

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE: IMPROVING CAR PARKING
 WITHIN THE FIVE DOCK TOWN CENTRE**

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

I would like to draw Council's attention to an important issue concerning car parking capacity within the Five Dock Town Centre.

Parking has been and will become more of a problem in Five Dock Town Centre. In the short-term, parking will be reduced with increased and relocated bus bay areas, commencement of the Metro station works and Sydney Metro West's removal of Council's Second Avenue parking area.

Long term, with the growth of the town centre and opening of the Metro, further parking will be needed to accommodate growth.

Our Urban Design Study for the Five Dock Town Centre in 2014 identified Council owned car parking areas as strategic opportunity sites.

We must look at all opportunities to better satisfy competing community demands in the area and ensure that Five Dock's town centre remains a thriving local business precinct.

I am recommending that Council undertake preliminary investigations into the traffic impacts and feasibility of a fit for purpose multi-level above or below ground car park facility to be built on Council land proximate to the Five Dock Town Centre.

With community and the local business chamber calling for increased parking capacity in Five Dock, we must make sure we are utilising our assets in the area to their potential. I believe there is an opportunity for Council owned land to provide a far greater amenity to the surrounding precinct.

An upgrade of this facility would not only benefit local business and community in the short term, I believe there are great opportunities to partner with the State Government on this project.

In addition to this upcoming report to Council, there is a need to investigate opportunities for funding and partnership for this project. I recommend that Council write to the Minister of Transport and Roads and Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads requesting a meeting to discuss the issues surrounding car parking in Five Dock, the impacts of the Sydney Metro West project on Five Dock and the

potential for investment toward an improved car park facility on Council owned land.

I recommend Council write to the Local Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti, to request he join Council in advocating for the local Five Dock community on this matter.

We must prioritise this matter to ensure that today's Five Dock Town Centre has the capacity to remain one of our area's great thriving town centres, whilst also building capacity for Five Dock with an eye to the completion of the Sydney Metro West station.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is considered that initial report back to Council will be of minimal financial impact.

Further funding would be required to undertake the detailed design and subsequent construction of an improved carpark facility in future financial years. Council staff will include information on the funding opportunities for this project in the report back to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council conduct the preliminary investigations for car parking on Council owned land in Five Dock, as outlined in the body of this report.
2. THAT Council write to the Minister of Transport and Roads and Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads outlining the issues surrounding car parking in Five Dock, the impacts of the Sydney Metro West project on Five Dock and the potential for further investment toward an improved car parking facility on Council owned land.
3. THAT Council write to the Local Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti, to request he join Council in advocating for the local Five Dock community on this matter.
4. THAT a further report be brought back to Council to consider the preliminary investigations and funding opportunities.

