

Item 5

Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct will be tabled.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

5.2 Petitions

Stop the Macdonald Street Rat Run

Councillor Thompson gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday, 21 September 2026, he will table and speak to a petition (with 13,496 letters sent) with the following terms:

A new road between Macdonald Street and Mitchell Road would funnel through traffic into Erskineville and Newtown's quiet residential streets.

Coronation Property and the City of Sydney are [planning](#) to turn Macdonald Street into a major through road.

This additional road is not needed for property access. There will already be three access roads from Mitchell Road to the Ashmore precinct: Ashmore Street, Alpha Street (new) and Coulson Street. The road's main effect would be to open up local streets to through traffic from WestConnex, Euston Road, King Street and other major roads.

That would mean more through traffic on residential streets including Eve Street, Fox Ave, Foundry Lane, Hadfields Street, Macdonald Street, Maddox Street, Coulson Street and streets west of the rail line.

Traffic calming won't stop the through traffic. Navigation apps will send traffic along these streets day and night to avoid traffic lights and congestion on the main roads. Our streets will be inundated with trucks, motorcycles and cars, with more noise, traffic danger, and damage to parked vehicles. It will be less safe for children to walk to school, leading to more school traffic.

The new road would sever the Park Sydney Village shopping centre from the future Ashmore South shops. It would impact business footfall and limit outdoor dining.

Neither Coronation Property nor the City has assessed or modelled the impacts of this road on residential streets, safety and amenity. Community consultation has been minimal.

We're calling for this public space to become a people-friendly plaza – the Ashmore Village Square. A safe place to walk, shop, dine, meet and play – not a conduit for through traffic.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Petition be received and noted.

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