

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 18 December 2023

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



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MAYORAL MINUTE

Item: MM044-23 Acknowledgement and Request for an Extension of the Metro Assessment Relief Program with Department of Planning and Environment

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

BACKGROUND

In September 2023 Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Planning and Environment to assist in reducing the Council's DA timeframes and DA backlog by providing temporary DA assessment support for the period 1 September to 29 February 2024.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the unwavering support and dedication of the Department of Planning and Environment in assisting Council with the processing of development applications. To date the Department and their consultant team are assessing 25 applications and have assisted in the development of the DA Performance Improvement Plan.

This Plan contains a series of actions that relate to a review of the Council's processes and procedures with the aim of improving the experience for the applicant and reducing DA determination times. The collaboration between our Council and the Department has played a pivotal role in clearing the backlog of development applications, improving our processes and procedures and fostering responsible and sustainable development within our community.

I extend my gratitude to the Director of Environment and Planning and the entire staff of the Development and Building Department for their efforts in navigating through the challenges, particularly the constraints posed by the—shortages of planners. Their commitment to maintaining the efficiency of the development application process is commendable and reflects their dedication to serving the interests of our residents.

Recognising the continuing demand and acknowledging the importance of ensuring thorough and timely processing of development applications, I am proposing that Council requests an extension to the Metro Assessment Relief Program with the Department. I propose a six-month extension to the current agreement, allowing us to continue benefiting from their expertise and collaboration in the determination of development applications and the implementation of the DA Performance Improvement Plan. This extension will provide the necessary support to manage our development application workload effectively and ensure that our community's growth aligns with the principles of responsible urban planning.

I am confident that this extension will not only alleviate the current challenges faced by our Council but also contribute to the ongoing success of our shared commitment to delivering outcomes in a timely manner for our community.

MOTION:

That the General Manager write to The Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Space and Ms Kiersten Fishburn, Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment requesting a six (6) month extension of the agreement with Council and the Department of Planning and Environment for the Metro Assessment Relief Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM045-23 Carss Park Aquatic Facility (War Memorial Pool) - Memorandum of Understanding between Georges River Council and NSW State Government

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

BACKGROUND

Georges River Council is currently working in partnership with the NSW State Government (Office of Sport) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will further progress the detailed business case, detailed design, and development consent as an essential step forward in progressing the delivery of the third aquatic facility within the local government area.

The MOU is aimed at defining the roles and responsibilities of the NSW State Government and Georges River Council and will provide the guiding principles for this collaboration.

In November 2022, Council resolved to support the construction of the local government third aquatic facility at Carss Park on the site of the existing Kogarah War Memorial Pool. Since this time, Council has completed several site feasibility studies, technical site investigations, concept designs and high-level cost estimates associated with this important community infrastructure project.

Utilising the extensive studies and investigations that have already been undertaken by Council, the NSW State Government will take the lead role and project manage the execution of the detailed business case, detailed design and obtain development consent for the Georges River Council Aquatic Facility Project, with Council's support as the landowner and future operator of the facility.

Council will assist and support the NSW State Government to ensure efficient progress of the Georges River Council Aquatic Facility at Carss Park.

The NSW State Government is committed to funding these phases of the project and will provide the necessary resources to enable the execution of the detailed business case, detailed design and obtain development consent for the third Georges River Council Aquatic Facility Project.

Georges River Council's General Manager, Mr David Tuxford, will have delegated authority to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on Council's behalf.

MOTION:

That Council work with the State Government through the Department of Sport to deliver Council's third aquatic facility at Carss Park, and provide delegated authority to the General Manager David Tuxford, to finalise and execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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