



Meeting Minutes

Environment Local Democracy Group

Thursday, 12 June 2025

2-14 Fisher Street Petersham

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 8.30pm.

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Andy Leach	Jon Stiebel	
Daniel Lunney	Helen Bradley	
Francis Breen		
Ian Downes		
Jo Blackman		
Lorin Lambert		
Robert Helstroom		

Chairperson:

The meeting was chaired by Lorin Lambert

Acknowledgement of Country

Chair gave Acknowledgement of Country.

Introductions, Apologies and membership changes

Apologies:

- John Patava
- Kathryn Michie
- Patrick Medley



Disclosures of conflicts of interest

Nil

Confirmation of previous minutes and actions

Convenor provided an update on actions from April 2025 meeting



Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
1. Inner West Circular Economy Round Table	Manager Resource Recovery Planning gave an overview of the Circular Economy Round Table held on 27 May 2025. The group discussed how Council could support circular economy-focused organisations.	Convenor to collate and provide discussion summary to Manager Resource Recovery Planning. Environment Local Democracy Group invited to provide additional feedback via email to the group convenor. This policy area will be addressed in more detail through the Circular Economy Policy Challenge (refer Agenda Item 3)
2. Inner West Sustainability Hub	Staff gave an overview of the Inner West Sustainability Hub communications plan. Discussions focused on how Council can support an increase in and diversity of events at the Sustainability Hub	Convenor to organise tour of the Inner West Sustainability Hub for Environment Local Democracy Group to support further engagement on this topic.
3 Local Democracy Group Policy Challenge	Council sets key policy challenges for Local Democracy Groups during their term. These challenges focus on areas where community insight is essential to shaping Council's decisions and actions. Council is confirming	Commence addressing Circular Economy Policy Challenge at next Environment Local Democracy Group meeting 4 September: <i>Moving towards a circular economy, how can we achieve our Zero Waste objectives of reducing waste landfilled per capita by 50% by 2036 when good items are still being disposed of</i>



the upcoming policy challenges at the Tuesday, 17 June Council meeting.

rather than repaired or reused? How do we engage the community to make repair and reuse their first choice?

Staff to provide background information and workshop facilitation to support the Environment Local Democracy Group

Next meeting 4 September 2025