

Resolution of Council

23 June 2025

Item 7.5

Post Exhibition - Environmental Strategy 2025-2030

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 (the Strategy) as shown in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the engagement report summarising consultation for the development of the draft Environmental Strategy 2025-2035, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication;
- (D) Council rescind the Building Finance Upgrade Policy as shown at Attachment C to the subject report and confirm that no further Environmental Upgrade Agreements will be entered into; and
- (E) recognising that transformative idea #3 in the Community Strategic Plan 'Greening Sydney' identifies the need for greening public spaces, and that to go beyond our tree canopy target of 27% by 2050 the City would require more public green space capable of handling deep soil planting, the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate laneways, alleyways and small residential streets across our local area that could be reclaimed as public green space, in line with work by other global cities like Montreal and Paris, and report back to Council with:
 - (i) a map of laneways, alleyways and streets which have already been identified and could be converted into green space, potential challenges, and how the City can support existing community groups and campaigns to reclaim roads as green space;

- (ii) what impact incorporating this project into our long-term planning would have on our ability to increase both our green space and tree canopy targets; and
- (iii) options for proceeding with this work, including costing, timelines and resourcing required.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

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