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Dear Sacha

### **City East Facilities Review**

I refer to your letter about the City of Sydney's planning and consultation for community facilities in the City East area.

The City of Sydney is committed to improving services in the City East area and following the public meeting on 1 December, we have developed a long-term strategy to meet the area's changing needs.

The meeting was promoted by a letterbox drop in the City East area; mail outs; on the City's website; an email invitation to resident groups; and advertisements in the City News and the Wentworth Courier.

Over 100 people attended the meeting and the overwhelming majority supported the following proposals:

- The Burton Street Tabernacle in East Sydney as a community arts space, housing the Darlinghurst Theatre Company and an emerging artists' gallery, possibly with additional artists' studios or community office space.
- For the Heffron Hall, opposite the Tabernacle, to be rebuilt with the Albert Schloss Reserve relocated to the Burton Street frontage, providing better access to the park and creating a vibrant new cultural precinct. The new centre would provide out-of-school-hours and vacation care; a flexible community space for meetings, classes and rehearsals; space for cultural organisations; and artists' studios.
- Fifteen new places at KU France Newton Childcare centre as the area needs more childcare places, especially for children aged under two.
- An extra floor of library and activity space at 50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross.

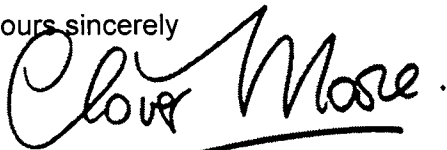
- Programs at the Reg Murphy Activity Centre to be relocated over time, with the Early Childhood Health Centre moving to the Rex Community Centre at Fitzroy Gardens, the seniors' meals to Mary McDonald Centre in Woolloomooloo and seniors' activities to continue at the Rex and possibly increase at the Library.
- Improving programming and services at the Juanita Nielsen and Mary McDonald Centres in Woolloomooloo.

The needs analysis and planning indicate that with the significant expansions identified above, the Reg Murphy Activity Centre would be surplus to community needs.

These are long-term strategic proposals and each project will be subject to further consultation. A report on the consultation outcomes and the materials presented at the meeting will soon be available on the City's website, [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the City East Facilities Review, you can contact Tara Day, Strategic Social Planner, on 9246 7578 or at [tday@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tday@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Clover Moore MP  
**Lord Mayor of Sydney**