

ITEM 12

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TANIA BROWN - WOLLONGONG HARBOUR MASTERPLAN

Councillor T Brown has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that the General Manager write to the NSW Government seeking advice on when the NSW Wollongong Harbour Masterplan will be released.

The draft Masterplan was exhibited in August 2018, having commenced in 2017, with a revised draft released and adopted by Wollongong City Council in June 2019. Over a year later we are still waiting for a final report.

We seek an update on when we will see progress on delivering recreational and tourism upgrades to this important harbour precinct which will be a key location for the UCI World Road Cycling in 2022. It is therefore crucial that progress begins now to meet this deadline.”

Background provided by Councillor T Brown:

In 2017 the Department of Industry (Lands) commenced drafting a Masterplan for Wollongong Harbour. An initial draft went on exhibition in 2018 and following stakeholder and community consultation an amended draft was released in June 2019.

Wollongong City Council adopted the new draft Masterplan in June 2019, and it was then referred to The Minister for Water, Property and Housing for adoption by the State Government.

The draft Masterplan reflected the community’s view that this remain a working harbour, protecting the heritage of the area, but allowing some tourism activation with improved facilities and footpaths.

The release of a final Masterplan for Wollongong Harbour is well past due.