
Item No: C0823(1) Item 61
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: INNER WEST COUNCIL ADVOCATING FOR THE YES CAMPAIGN
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council advocate for the Yes vote in the upcoming referendum on constitutional recognition of Indigenous people through a Voice to Parliament.
 2. That Council cooperate with Yes 23, the Uluru Dialogue and other Indigenous organisations to support their campaigns for Yes.
 3. That Council make available in-kind support for local citizens advocating for the Yes campaign including through the free use of Council facilities, existing communications channels and space on Council buildings and flag poles for Yes campaign messages can be displayed.
 4. That Council approach Yes 23 and the Uluru Dialogue about convening a “Walking together for Yes” march at a central Inner West location.
 5. That Council write to the Inner West Brewers Association and craft breweries within the Inner West proposing that they hold a combined Inner West brewers for Yes event.
 6. That Council write to all non-government organisations within the Inner West proposing ways that they can hold an event promoting the Yes campaign.
 7. That Council write to every Mayor and Council across Australia outlining the ways that Council is advocating for the Yes campaign through in-kind support and proposing that they undertake similar actions and advocacy in their communities.
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Background

The first act of the newly elected Inner West Council in 2022 was to unanimously endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart and to incorporate the Statement into Council’s Community Strategic Plan.

Later in the year Council initiated a civic education program to build awareness amongst local citizens of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the upcoming referendum. 1100 citizens completed this training.

We have also been successful in recruiting 43 Mayors from across all states and territories to make a statement of support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and to undertaking Civic Education in their communities.

With the referendum only weeks away it is time for Council decide whether to explicitly endorse the Yes campaign and how to support Inner West citizens who are advocating for Yes.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.