

**Proceedings of the Public Forum held on 22 September 2025 held at Ashfield Service Centre for the 30 September 2025 Extraordinary Council Meeting**

**Public Forum commenced at 6.35pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Peter Shields	Director Engineering
Ryann Midei	Director Property and Maor Projects
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator

**Procedural Motion: (Smith/Scott)**

That the ABC be given permission to film proceedings during the public forum.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

**Against Motion:** Nil

**APOLOGIES:**

**Motion: (Byrne/Atkins)**

That apologies from Councillor Tastan be accepted.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

**Against Motion:** Nil

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Blake declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* due to his principal residence being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, he made, prior to this Public Forum, a Special Disclosure, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such he will remain in the Public Forum. He tabled his Special Disclosure tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. He will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and he will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Atkins declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* due to their principal residence being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, they made, prior to the Public Forum, a Special Disclosure in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such they will remain in the Public Forum. They tabled their Special Disclosure tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. They will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and they will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Barlow declared pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures, in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Antoniou declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* due to her principal residence being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to the Public Forum, a Special Disclosure in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosure tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Raciti declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to the Public Forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to property interests in Haberfield within the area identified in item 1. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Macri declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due the principal residence of my associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, he made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such he will remain in the Public Forum. He tabled his Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. He will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and he will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Macri declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to property interests in Marrickville within the area identified in item 1. He will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and he will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Smith declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, I have made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Fergusson declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Howard declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to his principal residence and the principal residence of his associate being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, he made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such he will remain in the Public Forum. He tabled his Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. He will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and he will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Clay pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this public forum, a Special Disclosure, in accordance with the

*Code of Conduct.* This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosure tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Scott declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associates being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this public forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Carlisle declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this Public Forum, a Special Disclosure in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosure tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor Carlisle declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to property interests in St Peters and Marrickville within the area identified in item 1. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

Councillor D'Arienzo declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence and the principal residence of her associate being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, she made, prior to this Public Forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such she will remain in the Public Forum. She tabled her Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. She will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and she will remain in the Public Forum.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, declared a pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to his principal residence and the principal residence of his associate being within the areas identified in Item 1. Due to the significant portion of the LGA that is impacted by the proposed reforms, he made, prior to the public forum, Special Disclosures in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*. This provides an exemption in this instance and as such he will remain in the Public Forum. He tabled his Special Disclosures tonight for inclusion in Council's minutes. He will also make a further declaration when Council continues the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 September 2025, and he will remain in the Public Forum.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* in respect of the Rozelle and Leichhardt as he has a close personal relationship with persons with property interests in Rozelle and Leichhardt. He considers this a significant, non-pecuniary interest as it is a personal relationship that does not involve a pecuniary interest for him for the purposes of the *Code of Conduct*, but could give rise to a perception that he might be influenced by a

private interest when considering this matter. Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of full transparency, he will leave the meeting during the discussion and voting on Item 1 regarding Rozelle and Leichhardt at the Extraordinary meeting on 30 September 2025.

The General Manager declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to the principal residence of his associate being within the area identified in item 1. He advised Council that he has not participated in the preparation of the report or discussions in relation to Item 1. He will make a further declaration in the meeting on 30 September and will stay in the public forum.

The Director Community declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 1 Post Exhibition - Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing* due to her principal residence being within the area identified in item 1. She advised Council that he has not participated in the preparation of the report or discussions in relation to Item 1. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter. She will make a further declaration in the meeting on 30 September and will stay in the public forum.

## **Procedural Motion: (Byrne/Howard)**

That the Sydney Morning Herald be given permission to take photographs during the public forum.

## **Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

**Against Motion:** Nil

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

The registered speakers were asked to address the Public Forum. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these proceedings.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Public Forum at 8:16 pm and vacated the chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the chair.

Councillor Blake left the Public Forum at 8:21 pm.

Councillor Blake returned to the Public Forum at 8:24 pm.

Councillor Clay left the Public Forum at 8:29 pm.

