

**ITEM 13 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ANN MARTIN - FIRE SALE OF KING STREET WARRAWONG SITE**

Councillor Ann Martin has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Planning and Homes, and the local Member for Wollongong Paul Scully seeking –

- 1 The immediate suspension of the Expression of Interest process and potential sale of the public land at King Street Warrawong;
- 2 That a community and State agency and stakeholder consultation and future use study process, including the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee be entered into towards establishing a Masterplan for the subject site;
- 3 That Council insist that the process around the consideration of the future of the King Street Warrawong site be recommenced after the NSW State election and supports the site remaining in public ownership.”

**Background provided by Councillor Ann Martin:**

In the period since 16 December 2022 the NSW Property Services Group have contracted Savilles Real Estate to manage an EOI for the future use and sale of the King Street Warrawong public land site.

Community members and Paul Scully MP have called out this process that is occurring leading up to the NSW state election, without any consideration for the complex issues around the future potential of the site. Importantly the site has significance to the local Aboriginal community, is likely to be contaminated land, is identified as flood affected, and is adjacent to an area of significant environmental significance.

The site is too important and significant for the future cultural, environmental, tourism and public recreation uses for Wollongong to be sold in a way that ignores the public land status during the former Lake Illawarra Authority period and disrespects the role the Lake plays to its surrounding communities.