

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER 2**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 7 August, 2012**

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**Meeting commences at 6:30pm**

**Council Chambers  
Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street  
Petersham**

## MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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**Item No:** C0812(1) Item 20  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: POLITICAL POSTERS  
**File Ref:** 12/SF184/44006.12

Councillors

**Background**

In the lead up to the Local Government election in September 2012 many light and electricity poles across the LGA will be covered with political advertising distracting drivers, creating a potential safety hazard on removal and impacting on visual amenity and on the environment.

It appears that such advertising is prohibited by s 151B of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 and accordingly it is proposed to seek advice from the NSW Electoral Commissioner on what action will be taken to enforce this provision in the upcoming Local Government elections.

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**MOTION:**

**THAT Council write to the NSW Electoral Commissioner seeking urgent advice on the enforcement action proposed to ensure compliance with s151B of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 in the upcoming Local Government elections.**

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Clr Morris Hanna OAM  
**Mayor of Marrickville**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0812(1) Item 21  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: PENSIONER REBATES ON RATES  
**File Ref:** 12/SF184/44008.12

Councillors

### **Background**

The NSW Government introduced the current Local Government Pensioner Rate Concession many decades ago. It was set at 50% of the ordinary rates and charges paid by a pensioner up to a maximum. In 1989 (over 23 years ago), the maximum was increased from \$175 to \$250 and has not increased since that time. Local Councils fund \$112.50 or 45% of the concession and the NSW Government funds \$137.50 or 55%.

Marrickville Council introduced an additional voluntary pensioner rate concession of \$54.70 in 2008 in recognition of the financial pressures pensioners face.

In 1989, the pensioner rate concession of \$250 represented around 46% of the bill of a pensioner paying the minimum rate and waste charge. In 2013, the pensioner concession represents around 25% of that bill. Council's voluntary pensioner concession increases that to 30%.

If the pensioner concession was doubled to \$500, that pensioner would be subsidised for almost 50% of their bill. It should then be indexed annually to ensure it keeps up with inflation.

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### **MOTION:**

**THAT Council writes to the NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell requesting him to:**

- 1. increase the current Local Government Pensioner Rate Concession from \$250 to \$500, to be fully funded by the NSW State Government; and**
- 2. provide the annual indexation of the Local Government Pensioner Rate Concession.**

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Clr Morris Hanna OAM  
**Mayor of Marrickville**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.