



MINUTE OF THE MAYOR

Dated: 24 September 2018

RE: Smoke Free CBD

North Sydney Council has always had a progressive approach to creating a smoke free environment for our residents, workers and visitors.

After the successful implementation of no smoking zones around the LGA, I would like to see Council continue these efforts by making North Sydney one of the first smoke free CBDs in Australia.

Cigarettes are not only bad for smokers - their cigarette butts litter our streets and the second hand smoke is detrimental to everyone's health. It is important that we create a safe environment for our community where everyone can enjoy our outdoor open spaces.

Brett Whiteley Place and Elizabeth Plaza, in the CBD, have both been self-regulated, smoke free zones since July 2016 with great success. Ernest Place in the heart of Crows Nest has also been designated a no smoking zone.

Our Rangers also fine anyone caught littering our streets by not properly disposing of their cigarette butts, even if they're not in smoke free zones.

This follows on from Council banning smoking in 2011 in several public sites around the LGA, including:

- within ten (10) metres of all children's playgrounds and equipment;
- within ten (10) metres of the boundaries of sportsfields and recreation facilities when sports are being played;
- in all outdoor dining areas on Council owned land; and
- in covered bus shelters and taxi ranks.

In July 2015, the NSW Government implemented a statewide ban on smoking in outdoor dining areas and within four (4) metres of a pedestrian access point to a building.

The City of Sydney, Melbourne and the City of Hobart have all banned smoking in several designated public spaces. The City of Hobart in particular has made significant strides towards creating a smoke free CBD by banning smoking in any outdoor dining and drinking areas on land managed by them.

I would like to see North Sydney Council do the same with participating restaurants, bars and cafes given stickers produced by Council to put in their windows to raise awareness of the Policy.

Council's creation of self-regulated, no smoking zones has been well received by the community and I believe a push to expand this Policy would be widely welcomed.

This would not be enforced by Council but would operate on a self-regulated basis where the community is encouraged not to smoke in public places.

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** public consultation be undertaken to determine community support for making the whole of the North Sydney CBD smoke free; and
- 2. THAT** following the consultation period, a further report be submitted to Council.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON
MAYOR**