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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:	Alleged make and use of Forged Documents by the Office of the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Angus TAYLOR
Place:	Office of the Lord Mayor – 483 George Street Sydney
Date:	6 th December 2019

Name:	Clover MOORE
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STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 73 years of age.
3. I am the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney since 2004. My role is to lead decision making at Council meetings, represent the views of the Council and local community, and make decisions and develop policies that guide the activities of the Council.
4. On June 24 2019, the City of Sydney declared a Climate Emergency following a unanimous Council vote on my Lord Mayor Minute. A copy of that Lord Mayor Minute and subsequent council resolution is attached and marked "A".

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE LORD MAYOR MINUTE AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION MARKED "A"

5. On August 22 2019, as directed in the council resolution, I wrote to Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley MP advising her of the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency. A copy of that letter is attached and marked "B".

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE LETTER ADDRESSED TO SUSSAN LEY MP DATED AUGUST 22 2019 MARKED "B"

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 D/Sgt Mark FITZHENRY
 6th December 2019

Signature: _____
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6. In that letter, I asked the Minister to respond to the climate emergency by: taking urgent action to meet the emissions reduction targets contained in the Paris Agreement; and establishing a Just Transition Authority to ensure those employed in the fossil fuel industries have viable opportunities for alternate employment.
7. On Sunday September 29 2019, I received a letter in response to my letter to Minister Ley from Minister Angus Taylor. A copy of that letter is annexed and marked "C".

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE LETTER FROM MINISTER ANGUS TAYLOR RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 29 2019 MARKED "C"

8. The letter was submitted by email to my public-facing email address at 1.40pm. A copy of that email is annexed and marked "D".

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE EMAIL TO MY PUBLIC FACING EMAIL ADDRESS DATED SEPTEMBER 29 2019 MARKED "D"

9. This email account is checked and logged by administrative staff during business hours. Given the Minister's email was sent on a Sunday afternoon, I did not see the correspondence first hand until the following day.
10. Around 6:40pm on the evening of Sunday 29 September 2019, I was contacted by a member of my staff who advised me that they had been contacted by a journalist from the Daily Telegraph.
11. These journalists could not provide a copy of the letter to my staff, but told them that Minister Taylor had suggested I could contribute to emissions reduction by cutting down on plane travel, given "the council's annual report showed spending of \$1.7 million on international travel and \$14.2 million on domestic travel."
12. This was obviously wrong. My staff had confirmed with the City through the Acting CEO and had advised me they had made clear to the journalist these figures were incorrect, and identified the true figures on the City's website.
13. My staff advised me that although they had advised the journalists from the Daily Telegraph that the figures quoted were not correct the story would proceed because Minister Taylor's office had given them the information.

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14. As a result, I issued the following statement to The Telegraph;

'Just because he ignores the facts on climate change, doesn't mean the Minister can make up figures to distract Australians from his failure of leadership.

The City of Sydney spent less than \$300,000 in travel and accommodation expenses in the 2017-18 financial year.

Successive Federal Governments have shamefully presided over a failed climate policies – Australia's emissions have been going up since 2014. The Minister has the power to transition the country away from reliance on fossil fuels and to deliver electricity that is clean, reliable and affordable. He should focus on reducing emissions and providing reliable energy, not making up figures about travel by local government officials.

In a week where the federal government has been universally lambasted for lack of action on climate change, it is deeply concerning the Minister chooses to spend his time picking petty fights with people who have actually delivered emissions reductions.

The City of Sydney became the first carbon neutral council in Australia in 2007 and next year we will use 100 percent renewable electricity to power our operations. We will have reduced our emissions by 70 percent by 2024, six years ahead of schedule.'

15. It is my strong belief that in dealing with important and pressing issues, it is our responsibility as elected officials to deal in facts.

16. My ability to lead a Council that takes strong action on climate change rests on the support and trust of the community.

17. I formed the opinion that the incorrect figures were given to the press in an attempt to undermine my reputation and the City's work in addressing climate change.

18. The City has a strong record of delivering action that both reduces emissions and benefits ratepayers, such as the contract to purchase 100% of our electricity from renewable sources that will also save ratepayers \$500,000 per year for 10 years. I felt that the inflated travel figures supported by the incorrect figures from the annual report are an attempt to distract and undermine this record.

