

## Resolution of Council

**16 August 2021**

### **Item 9.6**

#### **Hiroshima Tree Project**

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Kok –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) this year marks the 76th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed between 129,000 and 226,000 people;
- (ii) the City of Sydney has a long standing commitment to supporting peace efforts at a local and on a global level: as a member of Mayors for Peace and key supporters of the Sydney Peace Prize, and in October 2018, Council unanimously endorsed the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons;
- (iii) the Green Legacy Hiroshima initiative is a global volunteer campaign, aiming to disseminate the universal message of nuclear disarmament by providing the seeds or saplings of 'survivor trees' - trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - to be planted in locations all over the world;
- (iv) currently seeds and saplings from the A-bombed trees are growing in more than 30 countries - in a sustained, long-term campaign, joining other efforts for a nuclear-free and sustainable future;
- (v) there is community support for the City of Sydney to participate in the Green Legacy Hiroshima tree project;
- (vi) participation in the Green Legacy Hiroshima initiative involves sourcing a seed from one of the original Hiroshima survivor trees for growth and eventual planting somewhere in the local government area; and

- (vii) City staff have advised that the City does not have the facilities to grow plants imported from overseas from seed. However, they suggested that the Royal Botanic Gardens would be a suitable partner. The Royal Botanic Gardens have expressed interest and capacity to undertake this; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - (i) seek advice from City staff to determine the preferred species of Survivor Tree seed, noting many of the species on the list may be considered weeds in Australia; and
  - (ii) initiate the process to join the Green Legacy Hiroshima project, working with the Royal Botanic Gardens to secure an appropriate seed from a Survivor Tree for cultivation and future planting in an agreed location in our local government area.

Carried unanimously.

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