Councillor Clay returned to the Public Forum at 8:37 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Public Forum at 8:40 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Public Forum at 8:44 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Public Forum at 8:44 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

Councillor Scott left the Public Forum at 8:45 pm.

Councillor Scott returned to the Public Forum at 8:50 pm.

Councillor Barlow left the Public Forum at 8:52 pm.

Councillor Antoniou left the Public Forum at 8:55 pm.

Councillor Barlow returned to the Public Forum at 8:56 pm.

Councillor Raciti left the Public Forum at 8:57 pm.

Councillor Antoniou returned to the Public Forum at 8:58 pm.

Councillor Carlisle left the Public Forum at 9:01 pm.



Councillor Carlisle returned to the Public Forum at 9:04 pm.  
 Councillor Smith left the Public Forum at 9:08 pm.  
 Councillor Raciti returned to the Public Forum at 9:08 pm.  
 Councillor Smith returned to the Public Forum at 9:12 pm.  
 Councillor Macri left the Public Forum at 9:35 pm.  
 Councillor Macri returned to the Public Forum at 9:40 pm.  
 Councillor Howard left the Public Forum at 9:44 pm.  
 Councillor Howard returned to the Public Forum at 9:49 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Public Forum at 9:54 pm and vacated the chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Public Forum at 10:07 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

Councillor Atkins left the Public Forum at 10:19 pm.  
 Councillor Atkins returned to the Public Forum at 10:22 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm to recommence at 6:30 pm Tuesday, 30 September 2025 at Ashfield Service Centre.**

#### PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 1:	Kitty Farrell	Dulwich Hill
	Tim Bradshaw	Dulwich Hill
	Giovanni Cirillo	Marrickville
	Leilana Levy	Marrickville
	Bailey Riley	Marrickville
	Justin Simon	Summer Hill
	Emily Lockwood	Summer Hill
	Andrew Leach	Marrickville
	Tom Schinckel	Edgecliff
	Michael Clayden	St Ives
	Harrison Chudleigh	Enmore
	Stuart Gibson	Newtown
	Kristine Gibson	Balmain
	Michael Lindsay	Marrickville
	Catherine Duff	Marrickville
	Aks Walia	Erskineville
	Daniel Holland	Petersham
	Lucy Langford	Marrickville
	Evan Mistilis	Ashfield
	Julia Richardson	Marrickville
	Bruce Scott	Leichhardt
	Ann King	Lilyfield
	Andrew Harvey	Dulwich Hill
	Edward Dann	Enmore
	Emma Norton	Earlwood
	Leah Horsley	Marrickville
	Corey Struve	Rozelle
	Margaret Roberts	Leichhardt
	Eugenie Wilson	Ashfield
	John Adamiec	Ashfield
	Dan Conway	Marrickville

	Cheryl Pomeroy Rachel Evans Timothy Flett Benjamin Cullen Andrea Leong Heather R Davie Garry Chapman Kon Vourtzoumis Steve Salmon Bryce Carr Rob Beckett John Stamolis Cassidy Newman Greg Cheetham Mark Skelsey Marie-Louise (Doodie) Herman Dominic Behrens Morris Hanna Joan Westenberg Adam Trevorrow Carolyn Smith Andrew Mara Carmel Baker Anastasia Bennett Julian Frundt James Manche Barbara McKellar Sunny Wu Louise Appel Mick O'Flynn Hayley Spring David Pink Adam Connor Rory Frame Caroline Buckingham Mat Wilk Harris Valo Hall Greenland Jason Duda	Petersham Marrickville North Willoughby Stanmore Marrickville Marrickville Ultimo Earlwood Marrickville Newtown Marrickville Balmain Rozelle Marrickville Dulwich Hill Leichhardt Rushcutters Bay Marrickville Summer Hill Panania Marrickville Marrickville Lewisham Leichhardt Petersham Dulwich Hill Dulwich Hill Ashfield Lilyfield Marrickville Dulwich Hill Newtown Leichhardt Marrickville Dulwich Hill Rozelle Marrickville Leichhardt Marrickville
<b>Item 2:</b>	Ian Dawson	Marrickville
<b>Item 3:</b>	Margo Cashman	Dulwich Hill