is that they'll go up again. It's like a ratchet, apparently. The rates can only go up. In that sense, I'm suspicious of the assumptions that went into the report. I've gone through the detail of the report and see some of the assumptions that are up for debate like, for instance, that we're getting a higher level of service now but to go back to the previous level of service split across three councils would be prohibitively expensive, etc. My direct experience has been that the services I care about locally have essentially been lost to poorly designed overly bureaucratic systems and I've seen no gains. In short, I'd be happy to go back to Leichhardt council's previous levels of service which would reduce a lot of these cost estimates. In terms of representation and a sense of community, the current council is too big and bureaucratic and I never had an issue with either the service levels nor rates of the previous council.
35	It's clear that a de amalgamation would result in an increase in costs and therefore an increase in rates.
36	Yes. I support deamalgamation. I do not want my council area to be so big. I feel that Ashfield gets a rough deal. I don't actually mind what it costs to do this,
37	I strongly support de-amalgamation on the inaccessible ivory tower of bureaucracy the amalgamated council has begun
38	The Report does not include any discussion of the costs relating to the 'loss of opportunity' associated with a complex and extended de-amalgamation. There will be a considerable time and resource drain associated with putting together the case for amalgamation, lobbying the state government, managing the transition and bedding down the new council structures. This means that for a period of years at every level of council, rather than focusing on opportunities to improve the

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	<p>IWC - they will be spending their time managing the complexities of de-amalgamation. There is a huge cost associated with this administrative 'stasis' which should be included in the Report. How much IWC resource capacity will be lost by the preoccupation with amalgamation? When it comes to strategic planning, forecasting, long term projects - will these be shelved in the intervening period? Every minute of resource spent focused on amalgamation has a cost, of course. But there is also a significant loss of opportunity and momentum, if the amalgamation ultimately fails.</p> <p>The report includes a the cost/benefit of 1) the Status Quo; and 2) De-Amalgamation - but it needs a third category which is 3) Pursuing De-Amalgamation Unsuccessfully. It is important that ratepayers are made aware of how much it will cost the IWC to proceed down this path and fail. That risk is highly relevant to the Poll Question. If it is a certainty that Amalgamation can happen and will be funded by the State Government, a person may be inclined to support it. But if there is a risk of significant costs and administrative stasis, resulting in no change to the LGA, a person may be inclined to not support it given the risk. For these reasons, it is important that IWC makes clear the level of uncertainty associated with the possibility of amalgamation, its costs and the extent to which any of it will be funded by the State Government. Risk is critical to any Cost Benefit analysis - but there is insufficient weighting of risk in this document. At a minimum, the report should rate as High/Med/Low the risk that the Minister would support de-amalgamation and the extent to which the State Government would fund the de-merger.</p>
39	<p>I believe the current elected council has not committed to realising benefits from the scale of the merged council areas. This is a true failure of council to the rate payers if the inner west and they should be held to account. The report therefore is highly skewed as a result and following the next election a commitment is made to realising benefits rather than trying to live in the past. Truly realising the benefits of a merged inner west council can save rate payers money and allow investment to a truly great amalgamated area that is our home.</p>
40	<p>None of these de-amalgamation costs should affect rate payers.</p>
41	<p>Thanks for doing it - what a waste of money this exercise is. Just another example of Brexit politics as if separation will just solve all the worlds problems.</p>
42	<p>I do not support this. I would much rather see this money spent on beneficial inner west outcomes. Examples are: food waste bins for all households, increased tree planting, better social services etc etc</p>
43	<p>Any cost that happens as part of the de amalgamation should be provided by the NSW government as they forced the amalgamation in the first place!</p>
44	<p>De-amalgamation is a waste of time and resources. The amalgamated council delivers more professional and capable staff and councillors and more consistent planing and services. Stop living in the past</p>

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45	The cost benefit report was very obtuse and used language that made obvious the fact that it was biased toward the status quo.
46	<p>There are several problems with the Morrison Law (ML) Cost Benefit report that was tabled at the Inner West Council meeting on August 3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is written from the framework of accepting the NSW government's pro-amalgamation policy and, therefore, is a political report. It spends most of its 65 pages presenting an argument for the IWC to stay amalgamated, and does not investigate how a de-merged council may work, including which services could remain shared.</li> <li>2. The May 24 Inner West Council (IWC) meeting agreed that an independent assessor would be asked to look at a range of issues related to de-amalgamation, not just the costs. The ML report includes cost estimates, but does not say how they were arrived at.</li> <li>3. The ML report states that the community is "largely satisfied with the performance of Inner West Council and more satisfied when compared to other metropolitan councils" based on a general "satisfaction" survey done in June. It provided no reference to any concerns about the forced merger in 2016, opposition to the rate hikes, or that a majority of councillors are so unhappy with the results of the merger that they opted for a residents' poll on the question.</li> <li>4. It gives away its partisanship at the beginning with the following sweeping statement: "The social analysis suggests that the social and community impacts have not changed as a result of the merger and therefore there are no significant advantages or disadvantages of either the merger or any potential de-amalgamation."</li> <li>5. The ML report estimates the IWC merger would have cost \$24.3 million and states (without providing a source) that the net costs (one off and then ongoing) for any proposed de-amalgamation would be higher. It says the cost to de-amalgamate would be \$26.2 million and ongoing costs would be around \$22.1 million.</li> <li>6. The ML report says the \$26.2 million would cover redundancies, information, technology and council establishment costs. While there would certainly be a financial cost to de-amalgamate, it could be far less than that for amalgamation in the first place depending on how the de-amalgamation takes place. The NSW government handed out just \$10 million to merge the three councils, falling well short of what was needed. The cost of sacking and paying out staff in the three former councils has never been made public. According to the ML report: "Scale and capacity were the key drivers for the merger. The Independent Local Government Review Panel's assessment of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville determined that while the councils were financially sustainable, all individually lacked scale and capacity. " The report then lists a number of issues it deems to be positives, including maintaining "ongoing relationships with executives including, for example, deputy secretaries, chief executive officers and executive directors of the Departments of Communities and Justice, Planning, Industry and Environment, Multicultural NSW,</li> </ol>

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	<p>Create NSW and the Public Service Commission”.</p> <p>It does not once mention a decline in services, less face-to-face assistance, or the rise in rates.</p> <p>It assumes the three councils will be returned to their previous financial positions, and lists a number of potential financial and non-financial risks including: transition structure; transitional costs; efficiencies generated by Inner West Council; establishing a fully functioning new organisational structure; and a lowering of morale among staff.</p> <p>Again, no data is given for some these assumptions.</p> <p>The cost of three sets of councillors compared to one combined one may well be less, depending on whether wages are being spent on councillors, middle managers or general managers. For example, each council would not need a special Mayoral \$500,000 coms budget!</p> <p>After detailing all the problems, the ML report then states: “The risks from a three council de-amalgamation of Inner West Council may be lower considering that Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils were operating successfully before the merger.”</p> <p>Further, it states: “The relatively similar community of interest profiles suggest the risks in separating the communities are lower than they might otherwise be.”</p> <p>It notes that amendments to the Local Government Act set out a pathway for councils to de-amalgamate, within 10 years of the merger, and that the NSW government is liable to pay for this.</p> <p>“The Local Government Amendment Act 2021 does make provisions for the NSW Government to fund the cost of a de-amalgamation.”</p> <p>Interestingly, it states that the greatest risk to any de-merger would be political.</p> <p>“Perhaps the largest risk arises from the fact that the future councils, who will make many of these key decisions, are yet to be elected. Their political alignment, policy program and priorities will not be known for some time and may impact on the realisation of planned benefits.”</p> <p>It states that Special Rate Variations (rate rises) would have to imposed on residents in any de-merger or else there would be a “funding gap” which would lead to a “reduction in service levels, asset rationalisation and an SRV”.</p> <p>In fact, this is what is already being planned as a result of the forced amalgamation, and the budget going into the red.</p> <p>The ML report says a big expense of any demerger would be the “requirement to establish three information technology and communication (ITC) systems for the de-amalgamated councils”.</p> <p>But pro-deamalgamation councillors have contested this, insisting that the shared IT services could be maintained and upgraded to a more purpose built system when needed.</p> <p>The massive one-off IT and other high cost matters created by the original amalgamation does not have to replicated.</p> <p>The three de-amalgamated councils could using the same technology system until it becomes obsolete and only at that point they could work customizing their IT to their own individual future needs.</p> <p>The ML report quotes from an independent survey of 1,002 residents, undertaken by Micromex Research in June, which apparently showed that “general satisfaction” with the IWC.</p> <p>One resident who was polled told me that the questions were so vague, they could</p>

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	<p>only voice their concern about service cuts and rate hikes when asked if they had “any other comment”.</p> <p>Interestingly however, the ML report said the lowest level of satisfaction was recorded in Balmain ward.</p> <p>The ML report ended with a “potential benefits” section.</p> <p>Improved representation was one.</p> <p>“One of the benefits of de-amalgamation is the improvement in representation. The number of people represented by each councillor will decrease under a de-amalgamation arrangement, providing easier access to their councillors and the council.”</p> <p>Each Inner West Councillor currently represents a little over 14,000 people.</p> <p>“Under a de-amalgamated model this number would be between approximate 4,000 and 8,000 depending on the council and final number of elected members.</p> <p>Another benefit would be for a de-amalgamated council to “reset”, including its IT services, “moving ICT into the cloud rather than setting up new infrastructure”.</p> <p>Another benefit it listed was “further efficiencies”, although that could also be read as further sell-offs and staff cuts.</p> <p>The report also identified an improved ability to work with community groups as a benefit.</p>
47	No.
48	<p>I think that De-Amalgamation costs are under-estimated as most government projects are. The real issue, which again is will those increased costs provide improved and more rapid responses for the individual local areas.</p>
49	<p>The report is comprehensive but not always easy to understand. A lot of money has been spent on amalgamation and the benefits of the larger sized Inner West LGA are real when it comes to negotiating better planning, infrastructure and environmental outcomes with State government, other stakeholders and developers. Amalgamation has given us bargaining strength and improved facilities and services across the LGA which may not have occurred otherwise.</p> <p>De-amalgamation would be a retrograde step for such similar communities of interest and activities.</p>
50	<p>From my regular readings of various reports since the amalgamation took place, there has been NO cost saving resulting from the amalgamation, on the contrary. Expenditures have increased and services have decreased.</p>
51	Not at this time.

