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Mr Craig McNair  
General Manager Woollahra Couci;  
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Re: skatepark Notice of motion – council meeting 14 February 2022

Dear Craig

I refer to last Monday 14 February council meeting for which there have been no minutes issued.  
Is this yet to be released on the website?

A Notice of Motion was put up by Cllr Luise Elsing to remove the YRF at an estimated minimum cost of \$1,180,000 Youth Recreation Facility (YRF) on the back burner until such time as the deficit of \$6.5 million can be reduced and new funds accumulated to cover more essential costs particularly with the water table and anything on top allocated to non essential recreational plans.

The motion was defeated as the YRF is highly favoured by council above all essential requirements needed in the municipality.

The residents are opposed to the structure being erected in Rushcutters Bay Park which is open green space used for less cumbersome entertainment activities than a concrete erection of 1,250 metres just for the track.

I sent late correspondence requesting a Rescission Motion to be voted at the meeting which was never mentioned.

Cllr Robertson entered into a long diatribe about the Paddington kids needing such recreation facility (concrete skate park) in Rushcutters Bay Park. Why couldn't a more suitable and unobtrusive area be found, such as the immense playing fields at Trumper park, the old Royal Women's Hospital, and many others. Nine other suitable sites have been identified and submitted to no avail.

If, in spite of the deficit needing an increase in municipal rates the YRF goes ahead with the expenditure costing a minimum of \$1,180,000 to constituents, then WMC should issue a public document stating the facts.

The YRF has been considered since 2012 and is now included in a Heritage Impact Statement commissioned by council to be released shortly, perhaps to the public. This statement has cost so far \$400,000 and there is an extreme lack of transparency about it. It is intended to be released to the Heritage Office for assessment, with a Section 60 requesting amendments and concessions.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter read at the next council meeting and not just filed away.

Thank you for your consideration.

Charlotte Feldman  
President  
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