

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 23 June 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



LATE ITEMS

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM012-25	Advocating for Workers Compensation Reform in Support of Georges River Businesses	
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MAYORAL MINUTE**Item: MM012-25 Advocating for Workers Compensation Reform in Support of Georges River Businesses****Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Borg**BACKGROUND**

I had the pleasure of attending a Business Chamber South Breakfast in Oatley last week, where the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW, and Hon. Steve Kamper MP addressed the audience.

At the sold-out event, the Premier outlined the NSW Government's proposed reforms to the workers compensation scheme and how they aim to ease pressure on small businesses—including many here in Georges River—while better supporting injured workers.

The *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* aims to create a fairer, more sustainable system for both workers and employers. The reforms are essential to restoring the scheme's financial health while ensuring injured workers continue to receive timely care and support.

As the Premier noted, the principle is simple: the system must prioritise those who need it most. The government recognises the pressures businesses face and is taking steps to ease costs, address the \$1.2 billion annual deficit, and future-proof the scheme.

Importantly, these reforms are not about removing support for workers with psychosocial injuries. The system remains focused on helping people recover and return to work. For those who are unable to return in the long-term, alternative support pathways will continue to be available.

On 18 June, the Bill passed the lower house and now moves to the upper house. This is a critical juncture. As a Council that advocates for our business community, we should demonstrate our support.

For many small local businesses already grappling with rising costs and insurance premiums, these reforms offer a path to stabilise expenses while maintaining appropriate protections for employees.

This is a difficult but necessary reform that:

- Reduces financial pressure on small businesses by stabilising premiums
- Supports safer, healthier workplaces and better return-to-work outcomes
- Targets care to those who need it most
- Secures the long-term sustainability of the system

I urge Council to stand with our local business community in supporting these changes and to encourage businesses to contact their local MP to express support for the reforms.

MOTION:

That Council calls for bipartisan support in the NSW Government on the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil