

Item 13.5**Notices of Motion****Darlinghurst Public School Pedestrian Crossing – Liverpool Street**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) for many years, the parents and school community of Darlinghurst Public School have been advocating for a safe way for children and parents to cross Liverpool Street to Darlinghurst Public School. It has been reported to Councillor Ellsmore's office that there have been near-miss incidents and a long history of efforts (9+ years) by the school community to date;
- (ii) there are some 300 students at the school which has grades K-6. As well as the school, the site at Womerah Avenue Potts Point also hosts an after-care facility. This means the site is in use between 7.30am and 6.30pm, across both peak hours;
- (iii) the City has considered various options for this crossing, and have begun a feasibility assessment;
- (iv) however, in late 2024, the Council informed the Parents Committee that Council is fully programmed until 2028, and that the crossing would be considered or built sometime after 2028; and
- (v) by comparison, at the nearby SCEGGS private school a number of street parking spaces have been made available for drop off and pick up;

(B) Council agree to bring forward planning for a crossing or other safety measures for students crossing Liverpool Street to Darlinghurst Public School; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) refer the safety issue of a pedestrian crossing at Darlinghurst Public School to the next Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee meeting for urgent advice;
- (ii) provide advice as soon as possible about how the Council works program can be updated to bring forward the Darlinghurst Public School pedestrian crossing to an earlier date;
- (iii) provide advice as required about updates needed to the Council budget and delivery program to support the safety measures; and
- (iv) keep the community updated, especially the school and parents concerned about the safety issues.