
MM3/20 RESPONSE TO RECENT CLIMATIC EVENTS IN CITY OF RYDE - The Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale
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The summer of 2019/2020 has been a particularly difficult period for the community and climatic events and environmental health threats have placed an increased pressure on Council services and systems.

The role of Council as a result of these events is evolving.

As the community grows, so too will the reliance and demand on Council services and the level of support required to be delivered in times of emergency.

This was highlighted during community engagement for the development of the Community Strategic Plan and through requests made of Council to respond following recent events.

During the past 5 years, Ryde has been an active member Council of the Resilient Sydney program, which identifies future issues associated with urbanisation, globalisation and climate change. Through this program, Ryde will deliver its own Resilience Plan and in April 2020 will provide strategic direction, response and plan how to address these issues to ensure the future of our community is resilient.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note that its Resilience Plan 2030 is well advanced and will be presented to Council for adoption in April 2020. Emergency management and preparedness are a key outcome area of this plan.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 610F(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will give public notice of its proposal to include the following additional category of hardship/discount within its adopted fees and charges:

9. Emergency use of community facilities by public

Fees for the use of Council's community facilities and associated amenities may be waived for the public in the event that those facilities and amenities are required to provide shelter, power, sustenance and/or hygiene services in times of emergency (including as a result of adverse climatic events) that result in widespread disruption throughout the Ryde LGA or State of NSW.

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- (c) Pursuant to Section 610E (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matter be reported back to the next available Council meeting at the conclusion of the 28 day public notice period for Council's consideration of any submissions duly made as to the proposed category of hardship and for its subsequent determination of the matter.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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