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52	Yes
53	No.
54	I don't support de-amalgamation if there will be a cost to rate payers or a rise in rates.
55	There is very little detail as to how the outcomes of the report were achieved. There is no information on why this question is even being asked.
56	No
57	This is a waste of time and money. This report is a representation of councillors that refuse to negotiate.
58	The summary needs to convey the results in a simpler manner so that all residents can easily understand the costs of undergoing a de-amalgamation
59	I do not support de-amalgamation. The Inner West Council should stay as is.
60	What brazen disregard of those who would have to pay for these shenanigans. More than \$26 million of our rates thrown into the wind, to wind something back with minimal benefits, increased rates and triplicating of councillors, staffing, consultants et al. What a wanton waste of ratepayers hard-earned. You have 1 job, to run a single council - how about you focus on that instead? If you are not up to it, be it elected or employed, time to take your leave and let someone else do it.
61	<p>'even the authors of the morrison low report do not stand behind it in not guaranteeing it's accuracy nor reliability so the report should not be used to inform this debate</p> <p>-ML did not even update their projections with actual outcomes from their pre amalgamation 2015 report thus did not present any current data based on known facts</p> <p>-insufficient detail of methodology was given</p>

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	<p>-no account of the consequences of amalgamation were given in terms of the loss of community representation ie cancelled precinct committees and vastly reduced number of councillors</p> <p>-only 1 approach was given which was not based on current data and ignored the experience of councils that have already de-amalgamated nor outcomes for councils that avoided amalgamation</p> <p>-in 2017 the 3 old lga data was presented along with iwc consolidated data so it is possible to again present disaggregated data and why this wasnt done requires explanation</p> <p>-time limitations stated in the light of availability of computer generated disaggregated data is not acceptable</p> <p>-the ML claim that outputs based on actuals would be extremely difficult to validate and justify is an excuse to not do the work as they did not use known data in their projections</p> <p>-the report has a pro amalgamation bias and does not adequately present possibilities of the 3 lgas sharing expensive items eg computing technology and other assets</p> <p>-the report did not adequately list the consequences of amalgamation eg staff costs rising to 56% of total operations expenditure according to the YE22 10 year LTFP up from 48% in YE16 but rather cited potential loss of key staff, low morale and cultural separation from the inner west council not going well if de-amalgamated but failed to mention the cost of cultural identity lost on amalgamation</p> <p>-there are many more examples of deficiencies and bias in the report but the important point is that the report is not fit for purpose</p>
62	Yes. The state government is required to pay for the cost of de-amalgamation. Your report is incorrect and misleading.
63	It is very thorough, clear in its methodology, analysis and findings
64	No
65	The one-off and ongoing costs of reversing the amalgamation will ultimately result in additional costs for rate payers with very little guarantee of benefit these should be further expanded upon. The benefits are not tangible and

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	can not be quantified, whereas the costs can. This report outlines significant financial impact on rate payers and this is not focused on enough.
66	As a "high level" report, it has assumptions which predetermine the outcome. Times have changed and the renewed separate Councils would make changes to those proposed by the advocate.
67	It would appear from the report that the costs outweigh the benefits. Given that the State government is looking at a big deficit because of the Covid 19 pandemic and that it has a different political orientation than the Inner West Council, I would be very surprised if they agreed to fund the one off de amalgamation costs. Plus there are also extra ongoing costs post de amalgamation which would make it very hard for the new Councils to maintain existing services or provide new ones.. Thus the total costs of de amalgamation would be borne by the ratepayers for very little if any obvious gain, which in my view makes the process unviable.
68	The cost of rates has gone up, we can't afford de-amalgamation, I am totally against it.
69	No.
70	yes
71	It does not provide sufficient information on the additional costs of remaining as one amalgamated council. It also only really deals with \$\$ costs not all the other benefits that arise to ratepaying community of smaller better representation by councillors re community needs
72	I support a return to the three areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils
73	As noted in the report, "The Local Government Amendment Act 2021 does make provisions for the NSW Government to fund the cost of de-amalgamation", so why has modelling for a 100% state government funded

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	<p>de-amalgamation been provided in the report? Note that the council have resolved to “Write to the Premier, Minister for Local Government, Leader of the Opposition, and cross benchers in the NSW Parliament asking for their support for the NSW Government to pay 100% of costs of de-amalgamation”.</p> <p>The report makes note of many costs associated with de-amalgamation such as Information Technology costs, however, it does not explore the possibility of keeping common back-end solutions for example in IT which would mean it would not encounter such high de-amalgamation costs (estimated at \$12.5million for IT alone) and still allow it to benefit from economies of scale.</p> <p>The report fails to highlight that Marrickville ratepayers would likely be better off with a de-amalgamated council because, even with the proposed SRV (which may not be realistic if NSW Government fund the de-amalgamation), rates still remain lower than they would under a harmonised Inner West council. And after the SRV expires they would be significantly less than the Inner West.</p>
74	No
75	No
76	Yes
77	<p>As a resident i I strongly call for de-amalgamation of the Inner West Council. In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils were amalgamated into one local government area by the State Government without democratic approval or vote by residents of these councils. The few Councillors in IWC are too few to represent too many residents. Unlike full time State Parliament MPs, these few councillors are part time and have no staff in electoral offices.</p> <p>Since amalgamation services have been de facto reduced for residents in all three former council areas. The result was sell-offs and staff cuts.</p>
78	The report needs a better exec summary and outline. As it stands, the material is descriptive rather than evaluative.

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79	Yes, I believe the costs of de-amalgamation to ratepayers and community is too great. The former three councils were too small to operate efficiently and cost-effectively. Ashfield is ridiculously small, Leichhardt poorly funded and Marrickville only just managed to survive. The benefits of amalgamation take time to be realised.
80	Yes I would
81	Yes, I think the size and breadth of the council means that there are conflicting priorities that are adding to the cost. Due to the fact that the economies of scale could not be reached, it would be better to have each council independently managed in a way that is reflective of the community needs. The former councils achieved higher satisfaction and really addressed the nuances of their particular areas, this has been lost in the amalgamation and led to increased costs that are not sustainable.
82	Constituents were ignored about the amalgamation and now that it has been running for 5 years we do not see improvements
83	Yes
84	I believe the DE-ALMAGATION of Inner West Council is essential regardless of the presumed or actual costs goes ahead, De-Amalgate the sooner the better!
85	I have looked at the report and it seems to me to be very pro amalgamation. I do not think it has adequately analyzed the costs of a de-merger and I think this needs to be costed by a truly independent organisation that would also look at other issues that are important- not just the economic costs. I think the forced merger was a dreadful idea and the majority of the councillors and I suspect the ratepayers were opposed to it. We now have a huge, impersonal LGA with services provided by IWC being far below what we previously received from Leichhardt Council and with a rates hike to boot. I think a de-merger happening sooner rather than later would be a good step forward as I do not think the situation will improve. I believe that the merger was a political decision rather than a

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	means to save money- it has failed us!
86	I have read the report and believe it is a fair and accurate assessment.
87	YES. Cost's should not come into it. Just get it done.
88	I believe council is and should be about local small issues and government. The amalgamation seeks to create larger scale government working in state government responsibly.
89	Yes
90	<p>The Morrison Low Report identified some benefits in working with local groups in a de-amalgamated Council. That supports community opposition to the current size and reduced local representation that the amalgamation has introduced. Bush care, Precincts and Open Council have been among the losses the community faces. These points need to be clearly articulated.</p> <p>Local Government meant local Councillors who lived and perhaps worked in their area. Returning to a higher ratio of local representation would be another benefit.</p> <p>Existing services may continue to be shared as was the case prior to amalgamation so the cost benefit needs to allow for those savings in estimates of costs for the de-amalgamated areas.</p> <p>The report admits ,belatedly, that there is little evidence on which to base expectations. That point should be made clear in responding to it.</p> <p>Evidence being gained by Bayside (which is also organising a campaign) may be helpful in informing the debate</p>
91	Yes fine
92	<p>I am a resident of Leichhardt and have read the Morrison Low Report with some concern.</p> <p>I watched the Council meeting on this issue via Webcam and understood it was to be an independent Report looking into cost estimates and other</p>

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	<p>related de-amalgamation issues, so I am disappointed that it appears to support and endorse the NSW Govt's pro-amalgamation policy.</p> <p>I also note that Morrison Low was employed to prepare a business case for the merge of the three councils in 2015. I believe it is a deeply flawed approach to engage the same firm that was hired to prepare the business case for the merged councils. The Report even states under Scope that "This information has been validated and used to inform this cost benefit analysis". Hardly an objective, independent or valid study. For the sake of independence, both real and apparent, a different firm should have been engaged.</p> <p>The approach it takes is to support the idea that the Inner West Council (IWC) should remain amalgamated. Critically, it fails to thoroughly investigate how the de-merged councils could successfully share some services.</p> <p>It does not explain how the Report's costings were arrived at. It estimates the IWC merger as \$24.3 million and states, without providing a source, that the net costs - one off and then ongoing - for any proposed de-amalgamation would be higher. It states the cost to de-amalgamate would be \$26.2 million and ongoing costs would be around \$22.1 million. But surely the costs would be contingent on a de-amalgamation process, including any shared efficiencies.</p> <p>While there would be costs to de-amalgamate, this should be offset against the ongoing costs to residents in the form of ongoing rate hikes and reduction in services.</p> <p>The Report acknowledges that the option to de-merge is available within 10 years of the merger, and which, importantly, the NSW government is liable to fund.</p> <p>I also take issue with the assertion that the community is "largely satisfied with the performance of Inner West Council and more satisfied when</p>

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	<p>compared to other metropolitan councils” based on a general “satisfaction” survey done in June. In my experience (and that of others I know) this is far from the case. Compared to our experience living in the former Leichhardt LGA the impact of the merger has been negative. Since the merger I find the new IWC website to be incomprehensible, tracking planning applications is hit and miss, it is practically impossible to speak to a Council officer, everything is via voice mail or email, and it assumes everyone has access to a computer. Council services have deteriorated, we experience diminished representation, while rates have risen - the IWC is simply too big to operate effectively and efficiently. So much for "IWC has sufficient scale and capacity to perform more effectively than its former councils."</p> <p>Furthermore, there is no reference in the Report to the controversy surrounding the forced merger in 2016 and the impact on the community. Importantly, it fails to mention the fact that polls conducted in Leichhardt (and no doubt in the two other councils) were uniformly opposed to amalgamation.</p> <p>I am exceedingly disappointed in this Report and appalled a) that it was selected in the first instance given it prepared a cost analysis for the merged councils, and that b) it is so obviously biased against de-amalgamation.</p>
93	Yes, I've lived in Marrickville and St Peters for 27 years and have lived through the amalgamation of councils to the Inner West Council.

Question two - Would you like to provide feedback on the question to be asked at the election on 4 December which is:

“In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils were amalgamated into one local government area by the State Government. Do you support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?”

