

Resolution of Council

17 November 2025

Item 14.1

Investigation of Depot Requirements

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) that one of the reasons that the insourcing of large service contracts is constrained is the lack of suitable accommodation such as depots;
- (ii) independent advice obtained by City staff identified that acquiring or developing a new medium sized depot would take 3 to 5 years and cost \$51 to \$91 million, with those timeframes considered highly ambitious;
- (iii) the Bay Street depot cannot currently fill this gap, as half the site must remain operational during refurbishment until at least 2031;
- (iv) the cost of the current refurbishment project of Bay Street is currently estimated at \$75 million, excluding land costs; and
- (v) Councillors have expressed interest in ensuring depot infrastructure planning does not hold back future insourcing opportunities, and that preparatory work now will provide options for Council in the years ahead; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the tangible steps required to secure an additional City of Sydney depot including potential partnerships or collaboration with neighbouring councils, and costings for land acquisition and construction, and options for raising these funds; and
- (ii) report back to Council via the CEO Update.

A show of hands on the varied motion resulted in an equality of voting as follows –

Ayes (5) Councillor Arkins, Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson and Weldon

Noes (5) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Miller and Worling.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the motion was declared lost.

The motion, as varied by consent, was lost.

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