

ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

Wollongong City Council has an Aboriginal Engagement Framework and an endorsed Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which provides a strategic approach for the organisation's contribution to the reconciliation movement at a local level.

In 2017 hundreds of First Nations leaders endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart which calls for structural and constitutional reforms to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The three key reforms of the Statement are summarised as Voice, Treaty, Truth. Local Government has a role in promoting reconciliation and providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice in decisions that affect them. Whilst the commitments made in the Wollongong City Council RAP generally align with the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Council has not developed a specific response to the Statement.

RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Develop a response to the Uluru Statement from the Heart in alignment with the Wollongong City Council Reconciliation Action Plan.
- 2 Continue to engage with the local Aboriginal community and organisations to provide a First Nations voice as per Wollongong City Council's Aboriginal Engagement Framework.
- 3 Acknowledge the Aboriginal groups of the Illawarra as the First Nations peoples whose sovereignty was never ceded.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.