Item No: 9.3

Subject: EXCAVATION IN ROSE BAY

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Purpose of the Report:

Recommendation:

THAT Council:

- A. Request the General Manager make an urgent submission to the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, requesting again that Rose Bay Centre is excluded from the State led Low and Mid Rise Housing reforms due to it being a high risk hazard area due to its sensitive hydro-geotechnical conditions; and
- B. Request the General Manager make an urgent submission to the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, requesting that Double Bay is excluded from the State led Low and Mid Rise Housing reforms due to it being a high risk hazard area due to its sensitive hydrogeotechnical conditions.

Discussion:

I have received further representations from residents in Rose Bay who have raised significant concerns associated with dewatering and excavation from new development, and its implications to building and structural stability as a consequence of existing works and the likely cumulative impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing reforms. I am requesting that staff:

In relation to Rose Bay:

- Make a further submission to the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure highlighting these issues, both in relation to individual sites and the cumulative effect of the policy in the Rose Bay area;
- Make strong representations that the Rose Bay Centre be excluded from the State led Low and Mid Rise Housing;
- Ensure the Government is on notice that the Rose Bay area is a high-risk hazard area due to its hydro-geotechnical conditions;
- Include examples and evidence of the sensitive groundwater conditions and the damage that
 has resulted in the area, including historical and recent flood events; and
- Provide the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure with a full copy of the GHD reports available to Council.

In relation to Double Bay:

- Make a further submission to the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure highlighting these issues, both in relation to individual sites and the cumulative effect of the policy in the Double Bay area;
- Make strong representations that the Double Bay Centre be excluded from the State led Low and Mid Rise Housing;
- Ensure the Government is on notice that the Double Bay area is a high-risk hazard area due to its hydro-geotechnical conditions;

- Include examples and evidence of the sensitive groundwater conditions and the damage that has resulted in the area;
- Provide the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure with a full copy of the GHD reports available to Council; and
- Note that the Mayor intends to meet with the Double Bay Residents Association to further discuss this matter.

Cr Sarah Swan Mayor of Woollahra

Attachments:

None