

**Item No:** C0624(1) Item 2  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND: C0524(1) ITEM 18 UPDATE ON PARRAMATTA ROAD CORRIDOR URBAN TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY STATE 1 PLANNING PROPOSAL  
**From:** Councillors Marghanita Da Cruz, John Stamolis and Liz Atkins

**MOTION**

We, the above mentioned Councillors, hereby submit a Notice of Motion to rescind Council’s resolution of 21 May 2024 **C0524(1) Item 18 Update on Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy State 1 Planning Proposal**, and propose the alternative Motion:

**That Council receive and note the report.**

**Background**

Council resolved on 21 May 2024:

1. **That Council receive and note the report.**
2. **That Council note the correspondence received from Transport for NSW on 21 May 2024 in response to letters sent on 20 February 2024 and table the responses as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.**
3. **That Council return to the Planning Minister Paul Scully in relation to the letter sent to him on 4 March 2024 asking that the government purchase for public and affordable housing 657-673 Parramatta Road, Leichhardt, and request a response.**
4. **That Council officers immediately send the PRCUTS Planning Proposal to the NSW State Government for finalisation and gazettal.**

It is unprecedented and against both policy and custom for Councillors to adopt a planning proposal without a report on the number of public submissions, their source and concerns. The Community Participation in Planning policy requires those steps (see page 32). To invite public submissions and then not even consider them before proceeding to ratify a proposal is extraordinary. The *EP&A Act* mandates public participation.

There are a number of outstanding issues, reported in the Agenda of Council Meeting 21 May 2024, and reproduced below:

*Letters were sent to Minister of Roads, Minister of Transport and Minister for Planning regarding road widening, TfNSW owned car park and provision of improved public transport along Parramatta Road as per the above Council resolution on 20 February 2024 (refer to Attachment 1).*

No response has been received yet in response to these letters.

A meeting was organised with the DPHI on 15 March 2024 to discuss the matters in the Council resolution and seek DPHI’s assistance in expediting the issues relating to resolving State Agency referrals received during the engagement period of the Parramatta Road Planning Proposal.

At the meeting, the Deputy Secretary acknowledged the letter sent to Council by DPHI in

October 2023 which identified March 2024 as the date set by the Department for Council to finalise this Planning Proposal. At the meeting the Deputy Secretary noted that Council subsequently received referral responses from state agencies and is not able to progress the Planning Proposal while these state agency referrals remain unresolved.

The major concerns raised by state agencies relate to

- Biodiversity
- Flooding
- Drinking water capacity to service new residents
- Traffic Access (acquisition of land by TfNSW along Parramatta Road)

The Secretary of DPHI also contacted the Secretary of TfNSW to seek an update on response regarding the Parramatta Road widening matter.

Council officers requested that DPHI provide written confirmation from the State Agencies regarding the resolution of all matters raised in the submissions by early April. Following this Council is enabled to progress finalisation of the Planning Proposal which includes reporting the detailed engagement outcomes to Council.

In mid-April Council officers received correspondence from the DPHI advising that many of the matters raised in the referrals can be dealt with at the DA stage, this correspondence was silent on the requirement for additional flood modelling.

Subsequently Council officers have had additional meetings with the staff at DPHI in April and May 2024 to seek an update on the resolution of the state agency referrals. DPHI have requested additional time to resolve these issues, particularly in relation to the TfNSW submission. The flood modelling also remains unresolved.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.