

Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 20 April 2026

Members The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling (Deputy Chair).

At the commencement of business at 3:33pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson and Worling.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thompson –

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Maxwell –

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 3:50pm.

Item 1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 16 February 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommended the following:

Item 3**Extension of Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street Cycleways**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the continued operation and use of the Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street cycleways until 31 December 2026;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare and exhibit a Review of Environmental Factors for the upgrade and permanent retention of the Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street cycleways to be reported back to Council following public consultation within 6 months; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write again to the NSW Minister for Transport urging Transport for NSW to expedite design and fully fund the construction of the cycleway on Oxford Street between Paddington Gates and Taylor Square.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers at Public Forum

Ann Cairns, Kristen Greaves, John Young, Andrew Moss (Bike East), Sarah Brickford (Bicycle NSW), Ben Wood and William Peters (Lime) addressed the public forum on Item 3 of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.