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Cr Susan Wynne Mayor of Woollahra
Woollahra Municipal Council
PO Box 61 – Double Bay
By email

Re: Youth Recreational Facility – Rushcutters Bay Park

Dear Lord Mayor

On behalf of the Darling Point Society (DPS), I am concerned at the outcome of the Ordinary Council Meeting 14 February 2022, Notice of Motion 16.9 Rushcutters Bay Park Youth Recreational Facility - 22/22415. We remain opposed to the location of such a facility in Rushcutters Bay Park.

The reason why the Youth Recreational Facility (YRF) initiative will be 10 years old this October is that the residents simply, for well-founded reasons, believe it is the wrong location. Along with the reasons previously given, never has open space been more important. It is false for the council to argue that there is no alternative site.

Discussion at last Monday's meeting on this contentious item lasted approximately 33 minutes. Notice of Motion 16.3 - Hospitality - 22/6769 lasted 18 minutes taken up mostly on discussion that catering aim to reduce meat consumption by 50% in the name of taking climate action. If councillors were serious about climate action, they would show leadership in preserving green open space and manage overdevelopment.

Why was the above notice of motion on the agenda, prior to the imminent release the Heritage Report? Will the item of Rushcutters Bay Park Youth Recreational Facility be added again to subsequent Ordinary Council Meeting to consider the Heritage Report?

The \$6.8 million deficit of council can ill afford an \$1.180 + million on the YRF. To what extent can you assure residents that rate increases won't be implemented to finance the proposed facility?

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Regards
Charlotte Feldman

President
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