109 responses

No.	Comment
1	yes
2	Yes. As the current council is a mess and has shown to be completely mismanaged by the current mayor et al. Our rates have increased with no cost benefit and services have deteriorated. Meanwhile money has been wasted on new signage, coloured brochures, court costs etc.
3	Yes
4	No
5	NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT.
6	I hope residents would read the cost benefit report before answering this question. Just in case they don't, it'd be useful to outline the pros and cons in dot point form at the same time the question is asked with "What it will mean for you" as a heading. I think the question as it stands lends itself more to a 'yes' answer because many long-term residents will look back fondly (and unrealistically) on how things used to be. Amalgamation has removed some of the local 'feel' of council operations despite being more efficient and responsive. Also some residents prefer familiar, local and

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	personal/face-to-face council interactions to those that are electronic and less personal (although I've found email responses to my queries to be very friendly and I've felt that the respondent has listened and attended to them).
7	Can I suggest, given the high costs of de-amalgamation, you add that in the event of a majority 'yes' vote, council will hold a second vote on a concrete set of options for how the cuts would be made or the additional rates raised? Obviously the choice of option would be one for the incoming de-amalgamated councils.
8	No - what waste of time and resources, just leave it as it is.
9	<p>I am quite concerned that the question emphasises de-amalgamation, even though the Report commissioned is quite clear that it would generally be a disadvantageous move. Voters might easily answer 'yes' without having the implications clear in their mind. Why not ask the more pertinent question:</p> <p>[In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils were amalgamated into one local government area by the State Government. At the time, provision was made for a review of the decision five years on.]</p> <p>Do you support the continuation of the amalgamated Inner West Council?</p>
10	Add to the question the cost of de-amalgamation. Such as "Do you support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated at the potential cost of \$26.2 million, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?"
11	I stand for de-amalgamation. Each of these areas has high populations and different community needs which would benefit from the original government areas. The amalgamation plan was to cut costs and jobs, while only providing disadvantage to the communities.

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12	This question does not make it clear that services will still be shared after de-amalgamation or what the cost will be, so it is insufficient
13	No. De-amalgamation leads to higher operating costs and increased government bureaucracy. Keep the councils merged. The council is working fine.
14	It's a pretty bland question with no context around it.
15	yes
16	<p>The preamble should include the fact of forced amalgamation in 2016.</p> <p>Eg In May 2016 the NSW government forcibly merged Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils into the Inner West local government area. Since 2016 the clear deficits in the merged system have been identified.</p> <p>The question itself should be simplified.</p> <p>Eg Do you support a return to smaller councils by demerger, where the level of services, rates and planning controls support the communities of local government areas in Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?</p>
17	No
18	I will vote no.
19	Would like it but at what cost?
20	I support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated, however I am absolutely opposed to the current approach by Mayor Darcey et al who are not putting the best interests of the Inner West first. It seems this has become a politicised debate and the rate-payers are the ones left suffering. It seems that at every turn the current Mayoral team have hindered

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	any movement toward de-amalgation.
21	Use simple English such as “seperate” rather than de-amalgamate. Or simplified further “Do you support the IW LGA returning to the former....”
22	Only if it restores the services to my local street (BAY ST Croydon) that have now stopped. it is not good enough just to pick up our bins once a week. together or separate we pay our rates. Please gives us what we pay for.
23	No. The costs to alamagamte were horrendous. Why would the ratepayers have to pay again with no gains?
24	Yes I would like to provide feedback that I do not support this proposal
25	Unless a person has read the report and considered what it means then asking the question is stupid as people will just answer yes or no based on preconceptions. Just like in polling re how many COVID deaths the community is willing to accept where a majority think around 1000 is too many without knowing the average death rate due to influenza. This is just stuffing around.
26	yes
27	No. The services offered through an amalgamated council are far superior.
28	I do not support de-amalgamation
29	Yes

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30	<p>I believe the question should have two words added reworded. Eg “In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils were forcibly amalgamated into one local government area by the NSW State Government.</p> <p>Do you support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?”</p>
31	<p>I have read the report and am shocked that rate payers will foot the bill for this change. Most ratepayers did not want the amalgamation and only after 5 years it is proposed to de amalgamate. Where is the personal service? Gone? Even paying rates online is a nightmare and I am very computer literate. Bring back personal service ... bring back someone who answers the phone.. stop making these huge changes which cost enormous amounts of money!!! I prefer to have the Leichhardt council as a single entity with massive changes.</p> <p>My nature strip was dug up and two large NBN boxes were inserted. I emailed the council... had to do this twice as no one responded. No one answered my SEVERAL questions... but just forwarded my email to the company who dug up the nature strip. Of course I only got an standard /stock reply.</p> <p>How is this personal service? The Inner West council is a disaster!!!</p>
32	<p>I think the question should be rephrased to:</p> <p>In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils were amalgamated by the State Government into one local government area - known as the Inner West Council.</p> <p>Do you support the continuation of the Inner West Council? - Option 1</p> <p>or</p> <p>Do you support the de-amalgamation of the Inner West Council, so</p>

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	as to restore the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils? - Option 2
33	<p>Just wanted to give some feedback on the way this question is presented. The report target audience is not the one who needs to answer the question. The summary, does not include the most relevant information for the community to make the decision.</p> <p>Also the critical impact is barried under a lot of complex wording, numbers and tables, instead of one clear summary of the impact and potential increase in cost per household per quarter vs presume benifits.</p> <p>Please be fair, not everyone have the time to read and the expertise to be informed from such long and complicated report.</p>
34	No. Please see above comments
35	"An outcome of allocating the de-amalgamation costs and benefits is that all three councils have a significant operating funding shortfall, making them unsustainable longer-term." This fact should be included in the question posed to residents, along with the requirement for a rate increase.
36	The Question assumes that everyone has read the report or the summary and in its current form resident may believe that deamalgamation will be cost neutral. From my reading of the full report there will be an additional cost for each residence i.e. rates will increase and some gains that have been achieved in the last few years will not be realised.
37	No - I'm sure deamalgamation is beneficial but I think the horse has left the gate now, we are one - we are InnerWest.
38	Yes please de amalgamate them

No.	Comment
39	It might be appropriate to do the deamalgamation in stages. If there's shared services that span each council area then it might be good to keep those unchanged for a few years or indefinitely if it is cost effective.
40	Nope, it is well phrased, and easy for me to understand and to answer.
41	The question is fine and clear enough. But I really do hope that the Council tries to present the case for and against in an even and unbiased manner.
42	The form of the question is fine and I would vote for it.
43	That's clear... but I'm not sure if it addresses the feeling of disenfranchisement at a very local level. Ie... all or nothing without any shades of grey.. I don't have a solution that would better nuance the question
44	Yes. I support deamalgamation. I do not want my council area to be so big. I feel that Ashfield gets a rough deal. Also I dislike all the changes that the Greens have made. Bring back Christmas and less of the Aboriginal place names. The first is relevant to many and disliked by few, the second is not something that many in this area can relate to, nor want to.
45	Yes, I strongly support de-amalgamation! I want the lean, approachable, efficient and effective smaller Council who is familiar with the issues and community of the area and is able to manage change in the manner relevant to the particular council's electorate, issues and its specific needs

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46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't have a strong view For or Against de-amalgamation, but I am concerned that this question is being put to people with limited information available. The report has been helpful, but it is not particularly digestible and it has clear limitations. There is significant capacity for confusion and misunderstanding - with hugely significant consequences. There is also significant room for misinformation. Much like the UK poll on Brexit, it is a complex and vexed question to put to the people. Much like Brexit, the costs are uncertain and the benefits are vague. And much like Brexit, the question is being asked without any clear idea of what model of post-merger is being proposed. It is not as simple as 'Should we deamalgamate - yes or no?'. Many people that voted to leave the EU, have since expressed significant regret given the level of misinformation and uncertainty around precisely which form of Brexit would be adopted - Hard Brexit, Soft Brexit or somewhere in between. It was a complete disaster on all sides. And the IWC seems to be heading down the same path.</li> <li>• With that in mind, my main objective is for the Poll Question to be as neutral and clear as possible to the average rate payer.</li> <li>• The reference to the history of amalgamation in the Poll Question (i.e. when and why amalgamation happened) is not relevant to the Poll Question. It may lead to perceptions of bias in the question.</li> <li>• The Poll Question should simply recognise the current status quo (i.e. the Inner West is the current LGA) and ask the question as to whether or not there should be a change (i.e. to 3 LGAs).</li> <li>• Referencing the history of State Government amalgamations in the question is slightly loaded. There have been many boundary changes and amalgamations in Sydney's history - whether or not the most recent amalgamation is relevant is really an argument to be made by the For and Against advocates. Referencing it in the question itself is problematic.</li> <li>• The recent history of amalgamation is heavily associated with</li> </ul>

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	<p>those on the 'For' side. They rely on emotive arguments around the forced nature of amalgamations and a sense of nostalgia for previous councils. I am not critical of those arguments - many are valid - but these are value judgments which should not form part of the fundamental Poll Question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of the term 'restore' in the Poll Question is misleading, as it creates an impression that the previous councils can be reconstituted. They cannot. Three new local government areas would need to be created again, with consultation on boundaries and newly elected councils. It is a fiction to suggest that it is possible to simply 'restore' them. As above, it means the Poll Question is more loaded than it needs to be and open to allegations of bias. It should be neutral.</li> <li>• The poll question does not adequately recognise that the Inner West Council will cease to exist and will be eliminated. This should be made very clear so that people understand the significance of the vote. There will be a significant number of people who are not familiar with de-amalgamation or what it means. There is a risk that people will conflate concepts of LGAs with Wards and Council (i.e. a layperson may simply assume that de-amalgamation relates to restoring 3 wards, rather than eliminating all of the IWC)</li> <li>• The poll question uses the terms 'local government area' and 'council' interchangeably. These are different concepts. Care should be taken to be very clear about what is changing here.</li> <li>• Using the phrase 'Do you support' in the question, gives eminence to the proposition of deamalgamation. It should be more neutral than that, and simply use 'should' instead.</li> <li>• In order to address all of these points, I would suggest something as follows which is neutral, factual as to the status quo and simple: "Should the Inner West council be abolished and replaced with 3 separate councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?"</li> </ul>

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47	I do not support the area being de-amalgamated. Council should create a plan to realise the benefits of amalgamation as they are truly greater to all rate payers as a direct result of the economies of scale. This is the preferred approach rather than a de-amalgamation of areas.
48	I was unclear then and still am now why they were merged in the first place? It seemed to be working well when it was Marrickville council and I'd prefer it that way but not at an expense to my family.
49	How are voters supposed to make a decision with no info? Need to provide a summary of the report alongside the question.
50	Why do we have to ask this question at all? This seems a complete exercise in futility. What triggered this poll and can't we just focus on improving services by asking people what they want to see improved?
51	No I do not support
52	Yes I support de amalgamation. I have seen no benefit from the amalgamation in fact I see the community is worse off
53	This is a waste of time and resources. Don't do it.
54	The question seems straight forward and reasonable
55	Good, straight-forward question. More importantly, it was *democratically* agreed to by the majority of councillors at the June 29 meeting. Also importantly, it was also *already agreed to* by the NSW Office of Local Government and the NSW Electoral Commission.
56	Yes.

