

Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 11 May 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, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Apologies

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

Carried unanimously.

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.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 3:55pm.

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 20 April 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**Project Scope - Belmore Park Renewal**

It is resolved that Council endorse the project scope for the renewal of Belmore Park, Haymarket, as described in the subject report and shown in the Concept Plan at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation, tender and construction.

(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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Speaker at Public Forum

Catherine Chung (Chinatown Action Committee) addressed the public forum on Item 3 of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Item 4**Revised Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the revised project scope for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway, as described in the subject report for the purpose of proceeding to community consultation (for works at Holt Street and Adelaide Place), design development, documentation and construction; and
- (B) note the financial implications detailed in the subject report.

(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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