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19. I feel it is important to correct the record in order for me to maintain community confidence in, and support for, our work to address climate change in a financially sustainable manner. The ongoing question about the source of the documents, which the Minister and other government representatives are still saying came from the City of Sydney website, continues to undermine community trust in my ability to lead the council and meet our reporting obligations under the Local Government Act.
20. I was also concerned the false information would raise questions about the City's financial management and probity, and that it would impede the ability of city staff or elected officials to undertake travel for operational or civic requirements – including supporting city-to-city relationships internationally.
21. On September 30 2019, the Minister's incorrect figures were published in the Daily Telegraph, as quotes attributed to the Minister in a news story, and stated as fact in the paper's editorial.
22. I disputed the figures publicly on my social media channels, pointing to the council's annual report that shows councillors spent \$1,727.77 on overseas travel and \$4,206.32 on domestic travel.
23. Later that day, my staff advised that the Daily Telegraph had emailed them the erroneous report supplied to it by the Minister's office.
24. On October 22 2019, with no clarity as to where the figures had come from, or public correction of those figures by either the Minister or The Daily Telegraph, I wrote to the Minister advising him of the City's intention to refer The Daily Telegraph to the Press Council over erroneous reporting, and importantly, to correct the record with the Minister. A copy of that letter is attached and marked "X"

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE LETTER ADDRESSED TO MINISTER TAYLOR DATED OCTOBER 22 2019 MARKED 'X'

25. I asked my staff to offer this written response to the press, to increase the opportunity of publicly correcting the record. In doing so, my staff advised me that the City would release meta data showing our reports had not been altered at any time since their upload in November, 2018.
26. On October 31 2019, I received a letter of apology letter from Minister Taylor.

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27. Under law, State Governments can sack Local Councils that are not performing, and replace leadership with administrators. We work incredibly hard to maintain our track record of strong financial management, and delivering for our community to ensure that does not happen.
28. Correcting the record to enable us to continue this important work has required vast amounts of time and energy from numerous members staff in my office and across the City of Sydney organisation.
29. From looking at this picture, I could tell it was a photo of a document on a screen not a PDF document and the style didn't match what I had seen on the council's website. It looked photocopied. The image was black and white whereas on the website this document had some colour in it.

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THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE

22 AUG 2019

The Hon. Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Climate Emergency

I write to you about the City of Sydney's response to the climate emergency.

At its meeting on 24 June 2019, the Council of the City of Sydney resolved to declare that climate change poses a serious risk to the people of Sydney, and should be treated as a national emergency. I enclose a copy of the Resolution of Council for your information.

The City is one of more than 600 jurisdictions in 13 countries to have declared a climate emergency, to date, according to the International Climate Emergency Forum. The Climate Emergency Declaration campaign in Australia is supported by more than 50 climate action groups, including the International Climate Emergency Forum, Extinction Rebellion, and Greenpeace Australia.

The City is working hard to reduce our carbon footprint as part of our Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan. From next year, we'll source 100 per cent renewable energy to meet our electricity needs, and replace most street lights with energy efficient LEDs. We have also supported office building owners to reduce their emissions through the Better Buildings Partnership. Members of the partnership have reduced their emissions on average by 52 per cent since 2006.

Despite this work, and the combined action of other city governments, some state governments, the community and business, Australia's greenhouse gas emissions have increased for four consecutive years. In comparison, the previous carbon pricing scheme effectively reduced emissions. Although Australia has committed to the targets outlined in the Paris Agreement, our emissions are among the highest in the world per person, and they are rising. The current policies are simply not working. We are now at a critical juncture – we face a climate emergency.

In October 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicated that global emissions would need to be cut in half by 2030, and reach net zero by 2050 to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. 2018 was the forty-second consecutive year with global temperatures above the twentieth century average, and 224 locations around the world set all time heat records.

Extreme heat is now the deadliest natural disaster in many locations around the world, and Australia is particularly vulnerable. On 24 January 2019, 91 of the hottest 100 places on earth were in Australia. Heat waves on our continent are now five times more likely. But it is not just their frequency that is alarming – they start earlier, become hotter, and last longer. Globally, floods and extreme rainfall events now occur four times more often than four decades ago.

Ninety six per cent of NSW is still drought affected, our farmers and rural communities are being decimated by drought, suffering from water shortages and extended bush fire seasons, witnessing unprecedented fish kills and the death of once mighty river systems. This emergency is not just about the numbers, it is about our communities, and the effects are felt by us all, particularly the poorest amongst us – the vulnerable, the marginalised and those that live in remote communities.