No.	Comment
57	Yes I do. I feel that the large Inner West council is unresponsive to local issues. The real challenge will be if the 3 councils can work together to lessen the impact of West Connex and The Metro projects for the greater good of the entire area. I feel that the large Inner West council has, as the NSW Liberal government wishes (orders?) them to do, completely ignore the giant blight of these projects on the local area.
58	Inner west council has basically become the old Leichhardt council, one of the worst councils in Sydney! No direction and basically a communist run LGA!
59	Neutral. Could be seen as broadly democratic but a lot of people would be obliged to make a decision without any information of the pro's and con's. It could also be politicised at the election rather than seeing the cold hard facts.
60	I strongly support the de-amalgamation of the Inner West to restore the original 3 councils: Ashfield, Leichards & Marrickville.
61	No comment
62	Yes
63	No I do not support this proposal.
64	The question comes across as bias, in favour of de-amalgamation. The question does not include any information at all that is required to make an educated answer. The main is the extraordinary one-off and ongoing costs of de-amalgamation, including significant increases to our rates to cover the ongoing cost of de-amalgamation! Why is this question even being asked? What has prompted this question to be asked?
65	No

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66	No. This is a waste of money.
67	It seems fine to me.
68	Add a sentence or two outlining the summary of the report indicating the cost of such activity. If you know there is no benefit then tell people.
69	I do not support de-amalgamation. The Inner West Council should stay as is.
70	No. Absolutely not. Is this proposal being foisted on the Inner West by the same fiscal masterminds who gave us a \$14 million Ashfield leisure centre for \$45 million and have the temerity to still charge local ratepayers (whose money was & will be used to pay it off) premium rates the equivalent of swanky private gyms? You have 1 job, focus on that instead. However, if it's all too hard, take your leave (as apparently several general managers have in the past few years) and let someone else do it.
71	yes
72	This question sounds good.
73	Yes, however please add one word to clarify that restored LGAs would be separate. Suggestion is to include "so as to restore the former SEPARATE local government areas..."
74	Yes
75	The question has double negatives and should in fact be rephrased as "Do you support the continuation of the Inner West council with the combined areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?"

No.	Comment
76	Yes. The amalgamated Council is riddled with political ideology not the best interests of residents and the environment. The Mayor has evaded and not been competent as a professional independent Manager.
77	I think ratepayers should be made aware of the one off and ongoing cost involved prior to voting on this proposal.
78	The cost of rates has gone up, why? my partner lives in Dulwich hill and his were cheaper than mine and I am over 65, how does this work? We can't afford de-amalgamation, I am totally against it.
79	Yes, please.
80	This was forced upon us all - no one individual council wanted it. Is there no redress for costs from the State Government who issued this order originally and caused all the problems?
81	yes I agree it should be de-amalgamated. The current 200000 residents are not getting their \$ worth nor a genuine "say" in the needs of their community.
82	no, what's the point of going back? i don't see any benefit and only additional costs. i like that the inner west council amalgamation has created a single like-minded community across the entire inner west of sydney. the original 3 councils are very well aligned socio-economically as well as culturally and so i feel that they belong together.
83	Yes. The local governments need to be seperate because all the issues within each area CANNOT be dealt with if they are all under one LGA and alot of what needs to be done which hasn't is prove this doesn't work.

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	Liberals only want to do this to give people less opportunity to bring more Labor people into power so they can push to gain greater control of more area.
84	Yes I support the question
85	Please keep this question as is in its current form. It's concise and easy to understand.
86	Yes
87	Yes, I very strongly support de-amalgamation. This way, we can have more authentic local representation, and reduced resident costs. Amalgamation has clearly proven to be far more costly and cumbersome to operate than 3 smaller councils.
88	<p>As a resident of Marrickville for 34 years I support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville.</p> <p>The majority of my neighbours support this. Basic Council services such as garbage collection, dumped cars, damaged roads and the numbers of rangers working in Marrickville have significantly deteriorated since amalgamation. Compliance with DAs is basically non-existent now. Developers can now employ their own certifiers for DA and construction compliance.</p> <p>More importantly de-amalgamation has already been democratically agreed to by the majority of councillors; then agreed to by the NSW Electoral Commission and the NSW Office of Local Government. We demand de-amalgamation of Inner West Council</p>
89	The question is good, straightforward.
90	No - see earlier reasons

No.	Comment
91	Yes I do.
92	Yes, this will provide more tailored services and allow the smaller councils to better manage the financial impacts of what are diverse populations.
93	That is a good question, except that it does not reflect the amalgamation was forced and did not ask constituents to decide
94	Yes
95	The question as to whether the DE-ALGAMATION question is perfectly clear is it is. We support DE-ALMAGATION OF Marrickville, Ashfield and Leichardt Councils.
96	I support the wording of this question. I would like to be asked the question at the next election.
97	Yes I am fine with the wording of this question, I would like to be asked this question at the polls
98	I support the restoration of the three original councils, and find the question posed to be entirely proper. We have seen during the pandemic how lumping all communities into a mega-council is both discriminatory and disenfranchising of communities.
99	I support de-amalgamation and the restoration of the previous format of Leichardt open council
100	I support the poll question.
101	I think this is a good and well worded question.
102	YES. Sooner the better.
103	I support the question.

No.	Comment
104	Yes
105	This question is clear.
106	Please add "forcibly"
107	Yes. I was in the previously Marrickville Council area. It was far superior to the Inner West Council. LOCAL Government should serve local people and provide services appropriate to that area. IWC has been cobbled together disparate areas, issues and needs -- simply not working.
108	Overall the question is fine but I think for the sake of simplicity and clarity the wording in the second paragraph should be amended so that 'local government area' is replaced with 'council' eg "Do you support the Inner West Council being de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?"
109	Yes I support the de-amalgamation. The amalgamation was a mistake that was pushed on us by the state government. I want to go back to the small local council that Marrickville was, even though we'll have to bear the costs of the errors made by the state government.

Feedback received via Email - 24

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**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 6

**Subject:** ZERO WASTE STRATEGY TARGETS

**Prepared By:** Helen Bradley - Manager Resource Recovery Planning

**Authorised By:** Graeme Palmer - Acting Director Planning

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council note the short and long term targets under the Zero Waste Strategy.**

## DISCUSSION

On 3 August 2021, Council resolved to;

3. Receive a report on the short and medium term targets under the strategy and plan for ensuring Council will monitor achievement of these interim targets.

The table below details these targets with some examples of the actions that will be undertaken to reach them:

Priority	Targets (Strategy targets highlighted)			Monitoring	Reporting
	Short-term 2021-2025	Medium-Term 2026-2030	Long-term 2031-2036		
Avoid waste generation	Reduce waste landfilled per resident by 10% by 2025	Reduce waste landfilled per resident by 25% by 2030	Reduce waste landfilled per capita by 50% by 2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tonnages of kerbside waste and recycling.</li> <li>Kerbside bin audits (every 3-4 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> <li>NSW WARR data return.</li> </ul>
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Hill Reuse Centre - Green Living Centre, The Bower and Reverse Garbage</li> <li>Supporting and promoting waste avoidance, reuse, and recycling to minimize waste</li> </ul>				
Reduce organic waste	100% households have access to a food recycling by 2025	Reduce food and garden organic waste disposed in landfill by 60% by 2030	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tonnages of kerbside waste and recycling.</li> <li>Kerbside bin audits (every 3-4 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> <li>NSW WARR data return.</li> </ul>
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase participation and recovery from food recycling service for apartments</li> <li>Implement FOGO (food and garden organics) service for all households</li> <li>Engage residents with food waste avoidance and home composting initiatives</li> </ul>				
Recycle and buy recycled	Divert 20% of recyclables from the garbage by 2025	Divert 40% of recyclables from the garbage by 2030	Divert 60% of recyclables from the garbage bin by 2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council \$ spend on sustainable products/ recycled content.</li> <li>Tonnages recycled materials e.g., recycled crushed glass as sand replacement</li> <li>Kerbside bin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> <li>NSW WARR data return.</li> </ul>

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Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Align residential recycling services to commingled recycling and increase education and information reducing contamination and increasing recovery.</li> <li>Monitor sustainable procurement (recycled content and recyclable at end of life)</li> </ul>				
Problem wastes	Ban televisions and computers from landfill by 2025 (via council services)	Increase recycling of televisions and computers by 40% by 2026	Increase recycling of televisions and computers by 80% by 2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRC &amp; Drop-off tonnages</li> <li>Kerbside bin audits (every 3-4 years)</li> <li>Clean-up audits (ad-hoc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> <li>NSW WARR data return.</li> </ul>
	Reduce the amount of hazardous waste presented in the garbage by 10% by 2025	Reduce the amount of hazardous waste presented in the garbage by 25% by 2030	Reduce the amount of hazardous waste presented in the garbage to 50% by 2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kerbside bin audits (every 3-4 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> </ul>
	Reduce illegal dumping by 10% by 2025	Reduce illegal dumping by 25% by 2030	Reduce illegal dumping by 50% by 2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incidences illegal dumping</li> <li>Tonnages illegal dumping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> <li>NSW WARR data return.</li> </ul>
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement and promote booked clean-up services (discourage dumping)</li> <li>Offer and promote services available to residents for collection and drop-off of problem wastes</li> </ul>				
Collaboration and advocacy	Identify product stewardship schemes to align to council services by 2025	Access to product stewardship schemes by 2030	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># product stewardship schemes</li> <li>Tonnages processed via PS schemes (where available)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> </ul>
	Information on IWC waste flows within 3 months of each new contract.	ongoing	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Material stream information updated on website - # web hits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report.</li> </ul>
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with all levels of government, regionally and with industry to work towards a circular economy.</li> <li>Regularly update and review resource recovery information available to community</li> </ul>				
Reduce litter	Reduce plastic litter by 30% by 2025	Reduce litter by 60% by 2030	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter collected in GPTs (kg)</li> <li># Coffee swap and go and cafes participating</li> <li># eligible containers collected via IWC Return and Earn collection points</li> <li>Tonnages collected in litter bins</li> <li>Tonnes collected from</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate quarterly and annual report</li> <li>Cooks River Litter Strategy</li> </ul>

Actions:				street sweeping	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021-22 Deliver 2 return and earn collection points for the recycling of eligible containers in public places</li> <li>Intra-council collaboration to tackle litter and prevent it entering waterways (avoidance/reusables, education, empowerment, infrastructure, and enforcement).</li> <li>Coffee cup swap and go</li> </ul>				

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Zero Waste Strategy is embedded into the operational budget funded through the domestic waste management charge.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 7

**Subject:** MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2021

**Prepared By:** Katherine Paixao - Acting Governance Manager

**Authorised By:** Peter Livanes - Acting Director Corporate

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 August 2021.**

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## DISCUSSION

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) plays a pivotal role providing Council with independent assurance and advice in the areas of internal audit, financial management, risk management, compliance and control, and organisational performance and improvement, along with external accountability responsibilities.

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2021 are reported in full in Attachment 1. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with progress updates in the areas of internal audit, financial management, risk management, compliance and control, and organisational performance and improvement.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding to support the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is included in the existing budget.

