

## 15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO 44/2020 - SAVE THE LARGE MANLY FERRIES

*NOTE 1: Councillor Ferguson left the chamber at 9:32pm and returned to the chamber at 9:34pm.*

*NOTE 2: Councillor Heins left the chamber at 9:33pm and returned to the chamber at 9:34pm.*

### 001/20 RESOLVED

#### **Cr Bingham / Cr Sprott**

That:

1. Council make representations to the relevant authorities to delay the State Government's decision to retire the 1100 passenger capacity Freshwater-class ferries and to replace them with 400 passenger capacity Emerald-class ferries, commencing next year.
  - A. Council arrange urgent meetings with the Minister for Transport, the Hon Andrew Constance MP, and the Chief Operations Officer of Transport for NSW, Howard Collins; the Minister for Tourism, the Hon Stuart Ayres MP and Member for Manly, James Griffin MP.
  - B. Council seek assurances that required ferry passenger demand will continue to be met.
  - C. Council seek information from the State Government regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed changes.
2. While it is acknowledged that the existing old ferries are in need of maintenance and repair, Council is seeking assurances that the necessary repairs will be carried out, allowing time for a Fleet Replacement Plan to be developed which includes double-ended vessels with a 1000+ passenger capacity.
3. An impact assessment be prepared in consultation with the Manly Business Chamber, outlining the financial, brand and heritage impacts to Manly and Sydney's visitor/tourist economy should the large ferries no longer be part of this route.
4. The resolution is to be sent by the CEO to:
  - A. The Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, Chaired by Robyn Preston MP, Member for Hawkesbury.
  - B. The Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service, Chaired by the Hon Abigail Boyd MLC.

#### **VOTING**

**FOR:** Unanimous

**CARRIED**