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RYDE MOTION SEES LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS ACCESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE

More than 45,000 local government workers across NSW will have access to up to 10 days paid domestic leave, after a proposal by the City of Ryde was accepted.

Local Government NSW confirmed that the Local Government Award (State) Award 2017 had been varied to make all fulltime local government employees eligible for paid leave if impacted by family and/or domestic violence.

The move fulfils a motion put forward by the City of Ryde at the Local Government NSW annual conference in October 2019.

The City of Ryde has already implemented 10 days of paid domestic leave for its staff members following a Council resolution in February 2019.

The 10 days paid leave is designed to assist employees dealing with the effects of domestic or family violence such as moving house, attending court, looking after children or seeking medical care.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said introducing 10 days of paid domestic violence leave recognised the immense toll domestic violence can have on its victims.

“Domestic violence is a scourge on society and while this move will not end it, it will provide the support victims need during these difficult circumstances,” Cllr Laxale said.

“I am proud that the City of Ryde is leading the way in taking a stand against domestic violence, and I would like to thank Local Government NSW for their support and the United Services Union for their tireless advocacy on the issue.”

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