The Committee functions in accordance with the non-mandatory guidelines issued by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government under section 23A of the Local Government Act 1993 and in consideration of Part 4A of the Local Government Act 1993 as proposed by the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Download](#) Draft Minutes - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting - 25 August 2021

Draft Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 25 August 2021

Meeting commenced at 5.34pm

### PRESENT

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member - Chair	John Gordon
Independent Member	Emily Hodgson
Independent Member	Heather Smith
Councillor	Clr Louise Steer
Councillor	Clr Lucille McKenna OAM
Other attendees	
General Manager	Peter Gainsford
Acting Director Corporate	Peter Livanes
Acting Director Planning	Graeme Palmer
Acting Director Community	Caroline McLeod
Director Infrastructure	Cathy Edwards-Davis
Chief Financial Officer	Daryl Jackson
Chief Information Officer	Harin Perera
Social and Cultural Planning Manager	Simon Watts
Acting Governance Coordinator - Minute Taker	Carmelina Giannini
Engagement Partner, EY	Melissa Broadhead
Engagement Manager, EY	Paulette Pang
Audit Office	Caroline Karakatsanis
Audit Office	Rochele Antolin
Internal Ombudsman	Elizabeth Renneberg

The Chair, John Gordon requested Peter Livanes inform the committee of who is in attendance at the meeting.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of the committee, the chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands of Inner West Council and paid his respects to elders past, present and emerging.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:** Nil

Emily Hodgson disclosed that she has resigned from ASIC and has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer at ANSTO – Australian Nuclear Science and Technology.

There were no other disclosures of interest.

	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:</b>  <b>Emily Hodgson/Clr McKenna OAM</b>  The Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 were confirmed. Carried unanimously  <b>Action Point: Receive and note the progress on the Action Points from Outstanding Resolutions on pages 10,11 &amp; 12. Update to come back to next ARIC Meeting.</b>  <b>(Heather Smith/Emily Hodgson)</b>  Carried unanimously	          Acting Director Corporate	          20 October 2021

**GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS**

ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<b>RIS0821 Item 1 General Manager's Update</b>  The General Manager provided an overview of Council matters and advised the Committee the organisation structure was approved in June 2021.  Director Infrastructure gave an update on COVID-19 pandemic measures that are in place for the organisation.  <b>RECOMMENDATION (Heather Smith/ Emily Hodgson)</b>  <b>THAT the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note the verbal update.</b>  Carried unanimously		

<p><b>RIS0821 Item 2 ARIC Resolution Register and Audit Status Update</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Emily Hodgson/Heather Smith)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the ARIC Resolutions Register; and</li> <li>Note the status of Audit Resolutions including detailed summary.</li> </ol> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 3 Audit Office of NSW - Annual Engagement Plan</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Clr Steer/Clr McKenna OAM)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the Annual Engagement Plan.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 4 Internal Audit Status Report – EY</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Heather Smith/ Emily Hodgson)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 5 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Report</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Clr McKenna OAM/Heather Smith)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IOSS to provide an update/more information on how Development Applications (DA) complaints are handled.</li> </ol> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Internal Ombudsman and Acting Corporate Director</p>	<p>20 October 2021</p>

<p><b>RIS0821 Item 6 Child Safe Update</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Emily Hodgson/Clr Steer)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the Child Safe Update.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An update be provided to a future committee meeting on progress in implementing recommendations from the Internal Audit report.</li> <li>2. A copy of the risk register that was used when Council did the Child Safe Risk Assessment be presented to a future committee meeting.</li> </ol> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Acting Director Corporate</p> <p>Acting Director Corporate</p>	<p>17 November 2021</p> <p>17 November 2021</p>
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 7 ICT Security Update</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (John Gordon/Clr McKenna OAM)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 8 Update on Technology One Project</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Heather Smith/Emily Hodgson)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 9 Intramaps Data Breach</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Emily Hodgson/Heather Smith)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p><b>RIS0821 Item 10 Investment Strategy &amp; Portfolio Review 2020/21</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Emily Smith/John Gordon)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		

<p><b>RIS0821 Item 11 Combined Delivery Program 18-22, Operational Plan 2021/22 &amp; Budget 2021/22, Fees and Charges 2021/22 And Long Term Financial Plan 2021-31</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (Heather Smith/Emily)</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee receive and note the adopted report.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Quarterly Budget summary to come back to the last ARIC meeting for 2021.</b></p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Acting Director Corporate</p>	<p>17 November 2021</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>Acting Director Corporate advised the Committee that Council extended the representation on committees until the end of term. Councillors McKenna OAM and Steer will remain on the committee until the end of year.</p> <p>Acting Director Corporate advised that Council will commence a process to seek expressions of interest for independent representatives to join the committee.</p>		

Meeting closed at 7.54pm

Next Meeting – 20 October 2021, 5.30pm

**CHAIRPERSON** – John Gordon

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 8

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: DISPOSAL OF SHARPS DURING VACCINATION ROLL OUT

Council at its meeting on 14 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 28 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Darcy Byrne

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes that the roll out of Covid-19 vaccination program has increased the number of syringes pharmacists need to dispose of;
2. Notes that Council's Community Sharps Collection program does not cover this increase in syringe use;
3. Provides an additional medical waste bin to pharmacists who apply to Council to dispose of these syringes, which will then be disposed of by Council; and
4. This service to be provided for the length of the Federal Government's vaccination program and is only available to pharmacies within the Inner West local area.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Resource Recovery Planning Manager:**

Council has an existing community sharps service and \$12,000 was budgeted for this service for 2021-22 as part of domestic waste budget. Council collects sharps from 15 existing pharmacies with a further 8 about to commence the service. Most pharmacies receive 1 or 2 collections per month per pharmacy for community returned sharps (e.g. from diabetics).

Pharmacies agreed to provide their own sharps collection service as part of the vaccine roll out agreement entered into with the Australian Government. There are approximately 50 pharmacies in the Inner West LGA and if Council was to cover the cost of the sharps collection from all IWC pharmacies it is expected to cost at least \$12,030 for 3 months/\$48,120 pa. Should council proceed with this policy the budget would need to be reviewed as part of the quarterly budget process depending on the take up.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 9

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: HOLDING YARD

Council at its meeting on 14 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 28 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Julie Passas

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council investigates the feasibility of a Council Secure Yard that would be available 24/7 for our residents to park their boats, caravans and trailers with an annual fee charged.**

**Background**

The increasing number of boats and trailers parked on public streets for lengthy periods of time are taking up desperately needed car spaces and in many instances are causing traffic safety problems.

I have previously raised this issue on behalf of residents. I believe there is a solution that would help alleviate this.

Residents in Ashfield, Summer Hill and Marrickville pay for parking permits and in many cases there are no spaces available.

I believe Council should investigate the feasibility of a Council Secure Yard that would be available 24/7 for our residents to park their boats, caravans and trailers and an annual fee could be charged.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Acting Director Development and Recreation:**

Council has limited operational land available for this purpose.

It is important to note that even if Council were to provide an option for the storage of boats and trailers, nothing in legislation would prohibit the ability for an owner to continue to park their boats and trailers in the street, subject to them being lawfully registered and permitted by applicable signage.

It is also worth noting that the NSW State Government is currently undertaking a review of the Impounding Act, which may bring additional powers for Council to address boat and trailer parking.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 10

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLORS NOT ADVISED

Council at its meeting on 14 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 28 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Julie Passas

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**MOTION:**

**THAT an explanation be provided as to who was acting at the time of the absence of the Mayor, General Manager and Senior Staff for up to four (4) days from 23 June 2021. Councillors are to be made aware when senior staff or Councillors alike are absent and who is acting in the role during this period in the case of an emergency such as lockdown.**

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**Background**

Councillors are aware that on Wednesday 23 June 2021, the Mayor, General Manager and Senior Staff were absent from Council duties for up to four (4) working days.

Councillors were not advised of this and it was during a critical time for council as we were heading into lockdown.

There needs to be an explanation as to who was acting at the time?

If there was an emergency and Councillors needed to make contact what arrangements were in place and who was in charge.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from General Manager:**

The General Manager and senior staff were working during this period and were able to fulfill their duties.

The Mayor was not absent for any Council meetings and isn't required to notify Councillors if he isn't going to be in the office.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [1](#) Sydney Morning Herald - 11 July 2021 - Emerald City

## The Sydney Morning Herald

### Lockdown breachers



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When it comes to the state government's public health orders it seems there are rules for some and different rules for celebrities.

Triple M breakfast host **Lawrence Mooney** copped a \$1000 fine for breaching NSW lockdown orders after travelling to Byron Bay for a two-week holiday while he was supposed to be locked down in Sydney.



Lawrence Mooney and family during recent Byron Bay holiday.

Emerald City was sent pictures uploaded by his wife **Lou Mooney**, who shared photos of their lavish Byron getaway on her private Instagram.

The Harbour City has been in lockdown since June 26 to combat the growing outbreak of the highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant.

Meanwhile, Inner West mayor **Darcy Byrne** skipped town in the hours before it was banned. His local government area was one of seven affected by a public health order announced at 11 am on June 23 that prevented people who live or work in those LGAs from leaving metropolitan Sydney.

But at lunchtime that day Byrne jetted off to Queensland with the intention of watching State of Origin game two on June 27 at Suncorp, much to the chagrin of some of his fellow councillors.

"I flew out of Sydney at lunchtime on Wednesday, June 23 for a long-planned trip to Queensland to watch the State of Origin," Byrne told Emerald City. "As the COVID situation evolved I made the decision not to attend the game. I flew back to Sydney on Monday June 28."

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**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 11

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: WEAR IT PURPLE

Council at its meeting on 07 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 14 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Mark Drury

Item 11

### **MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes and celebrates the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Wear it Purple Day, to be held this Friday, 27 August, with the 2021 theme being “Start the conversation. Keep it going”; and
2. In recognising and promoting this message notes the decision of *Comensoli v Passas* [2019] NSWCATAD 155, handed down by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal during this term of Council which found that a complaint of homosexual vilification in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act by Councillor Passas had been substantiated.

### **Background**

Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment resulting from the lack of acceptance of their sexuality or gender identity.

Wear it Purple Day 2021’s theme is focused on the important and necessary conversations we have in our daily life; that centre around sexual orientation and gender identity. It aims to remind people that the issues we reflect on Wear it Purple Day should not only be considered on that particular day... but every day.

In the 2019 case of *Comensoli v Passas* [2019] NSWCATAD 155, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal found a complaint of homosexual vilification in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act by Councillor Passas had been substantiated following a range of derogatory comments made by Councillor Passas to her neighbour following the successful Marriage Equality Plebiscite in 2017 and his flying of the Rainbow Flag on his property in celebration of the result.

### **Officer’s Comments:**

#### **Comment from Senior HR Business Partner:**

Inner West Council proudly supports and celebrates its LGBTIQ community and staff, which includes continued promotion in the provision of a safe place for young rainbow people. On Friday 27 August, Council will again be supporting the Wear It Purple (WIP) community with the 2021 theme of “Start the conversation...Keep it going”.

