

## 10.15. Supplementary report - North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project

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<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	Nil
<b>CSP LINK</b>	<b>Outcome 3 – An active community with space for everyone to exercise and enjoy the outdoors</b> O3. Provide new and upgraded facilities within existing public spaces to increase amenity, accessibility and diversity

### PURPOSE:

This report provides supplementary information to item 10.13 (North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project), in relation to the potential requirement to extend key consultancies on the NSOP redevelopment project.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Council's contractor advised of a forecast date for Practical Completion (PC) of 5 January 2026. This date was principally contingent on the issuance of an Occupation Certificate (OC) before the Christmas / New Year period.
- Council's project team recently became aware that an OC is not likely to be issued before the Christmas / New Year period, placing a January PC date at large, and requiring the potential extension of key consultants up to 28 February 2026.
- It is noted that there will be no formal meeting of Council up to 28 February 2026 due to the Christmas recess period, which would result in a delay in the formal extension of consultants should this be required.
- Providing authorisation to Council's Chief Executive Officer to extend consultancies up to 28 February 2026 will allow Council to respond to this eventuality.

### RECOMMENDATION:

**1. THAT** Council note the contents of this supplementary paper regarding the potential requirement to extend key consultants on the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment up to 28 February 2026 during the Council recess period.

**2. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend key consultants on the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment up to 28 February 2026 during the Council recess period, using the "extenuating circumstances" provisions under s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act (1993).

**3. THAT** Council note any extensions of key consultants on the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment up to 28 February 2026 during the Council recess period will be reported as part of the next North Sydney Redevelopment Project Update report.

## **Background**

Item 10.13 (North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project) on the Council meeting agenda of 8 December 2025 recommends the extension of consultants to the end of January 2026, due to further program slippages and a revised forecast PC date of 5 January 2026. This date was principally contingent on the issuance of an Occupation Certificate (OC) before the Christmas / New Year period. Council's project team have recently become aware that an OC is not likely to be issued before the Christmas / New Year period.

## **Report**

The issuance of an OC is a prerequisite for achieving PC and therefore the delay in achieving OC places a January 2026 Practical Completion at large and requires Council to consider the possibility of extending key consultancies up to 28 February 2026.

It is noted that there will be no formal meeting of Council until February 2026 due to the Christmas recess period, which would result in a delay in the formal extension of consultants should this be required. The extent and actual consultancies to be extended is unknown at this stage.

Providing authorisation to Council's Chief Executive Officer to extend consultancies, should this be required, over the Christmas period will allow Council's project team to respond to this eventuality.

Should the extension of consultants be required, it is proposed to use the "extenuating circumstances" provisions under s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act (1993), in alignment with the recommendations noted in item 10.13 (North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project) of this meeting agenda.

## **Consultation requirements**

Community engagement has not been undertaken to inform the recommendation of this report of required should Council adopt the recommendations of this report.

## **Financial/Resource Implications**

The potential extension of consultants will be covered through the existing project budget allocations.

## **Legislation**

NSW Local Government Act (1993)