

**ITEM                    MAYORAL MINUTE - LA FAMIGLIA STATUE**

**Department        Executive Services**

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**REPORT**

I would like draw Council's attention to an important opportunity concerning the historic La Famiglia monument in Five Dock.

The La Famiglia monument, currently positioned at Stevenson's Reserve, Fairlight Street, Five Dock, is the result of collaboration between the Basilicata Region, the City of Canada Bay, and Associazione Lucania of Sydney. The beautiful work symbolises the presence of Italians in Australia and the contribution given by the Italian community to the material and moral growth of our country.

The monument was unveiled on 15 August 2008 in Stevenson's Reserve which was to be a temporary location until a more suitable and central site might become available in Five Dock.

I have recently received a request from Associazione Lucania outlining an opportunity for the statue to be relocated to a permanent home as part of the upcoming Sydney Metro West construction.

With a new Metro Station planned for the Five Dock town centre, renewed open space will be created in Fred Kelly Place, an ideal location for this historic landmark.

I strongly support the Associazione's request. I believe this monument, which links past to present and reflects the area's Italian heritage, would be the perfect centrepiece to a renewed Fred Kelly Place.

The construction of the Metro provides the perfect opportunity for the relocation. I would like to propose that Council request funding for the relocation from the NSW Government and for the relocation to be included in plans for the refurbishment of Fred Kelly Place as part of the Sydney Metro West construction.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council write to the State Minister and Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads requesting funding for the relocation of the La Famiglia monument to Fred Kelly Place as part of the construction of the new Sydney Metro West station in Five Dock.