Along with wearing purple clothing, a range of initiatives will be promoted and encouraged for staff to participate. Particularly matching the WIP theme, information will be made available for all staff, inviting to update and permanently change their Council email signature with their personal pronouns. Displaying your personal pronouns is a simple and effective way to use inclusive language, be respectful and continue ‘the important and necessary conversations we have in our daily life; that centre around sexual orientation and gender identity’.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 12

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Council at its meeting on 14 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 28 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Darcy Byrne

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. Writes to the Transport Minister requesting that Transport for NSW install risk mitigation measures to reduce the danger to children crossing Johnston Street, Annandale, in front of Annandale North Public School. This will also include a request for Transport for NSW to employ a Crossing Supervisor at the site to increase visibility and correct crossing behavior; and
2. Investigates what road calming measures Council can install near the crossing to increase the safety for people crossing Johnston Street in front of Annandale North Public School with the results of the investigation to be reported to an ordinary Council meeting.

**Background**

The Johnston Street crossing at Annandale North Public School is in urgent need of improvements to ensure the safety of students and the community (see correspondence from the School P&C to the Transport Minister attached).

The main entrance to the school is on Johnston Street where there has been a significant increase in traffic due to the WestConnex construction, both heavy vehicles and commuter cars.

The crossing has a wide point of entry for children, which makes it difficult for drivers to see when they are waiting. Further, there are constant obstacles to visibility given the high frequency of illegally stopped and parked cars and trucks either side of the crossing entrance.

School zone flashing lights are a long way away from the crossing, and there is inadequate signage warning drivers of the high use of the crossing by children.

**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Correspondence from Annandale North Public School P&C Association](#)



## ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, 15 April 2020

Annandale North Public School P&C Association  
206 Johnston St, Annandale NSW 2038

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
GPO Box 5341, SYDNEY NSW 2001  
bega@parliament.nsw.gov.au

CC: The Hon. Jamie Parker MP, Member for Balmain [jamie@jamieparker.org](mailto:jamie@jamieparker.org)

### ROAD SAFETY AT ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Minister,

I wish to draw your urgent attention to the ongoing road safety issues at Annandale North Public School and **ask for your approval of Project ID 587439012 under the 20/21 NSW Active Transport Program** fix this dangerous issue and keep our children safe.

I have previously written to you regarding the danger to children faced when crossing Johnston Street to enter and leave school, caused by critical problems with the crossing area, amplified by increased vehicle traffic and truck movements on Johnston Street related to the WestConnex project.

The traffic light-controlled pedestrian crossing over Johnston Street (outside 199 Johnston Street) at the main gate of Annandale North Public School, is utilised by the 400 school children, their siblings, parents and carers and the community multiple times on each school day. Hinsby Park, also on Johnston Street opposite the school, is also heavily utilised by students and younger children who accompany their siblings in crossing Johnston Street before, during, and after school.

We have identified critical problems with the crossing (photos are attached below):

- Children cross diagonally and run onto the crossing from the no-stopping zones on either side of the road
- The traffic light button adjacent to the school is poorly located, separating adults from children while waiting for the light to change
- Water and mud pooling on the eastern side of the crossing forces crossing outside the crossing zone
- Narrow footpaths limit capacity for people waiting to cross at peak times
- Cars stopping in the no-stopping zones limit visibility of children to passing vehicles, and
- There is a lack of "School Zone" signage immediately adjacent to the school

Annandale North Public School Parents & Citizens Association  
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## ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

We have previously proposed that Transport for NSW (the RMS) should upgrade the current crossing to increase its safety with the following suggestions, at a minimum, be implemented:

- Widening of the footpaths in the current "No Stopping" zones to prevent cars from pulling up in these locations
- Installation of fencing adjacent to the current "No Stopping" zones on either side of Johnston St to prevent children from running onto the crossing
- Provision of school crossing guards during peak times at key school crossings.

Concept images of these safety improvements are below.

We now understand from Transport for NSW, under the **20/21 NSW Active Transport Program, Project ID 587439012 has been put forward for your approval**. This project aims to upgrade the existing mid-block traffic control signals and surrounding kerbs outside Annandale North Public School. The project scope includes:

- Realign the kerb return on both sides of Johnston Street thereby reducing the effective crossing distance for pedestrians.
- Upgrade the kerb ramps on both sides of Johnston Street at the signals to improve accessibility for all road users.
- Providing enhanced visibility to the signal displays.

On behalf of the entire Annandale community, I ask **for your approval of Project ID 587439012 under the 20/21 NSW Active Transport Program** to fix this dangerous issue and keep our children safe.

Thank you for your support of our school. Please do not hesitate to reach out directly on 0449953145 or [president@anpspandc.org](mailto:president@anpspandc.org) if I can provide any further information.

Regards,

Matthew Hart  
President 2020  
0449953145

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## ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Children cross diagonally and run onto the crossing from the no-stopping zones on either side of the road



Ongoing issues with cars stopping in the marked no stopping zones, blocking the crossing area



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## ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Proposed improvements near Annandale North Public School – widened footpath, relocated crossing button, fencing along the median strip



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**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 13

**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: FLYING THE ITALIAN FLAG ON FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Council at its meeting on 14 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 28 September 2021.

**From:** Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM

## **MOTION:**

**THAT Council each year on Festa della Repubblica (Italian National Day), 2 June, the Italian flag be raised on the Leichhardt Town Hall**

## **Background**

On Friday 11 June, a ceremony was held at Leichhardt Town Hall to launch “Little Italy”. The area bounds Norton St and Marion St between Hawthorne Parade and Balmain Rd.

The recognition of this small section of Leichhardt as Little Italy is a fitting tribute to the Italian community who have made and will continue to make a significant change contribution to Australia.

Following the Second World War many Italians migrated to Australia. Those who came to Sydney initially settled in Leichhardt, moving to other suburbs over time.

Many residents with strong connections to Leichhardt and of Italian heritage live in the near suburbs of Haberfield, Five Dock and Concord.

Leichhardt, the home of Co.As.It, the community organisation providing a myriad of services to old and young residents of Italian heritage, provides a strong Link to present and former residents of Leichhardt.

Flying the Italian flag above Leichhardt Town Hall will honour the many thousands of Italian migrants who have built this country after landing in Leichhardt.

## **Officer’s Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 14  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: REFUGEE ARTS PROJECT AT THIRNING VILLA  
**From:** Councillor Tom Kiat

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council endorse the Refugee Arts Project as a tenant in Thirning Villa.**

**Background**

In May 2021, Councillors received a briefing for the proposed uses of Thirning Villa and Elkington Cottage. A range of options were presented for the future use of these facilities.

Thirning Villa, based at Pratten Park in Ashfield, is one of Inner West Council's Artists in Residence creative spaces and the only community cultural facility in the Ashfield Ward.

The Refugee Arts Project, a non-profit, community arts organisation established in 2010 facilitates art workshops, mentoring and skills programs for Refugees from Thirning Villa. The group is seeking an ongoing commitment from Council in the form of a lease / license so they can continue operating out of Thirning Villa.

As Council is a Refugee Welcome Zone Council, it is important Council demonstrate its commitment to the Refugee Arts Project by providing them surety with regards to their future use of the site

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Creative Spaces Project Officer:**

There are currently three tenants at Thirning Villa Ashfield District Historic Society, New Moon Collective and Refugee Arts Project.

The Refugee Arts Project has been an artist in residence in Thirning Villa since June 2018. As part of their residency, up to four groups of refugees and asylum seekers meet for creative and wellbeing activities. The artworks produced within their workshops are curated and shown in public exhibitions, online and in self-published zines.

RAP have collaborated regularly with the other Artist in Residence group New Moon Collective to develop, produce and exhibit at Thirning Villa. These exhibitions and projects successfully engage local communities and major organisations, such as:

- *I am Not a Virus* collaboration with Diversity Arts and #RacismNOTwelcome forum and exhibition (postponed due to Covid),
- *52 ARTISTS 52 ACTIONS* online exhibition, curated by RAP with Artspace Gallery,
- Damon Amb's photography exhibition *Night*,
- Read to Me's live visual storytelling *The politics of representation* and

UNSW's Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law's podcast storytelling project *Temporary* (both collaborations with RAP).

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 15  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: FEE WAIVER FOR SPORTING FIELDS GROUND HIRE  
**From:** Councillor Victor Macri

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council prepare a report on the ability to wave the fees for ground hire of sports fields as per the Canterbury Bankstown Council approach to assist our sporting clubs.**

**Background**

See attachment

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Parks and Recreation Planning Manager:**

The 2021 winter sporting season (training and competition) commenced in mid-March 2021 and ceased on Saturday June 26th 2021 when the Greater Sydney metropolitan area went into mandatory lockdown.

Council's Sporting Ground Allocations policy requires that winter sporting clubs are invoiced one month after the commencement of the respective sporting season. The majority of Inner West winter sporting clubs are financial and have paid the full amount of their seasonal winter allocations. Sporting fees for ground allocations for 2021 were based on old fees and charges (as per the adopted budget) which were not harmonised.

The 2021 winter sporting season has been cancelled for the remainder of 2021 with all parent sporting associations announcing that winter sport will not resume this year. In line with a whole of Council approach Council officers have advised all winter sporting clubs that they will be issued allocation credits for the 2022 Winter sporting season. The financial impact to Council is approximately \$200K in lost revenue. It needs to be noted that the sporting grounds have been maintained throughout the lockdown period and a full spring renovation programme has also commenced.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Football NSW Command CBC Decision to Waiver Field Hire Costs

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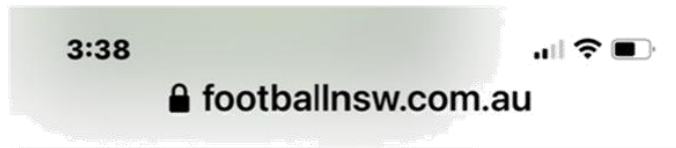
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# **FOOTBALL NSW COMMEND CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO WAIVE FIELD HIRE COSTS**



30 August , 2021 By [Mark Stavroulakis](#)

Attachment 1



30 August , 2021 By [Mark Stavroulakis](#)

**For the second successive year, Football NSW has praised the decision by the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council to waive ground hire costs in a bid to lessen the financial burden placed upon both the Bankstown District Amaetur Football Association and the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association Clubs all of which have been heavily affected by Covid.**

Hailed as a generous and much needed move for community football in the area, City of Canterbury Bankstown Council led by Mayor Khal Asfour, decided to waive ground hire costs for sporting clubs and associations with seasonal bookings at Council managed sports grounds and facilities for the winter 2021 season.

Football NSW CEO Stuart Hodge highlighted his support for the action delivered by Canterbury Bankstown Council.

"Well done to Canterbury Bankstown Council for pushing its support behind our code in what have been tough times for the sport.