Australia has so far neglected the transition to a green economy, impacting our environment and causing fear in our communities. Thousands face unemployment, denied potential jobs in a burgeoning renewable energy sector, and the sovereignty and self-determination of First Australians continues to be undermined to make way for massive new coal mines.

Inaction also comes with an economic cost. The University of Melbourne estimates the potential damage from climate change to Australia – excluding the costs from floods, fires, pollution and biodiversity loss – will equate to \$585 billion by 2030, and \$760 billion by 2050. These costs will be disproportionately shouldered by those that can least afford it.

The community understands that the situation is urgent. In 2007, when the City of Sydney consulted for our long term strategic plan – Sustainable Sydney 2030 – 97 per cent of people said they wanted strong climate action, so we made it our top priority. During recent consultations, our community has told us they are proud of the action the City has taken on climate change, and that they want us do even more. Recently, more than 300 leaders from our business community, community organisations, government and cultural institutions gathered in Town Hall for our 2050 stakeholder consultation. Of those asked whether the City should declare a climate emergency, 85 per cent answered yes.

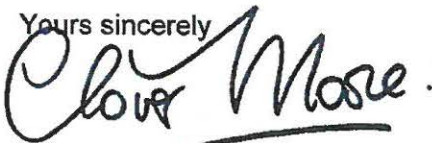
In an emergency, it is incumbent on all of us to act. I believe that all federal and state politicians must rise above fear-based politics to unite the community behind a vision of a low carbon economy that provides opportunities for all of us, including workers who currently rely on fossil fuel industries for employment. We know the transition to renewables and a low carbon economy can be achieved, because countries all across the world are doing it successfully. It just takes leadership.

I ask that you call on the Australian Government to respond to this emergency by:

- I. Taking urgent action to meet the emissions reduction targets contained in the Paris Agreement by reintroducing a price on carbon; and
- II. Establishing a Just Transition Authority, with enough funding to ensure that Australians employed in the fossil fuel industries and small business owners have viable and appropriate opportunities for alternate employment.

If staff from your office would like to speak with City staff about our response to the climate emergency, they can contact Chris Derksema, Sustainability Director, on 9265 9333 or at cderksema@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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**THE HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP
MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

MC19-010557

Councillor Clover Moore
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Lord Mayor

Clover

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment in relation to action on climate change. I am responding as the matter falls under my responsibilities as the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.

The Liberal National Government is committed to taking real and meaningful action to reduce emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is achievable and responsible, and represents one of the most ambitious reductions in per capita emissions and emissions per unit of GDP among developed countries while ensuring our economy will continue to grow and prosper.

The Government has a comprehensive set of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and fast track the development and uptake of clean energy. Building on existing measures, in February this year the Government announced a Climate Solutions Package. The Package is a \$3.5 billion investment that has mapped out, to the last tonne, how we will achieve the final 328 million tonnes of abatement needed to meet our 2030 Paris target. The Package includes a \$2 billion Climate Solutions Fund to build on the success of the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) and continue our investment in low-cost abatement.

The Government is also working to improve energy efficiency by reducing the energy used in appliances, equipment and buildings. This will reduce energy costs for households and businesses. We are also supporting renewable generation technology and funding research into new technologies.

In 2018, Australia led the world in per capita investment in clean energy, with more than double the investment of countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and France. This is an achievement of which Australians can be proud.

You might be interested to know that there are many practical ways local councils can take real and meaningful action to reduce their carbon emissions. One such example is to limit unnecessary air travel.

Given your most recent Annual Report shows your Council spent \$1.7 million on international travel, and \$14.2 million on domestic travel, there is a real opportunity for your Council to make a meaningful contribution to reducing Australia's emissions.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus Tgl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

ANGUS TAYLOR



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE

22 OCT 2019

The Hon. Minister Angus Taylor MP
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I refer to your letter in response to my correspondence regarding the City of Sydney declaring a Climate Emergency.

The outline you provided of your Government's policies and actions to reduce emissions gives me no comfort, as Australia's emissions have risen for four of the past five years, and are higher today than they were in 2013.

Your Climate Solutions Package has been resoundingly criticised by credible experts, the international community, former members of the Liberal party, farmers, the community and of course our students.

Your inaction on climate change will have massive economic costs for our country.

The University of Melbourne estimates the potential damage from climate change to Australia – excluding the costs from floods, fires, pollution and biodiversity loss – will equate to \$585 billion by 2030 and \$760 billion by 2050.

The Australian Business Roundtable, which includes representatives from IAG, Investa, Optus and Westpac, has reported that without mitigating action, the total cost of natural disasters in each state is expected to increase by more than 2.5 times between now and 2050.

