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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CAMERON WALTERS - THE REVITALISATION OF THE CBD - CROWN STREET MALL INVESTIGATION

Councillor Cameron Walters has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 Council notes the rapid changes in retail shopping patterns across our city centre and the need for a more flexible environment to revitalise the Crown Street Mall precinct.
- 2 Council notes the findings of the CIVITAS report ‘City Centre Urban Design Directions Paper, May 2021’ (CIVITAS Report) commissioned by Martin, Morris & Jones Pty Ltd on behalf of community and industry stakeholders in response to the Wollongong City Centre Planning Review.
- 3 Council acknowledges that action must be taken in light of the CIVITAS Report findings and recommendations.
- 4 Having regard to the high level of retail vacancies within the Crown Street Mall precinct, and as outlined in the CIVITAS Report, Council investigates options for the reopening of Crown Street Mall for vehicular traffic between Keira Street, Church Street and/or Kembla Street as part of the Wollongong City Centre Access and People Movement Strategy and in this investigation include -
  - a Engagement with CIVITAS.
  - b Options for parking and a dedicated cycleway.
  - c How the reopening of Crown Street Mall to vehicular traffic can be safely integrated into existing vehicular and pedestrian movement within the precinct.
  - d The flexibility to close sections of road for special events.
  - e Any external documents and reports that outline the impact of changes to the Crown Street Mall precinct.
- 5 The findings are brought back to Councillors by the end of October 2021.”