

# Guidelines for Sister City Relationships

## Resolution of Council

14 DECEMBER 1992

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That following the Sister City Briefing for Aldermen held on Monday 30 November 1992 and arising from consideration of a report by the Acting Manager, Civic and Community Services dated 1 December 1992 in regard to Council's sister city relationships, both existing and prospective, it be resolved that:-

(1) Council re-affirm the Guidelines for Sister City Relationships, accepted in 1985 as follows:-

### OBJECTIVES OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

- a) extend the hand of friendship nationally and internationally on a person-to-person basis, utilising the resources of local government;
- b) perpetuate an understanding between people at all levels and of different countries and cultures;
- c) bring together like interest groups in each city;
- d) provide a forum for the exchange of sister city experiences;
- e) promote knowledge and understanding and extend the level of contacts through all sectors of the community;
- f) develop economic, trade, cultural, educational, sporting and other beneficial exchanges.

(2) Before entering into any further relationships with other cities, Council take into account the extent to which the prospective city complies with the following criteria:

- i. that there exists significant historical, cultural, social or geographic similarities between Sydney and the prospective city;
- ii. that the prospective city is, or is moving towards, being governed in a democratic fashion;
- iii. that the prospective city has, or is moving towards, a reasonable human rights record;

- iv. that the establishment of the proposed relationship will benefit specific strategic, national and/or regional interests;
- v. that there exists significant community support for the proposed relationship;
- vi. that there is funding available for the relationship.

(3) the 1992 Sister Cities Reports be received and noted;

(4) Council accept, in principle, the concept of city friendship arrangements as a proclamation, which can be approved of by Council, to establish “friendly relations” between Sydney and major overseas cities without involving Council in establishing committees or providing resources.

At the request of the Chairman (the Lord Mayor) and by consent the motion was amended by the deletion of the words “to establish friendly relations” from clause (4) of the motion.

Motion, as amended by consent, carried.