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“Decisions and moves such as this from Canterbury Bankstown Council go a long way to assuring our clubs and players are well supported and will continue to provide a positive and significant benefit to the community.”

Both Bankstown District Football Association’s General Manager Leanne Millar and Canterbury District Soccer Football Association CEO Ian Homes were grateful with the ongoing support of the Mayor, elected Councillors and Senior Management of the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council.

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## LATEST NEWS



**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 16  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: KEEP INNER WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA NUCLEAR FREE  
**From:** Councillor Louise Steer

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. Writes to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton expressing Inner West Council's opposition to the presence of nuclear submarines in Sydney Harbour, noting the risks to human, animal and plant life posed by nuclear submarines and requesting that the Australian government ratify the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
2. Notes the 'nuclear free zone' signs throughout the LGA;
3. Informs residents of its resolution via a media release and information in the next newsletter; and
4. Puts forward the following motion to the LGNSW Conference 2021
  - a) NSW Councils oppose nuclear submarines in Sydney Harbour;
  - b) That LGNSW writes to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton expressing opposition to the presence nuclear submarines in New South Wales waters, in particular Sydney Harbour, noting the risks to human, animal and plant life posed by nuclear submarines, and requesting that the Australian government ratify the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

**Background**

On 16 September 2021, the Australian government announced that it would build nuclear submarines in Adelaide. If nuclear submarines enter Sydney Harbour, they will create a significant risk to human life if there is an accident, or they are attacked by an enemy, or if they simply sink.

Nuclear submarines do not have a peaceful purpose. Their sole purpose is for military uses. At the end of 2014, the United States had 73 nuclear submarines in its fleet; 55 Fast-attack SSNs, 14 Ballistic missile SSBs, and four guided missile SSGNs. The latter two submarines have the ability to launch nuclear missiles from under water onto land and have been in service since the 1980s.

<http://large.stanford.edu/courses/2019/ph241/woodhead2/>

If nuclear submarines are sunk, they leak radiation via the spent nuclear fuel, into the ocean for decades, which endangers human, animal and plant life. Even very small levels of radiation can become concentrated in animals at the top of the food chain through "bioaccumulation" – and then be ingested by humans.

There have been numerous nuclear submarine disasters around the world, including an Indonesian submarine close to Australia off the Bali coast.

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2021/04/22/sinking-feeling-list-of-major-submarine-disasters.html>

Inner West Council and the former councils of Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield have firmly established opposition to nuclear weapons and uranium mining as summarised briefly below.

In response to a widespread community campaign during the Cold War period of the 1980s and early 1990s, Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield Councils opposed uranium mining and nuclear energy. The councils erected signs informing residents and visitors of their position.

On 13 November 2018, the Inner West Council joined eighteen Australian cities and local councils calling on the Australian government to join the United Nations Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**C1118(1) Item 12      Notice of Motion: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal**

[https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/11/C\\_13112018\\_MIN\\_2656\\_WEB.htm](https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/11/C_13112018_MIN_2656_WEB.htm)

On 22 September 2020, Council voted unanimously to oppose uranium mining in NSW.

**C0920(2) Item 13      Notice of Motion: Uranium mining ban in NSW must stay**

[https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/09/C\\_22092020\\_MIN\\_3756\\_WEB.htm](https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/09/C_22092020_MIN_3756_WEB.htm)

On 8 December 2020, Council again voted to support the ICAN campaign to support the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to ask the Prime Minister to ratify the treaty.

**C1220(1) Item 25      Notice of Motion: Support for the Ratifying of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapon**

[https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/12/C\\_08122020\\_MIN\\_3761\\_WEB.htm](https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/12/C_08122020_MIN_3761_WEB.htm)

On 21 June 2021, The Australian Local Government Association voted to support the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as national local government policy.

<https://icanw.org.au/alga-endorses-the-ban/>

In 2017, Local Government Super (LGS) reinstated its investment restriction on nuclear energy and uranium industries. LG Super has adopted Negative screens which include "We will not actively invest in companies that derive 10% or more of their revenue from Uranium mining/nuclear" Investment restrictions LG Super, viewed 10 Sep 2020,

<https://www.lgsuper.com.au/investments/responsible-investment/investment-restrictions/>.

In 2015, the City of Sydney and Leichhardt Council resolved to call on Local Government Super to reverse its decision to invest in nuclear despite claiming an ethically sound investment policies.

*Fission over Local Government Super policy, 15 Jan 2015, City Hub*

<https://cityhubsydney.com.au/2015/01/nuclear-council/>

**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C0921(3) Item 17  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SHARPS  
From: Councillor Victor Macri

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. Receive a report back on the sharps service:
  - a) When and why it was introduced;
  - b) Was it offered to all pharmacists;
  - c) Why is the service offered to pharmacists only;
  - d) Why only 15 of 50 pharmacists in the Inner West have taken it up;
  - e) What is the nature of the service; and
  - f) Is the service consistent across pharmacists. Some say that they are receiving additional services such as sanitary pads and air fresheners, others do not receive this.
2. Receive a report back now that the vast majority of our community have been vaccinated (75% first dose and almost 50% second dose) why didn't Council propose this much earlier. The report is to detail why it wants to shift this cost to Council rather than to State Government.

**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C0921(3) Item 18  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: USE OF PARKS DURING LOCKDOWN  
From: Councillor Darcy Byrne

**MOTION:**

THAT Council keep public toilets at parks open until after sunset and provide additional waste bins and / or waste collections at parks to cater for the increased use of parks for COVID-safe picnics and gatherings of up to 5 fully vaccinated adults now taking place under the amended public health orders.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from General Manager:**

Council is able to increase the hours with no cost impacts and is increasing service levels and providing additional bins for waste collections in parks in response to increase demand.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 19  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: MANAGEMENT OF DISABILITY PARKING SPACES  
**From:** Councillor John Stamolis

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**MOTION:**

**THAT Council receive a report back on its management of disability parking spaces:**

- a) number of disability parking spaces in the Inner West, new applications and closed permits (over time);**
  - b) how people can apply for these spaces;**
  - c) renewal processes for disability parking spaces;**
  - d) what process is in place when these spaces are no longer needed; and**
  - e) whether there is a process to open up use of these spaces if the permit holder is away for extended times.**
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**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C0921(3) Item 20  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: STREET TREE PLANTING UPDATE  
From: Councillor John Stamolis

## **MOTION:**

THAT Council receive a report on:

- a) on its street tree planting over 2020 and 2021;
- b) where this activity has taken place (by suburb or ward);
- c) how streets are selected for tree planting;
- d) how consultation with residents takes place; and
- e) how narrow footpaths and pedestrian access are managed.

## **Background**

Councils street tree planting appears to be progressing well with increased investment as part of the Covid stimulus package.

Residents see this as a very positive program. The only concerns arise where footpaths appear too narrow to allow tree planting and pedestrian access.

## **Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 21  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: SYDNEY SWAN'S WOMEN'S TEAM, NEWTOWN JETS AND HENSON PARK  
**From:** Councillor Darcy Byrne

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. Welcome the announcement by the AFL that the Sydney Swans will be admitted to the AFLW league;
2. Recommit to hosting the Newtown Jets and Sydney Swans Women's professional sporting teams at Henson Park and seek to make the ground an official home ground for the Swans Women's team;
3. Work with the Newtown Jets and Sydney Swans to prepare a development application and submit a grant application to the NSW Government for the upgrade of facilities to allow both teams to play elite sport at Henson Park into the future; and
4. Commit to maintaining ongoing, unfettered public access to Henson Park for the community as occurs currently.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Director Infrastructure:**

The Plan of Management for Henson Park has been adopted and permits the proposed upgrade. Council staff have been meeting with AFL and the Jets to discuss a pathway forward to progress their proposed development.

AFL are currently preparing a Heritage Study, which is a requirement for a pre-DA meeting.

Council staff intend to put a report to Council in October to outline further details on the proposed development. Specifically, the report will address:

- Legal advice is currently being acquired to determine if a public-private partnership (PPP) is required.
- The report will seek formal endorsement from Council to sign Owner's Consent (prior to lodgement of the DA)
- An estimated cost of works. It is noted that the proposed development is not currently funded.
- An estimated timeframe for the works.

Depending on the PPP, an Agreement to Licence and Heads of Agreement with AFL and Newtown Jets will need to be negotiated regarding the future Licence and sharing of the grounds. The Agreement to Licence needs to also outline the ongoing community access to the grounds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C0921(3) Item 22  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CODE RED FOR HUMANITY  
From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

**MOTION:**

THAT Council:

1. Note the United Nations (UN) has issued a code Red for Humanity advising that only with immediate, deep and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, including methane gas, is it possible to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius and avoid the consequences of greater global warming including intense and frequent hot extremes, heatwaves, and heavy precipitation and, in some regions, agricultural and ecological droughts;
2. Note that if other countries were to adopt emissions targets similar to our own, it is very likely that global temperatures would increase by at least 2 degrees, and possibly by as much as 3 degrees;
3. Write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Energy and Emission Reductions asking the Government commit to a 2030 target for at least a 75% reduction in emissions;
4. Call on our local Federal Members for Grayndler, Barton, Reid and Sydney to take the Community Protection Pledge;
5. Note the “NSW Audit Report: Managing climate risks to assets and services” and and call on the Premier, the Treasurer and Minister of Planning to urgently adopt the recommendations; and
6. While preparing Council’s next Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Short and Long Term Financial Plans, Planning Instruments consideration will be given to the *Climate Risk Ready NSW Guide and Course* and the improvement of council’s overall and interim net zero targets, in line with the “Race to Zero Starting Line” criteria, and other initiatives for keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees

**Background**

Here in the Inner West we are already feeling the effects of Global Warming, with inundation of the Marrickville Golf Course and the need to raise the changerooms at the Dawn Fraser Baths. Our storm water and sewerage systems will fail more often due to heavier rainfall and higher sea levels. Our air quality was severely impacted by the bushfires in early 2019 and our tree canopy and vegetation will suffer in prolonged periods drought. Our food supply is also at risk.

***Climate Emergency***

On 14 May 2019 Inner West Council unanimously declared a Climate Emergency including Council’s key performance indicators and policies by May 2020 - C0519(1) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Declaration of Climate Emergency, Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14

May 2019,

[https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/05/C\\_14052019\\_MIN\\_3696\\_WEB.htm](https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/05/C_14052019_MIN_3696_WEB.htm)

### **“Code Red for Humanity” - Secretary-General, UN**

*“We must act decisively now to keep 1.5°C alive. We are already at 1.2°C and rising. Warming has accelerated in recent decades. Every fraction of a degree counts. Greenhouse- gas concentrations are at record levels. Extreme weather and climate disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity. That is why this year’s United Nations climate conference in Glasgow is so important.” - Secretary-General Calls Latest IPCC Climate Report ‘Code Red for Humanity’, Stressing ‘Irrefutable’ Evidence of Human Influence*  
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sgsm20847.doc.htm> (viewed 17 September 2021)

**The IPCC’s ‘code red’:** On 9 August 2021, the IPCC released its [latest report](#), which is a comprehensive assessment of the physical science of climate change. It is the most important climate science update for almost a decade.

[The report shows](#) that terrible and irreversible changes to our planet can be avoided only with immediate, deep and sustained emissions reductions. The report clearly states that the climate is changing at a rate unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years, and that the change is being driven in large part by the burning of [fossil fuels](#).

*The report makes clear that every tonne of greenhouse gas emitted matters: ‘[With every additional](#) increment of global warming, changes in extremes continue to become larger. For example, every additional 0.5°C of global warming causes clearly discernible increases in the intensity and frequency of hot extremes, including heatwaves, and heavy precipitation, as well as agricultural and ecological droughts in some regions.’*

Source: Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis, IPCC, August 2021

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-i/>

### **Statement by the Secretary-General on the report by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change ( 17 September 2021 )**

Today’s report from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the Nationally Determined Contributions of all Parties to the Paris Agreement shows that the world is on a catastrophic pathway to 2.7-degrees of heating...  
<https://www.un.org/sg/en/node/259106> (viewed 18 Sep 2021)

### **Community Protection Pledge: Taking Action on Extreme Weather - Emergency Leaders for Climate Action**

Australians are experiencing disaster after disaster – from bushfires to deadly heatwaves to more intense rainfall and greater risk of floods. The impacts are being felt all over Australia, with some communities facing a cascade of disasters.

The Community Protection Pledge is a set of **10 commitments that every Federal MP can sign** to commit to protecting Australians now, and into the future.

*Community Protection Pledge: Taking Action on Extreme Weather, Emergency Leaders for Climate Action (ELCA), <https://emergencyleadersforclimateaction.org.au/community-protection-pledge/> (viewed 17 September 2021)*

## NSW Auditor: Managing climate risks to assets and services (7 Sep '21)

DPIE and NSW Treasury's support to agencies to manage climate risks to their assets and services has been insufficient.

In 2021, key agencies with critical assets and services have not conducted climate risk assessments, and most lack adaptation plans.

DPIE has not delivered on the NSW Government commitment to develop a state-wide climate change adaptation action plan. This was to be complete in 2017.

There is also no adaptation strategy for the state. These have been released in all other Australian jurisdictions. The NSW Government's draft strategic plan for its Climate Change Fund was also never finalised.

DPIE's approach to developing climate projections is robust, but it hasn't effectively educated agencies in how to use this information to assess climate risk.

NSW Treasury did not consistently apply dedicated resourcing to support agencies' climate risk management until late 2019.

In March 2021, DPIE and NSW Treasury released the Climate Risk Ready NSW Guide and Course. These are designed to improve support to agencies.

### ***What we recommended***

DPIE and NSW Treasury should, in partnership:

- enhance the coordination of climate risk management across agencies
- implement climate risk management across their clusters.

DPIE should:

- update information and strengthen education to agencies, and monitor progress
- review relevant land-use planning, development and building guidance
- deliver a climate change adaptation action plan for the state.

NSW Treasury should:

- strengthen climate risk-related guidance to agencies
- coordinate guidance on resilience in infrastructure planning
- review how climate risks have been assured in agencies' asset management plans.

Source viewed 17 Sep 2021, <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/managing-climate-risks-to-assets-and-services>

## Race To Zero

Race To Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

It mobilizes a coalition of leading net zero initiatives, representing **733 cities, 31 regions, 3,067 businesses, 173 of the biggest investors, and 622 Higher Education Institutions**. These 'real economy' actors join 120 countries in the [largest ever alliance](#)

committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. Collectively these actors now cover nearly 25% global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and over 50% GDP.

The objective is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26, where governments must strengthen their contributions to the Paris Agreement. This will send governments a resounding signal that business, cities, regions and investors are united in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient economy.

More about Race To Zero Campaign at <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/race-to-zero-campaign>

#### **Officer's Comments:**

#### **Comment from Urban Sustainability Manager:**

Staff have no comment for points 1-5.

Comment for point 6 - In December 2019 Council adopted the Inner West Climate and Renewables Strategy which targets a 75% reduction in community emissions by 2036 and zero emissions before 2050. The community target is based on the *Inner West Pathway to Zero Emissions* (2019) report prepared by Kinesis. This report quantifies and describes the Inner West community carbon footprint, models future scenarios, considers Council's areas of influence, and makes recommendations for key actions that support community emissions reduction. Refer <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/environment-and-sustainability/at-council/response-to-climate-change/climate-and-renewables-strategy>. The recommended targets and key actions were incorporated into the adopted Climate and Renewables Strategy.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 23  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTS' PRECINCT COMMITTEES FOR THE INNER WEST COUNCIL  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

**MOTION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council consult with the inner west community in October on:
  - a) Whether they would like to see Residents' Precinct Committees (RPCs) established;
  - b) Which areas the RPCs could represent;
  - c) Where RPC meetings could be held locally;
  - d) How often they would like to see their local RPC meet;
  - e) How much support they want the RPCs to have from council; and
  - f) What they would like the role Councillors to be in their local RPC.
2. Relevant Council staff are also consulted on how best they can work with local RPCs:
  - a) To share information and seek feedback; and
  - b) To consult on local issues including: development applications in the area; traffic management proposals; proposed council policies and plans; changes to local services; plans of management and all of council issues such as our strategic planning documents, budget and delivery plan.
3. The results of the consultation to be brought to Council in a report to the Ordinary Council meeting on 9 November 2021 with recommendations on the establishment of RPCs where there is support; and
4. Noting that council will be in the caretaker period from November 5, council provides clear direction now that pending support being demonstrated from community consultation, Council gives in principle support to the establishment of Residents' Precinct Committees for the Inner West Council.

**Background**

Residents' Precinct Committees are committees of residents who meet regularly to discuss matters of concern in the local area. They are usually run and chaired by local residents.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has really highlighted the importance of local. The establishment of Residents' Precinct Committees (RPCs) will help further connect and support local communities. RPCs are an anchor for the local community, bringing neighbours together; helping new arrivals to the area settle in; providing local information and advice and helping to

identify those who need help. They are also an important voice for the local community and a bridge between council and local communities.

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Communications and Engagement Manager:**

The current Council considered a report on advisory committees in December 2017 and adopted a structure of local democracy groups in May 2018 that did not include Resident Precinct Committees. Consideration of establishment of Resident Precinct Committees should be a matter for the new Council, to be elected in December 2021.

Under S402A of the Local Government Act, Councils are required to "prepare a Community Engagement Strategy to support the development of all their plans, policies, programs and key activities. This includes those relating to IP&R, as well as strategic plans and programs required under other legislation. Engagement activities should be incorporated into one over-arching strategy, to be endorsed by council." Under the recent amendments to the Act, Councils are required to establish and implement a Community Engagement Strategy in accordance with section 402A, within 12 months after the next election."\*

Council staff will be reviewing our practice and researching other Council's engagement strategies to inform the new Council's development of its Community Engagement Strategy.

\* [IPR - Guidelines \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/ipr-guidelines)

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 24  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: DISABLED ACCESS AT DAWN FRASER BATHS  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

**MOTION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council urgently undertake a disability access audit of Dawn Fraser Bath;
2. Council urgently consult with the disability community in the inner west including the IWC Access Committee and key individual and organisational stakeholders on what changes are needed at the Dawn Fraser Baths to make them completely accessible;
3. The results of the consultation to be brought to council in a report to the Ordinary Council meeting on October with recommendations on works required, estimate costings and identification of a funding source for the works; and
4. Noting that council will be in the caretaker period from November 5, council provides clear direction now that pending a satisfactory report and identification of a funding source that Council gives in principle support to the undertaking of the necessary works to ensure the Dawn Fraser Baths are fully accessible.

**Background**

It has recently been brought to the attention of Council that the Dawn Fraser Baths are not accessible to wheelchair users While there has been an upgrade on the disability parking and general access to Dawn Fraser Baths, wheelchair users cannot enter the pool as there is no disabled access to the pool itself.

**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 25  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: TOILETS IN CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK AND ENMORE PARK  
**From:** Councillor Pauline Lockie

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Urgently installs temporary toilets (portaloos) in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park;**
- 2. Makes alternative arrangements to open the toilets at Enmore Park while the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre is closed; and**
- 3. Allocates funding from savings in utility expenses to cover costs associated with these actions.**

**Background**

I've had a number of residents contact me to ask that Council take the above actions as a matter of urgency, given the popularity of these parks now that small groups are allowed to gather for picnics.

While there are other parks that don't have on-site toilet facilities, Council approved a public toilet for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park in 2018, and this facility was due to be in place by now. The lack of toilets at this park has been an ongoing issue, and following last weekend, I've received reports about people using the cemetery and other parts of the park due to a lack of alternative facilities nearby while pubs and cafes are closed.

Enmore Park's toilets were previously open and shut by staff at the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, which isn't possible at the moment due to the centre being closed under the Public Health Order. I've also had similar requests from residents to reopen this toilet, which is why I'm asking Council to make arrangements for this as well.

**Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0921(3) Item 26  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ENDING PERIOD POVERTY IN THE INNER WEST  
**From:** Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM

### **MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive a report from Council Officers on a pilot program of supplying free period products in Council-run libraries, pools, community centres, sporting ground change rooms, and highly utilised public toilets. The report include an assessment of the need for the service and the costs; and**
- 2. Consult with relevant community organisations, health services, schools and sports clubs about the pilot in developing the report.**

### **Background**

Period poverty describes the effect of girls and women missing out on community engagement and educational opportunities because of being unable to afford or ask for menstrual products. Period poverty has a particularly detrimental effect on women who are homeless, whether that means sleeping rough, couch surfing or staying in unstable or overcrowded accommodation excluding them from employment and social opportunities.

Governments at many levels are taking action to address this inequality. Free menstrual products are supplied in Scotland (all public buildings, under Scottish legislation) New Zealand (schools) and Victoria (schools) The NSW Department of Education is trialling a schools program in 2021. Melbourne City Council agreed in April 2021 to fund a year-long pilot program to make sanitary products available in public change rooms, recreation centres, swimming pools, community centres and libraries.

The Inner West Council could adopt a similar program, making free period products available in Council run libraries, pools, community centres, highly-utilised public toilets.

The benefits of initiating such a program would include:

- Ensuring supply of essential hygiene products to people in need
- Facilitating increased community and educational engagement by girls and women, reducing barriers to education (library) and sporting opportunities (pools, public toilets at sports grounds)
- Reducing the stigma associated with periods

Melbourne City Council's trial program for 6 sites for one year was reported to cost \$10 000 for the year.

Appropriate sites could include a mix of Council's facilities frequented by young people such as libraries and pools; community facilities, accessible public toilets and change rooms at sporting grounds.

### **Officer's Comments:**

Staff have no comment.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.