By ignoring the issue, the Federal Government is missing the opportunity to implement a just transition.

Notwithstanding this, I write principally to correct a stark error in your letter regarding the costs of travel by the City of Sydney. Your letter states:

Given your most recent Annual Report shows your Council spent \$1.7 million on international travel, and \$14.2 million on domestic travel, there is a real opportunity for your Council to make a meaningful contribution to reducing Australia's emissions.

These travel costs are grossly inaccurate.

In 2017-18, the City of Sydney spent less than \$300,000 in travel and accommodation expenses, including \$41,000 for international travel and accommodation costs for staff. Travel and accommodation costs represent less than 0.1 per cent of the City's overall operating expenditure.

These figures are publicly available in the City's annual report.

The Daily Telegraph published the inaccurate figures, and its journalists allege that your office provided a document containing the false information. *The Daily Telegraph* provided my staff with this document, which appears to be the City's publicly available report with the relevant information amended to reflect the gross inaccuracies contained in your letter.

The accurate reports have been online on the City's website, unchanged, since November 2018. This raises serious questions about the source of this fraudulent document.

The City has submitted a complaint to the Press Council regarding *The Daily Telegraph's* publishing of the erroneous figures.

I want to provide you with the opportunity to respond: could you verify *The Daily Telegraph's* claims that the erroneous documents originated in your office, or is my office being misled by the newspaper's journalists?

I have attached the documents we received from *The Daily Telegraph*, and the City's actual reports, to this letter.

It is my deep belief that in dealing with important and pressing issues, it is our responsibility as elected officials to deal in facts. Providing false information to journalists and the public further erodes the community's confidence in elected representatives to lead and serve.

The City of Sydney became the first Government at any level in Australia to become certified carbon neutral in Australia in 2011 and we have been certified carbon neutral every year since. This means that the Australian Government has verified that we have been offsetting all emissions generated from domestic and international air travel since then.

This week the City signed an agreement to source 100% of our electricity from wind and solar. This is expected to reduce our energy costs by \$500,000 per year for the next ten years. Emissions from our operations are currently down 25 percent from our 2006 baseline, and we are on track to reduce our emissions by 70 percent by 2024, six years ahead of our target.

You can find all of this in the City's bi-annual environmental sustainability progress reports, which are testament to what can be achieved with clear, bold targets and over a decade of dedicated action.

As a global city, it is critical that we meet with our counterparts and partner organisations across Australia and overseas.

This is especially true of our efforts to tackle the global challenge of climate change.

You have the power to transition Australia away from reliance on fossil fuels and to deliver electricity that is clean, reliable and affordable. This should be your focus, not using erroneous facts to question our commitment to reducing emissions.

If you would like to speak further about this issue, you can contact my Chief of Staff, Adam Cox on 9265 9333 or at acox@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Clover Moore
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Legislative requirements

Overseas Travel Undertaken by Councillors representing Council in 2017/18

In May 2018, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok travelled to Hong Kong, Chengdu, China for the Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair. The three-day event hosted participants from around 30 countries, with delegates including government leaders, world-renowned scientists, academics, diplomats, entrepreneurs and investors. The 2018 fair was a showcase of Chengdu's environment, capability and potential for new economic development.

During the same trip, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok also visited Tokyo, Japan for the Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky, an international conference on the environment. This forum focused on several issues that major cities around the world face such as waste management, sustainable resource management and air pollution. These issues were chosen in light of the global commitment toward achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals. Representatives from major cities all over the world met to share knowledge and information about effective policies and discuss solutions to create a sustainable urban environment.

Clause 217 (1) (a1) Payment of expenses and provision of facilities during the year

The City of Sydney has a Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy that governs the expenses paid and facilities provided to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors in the discharge of their civic duties.

In 2017/2018, the cost of expenses incurred by and facilities provided to City Councillors was \$3.2m. This includes domestic travel expenses such as accommodation and registration fees for seminars and conferences, as well as office administration such as postage, meals and refreshments. It also includes staff salaries and salary on-costs totalling \$3.25m.

Annual fees were paid to the Lord Mayor and Councillors as required by the Local Government Act 1993 and in line with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal. A fee was also paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor's annual fee, excluding the amount paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor, was \$192,536.28.

In 2017/2018, the total amount paid for Councillors' fees and the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee (excluding the Lord Mayor's fee) was \$405,053.52.

Details of particular categories of expenditure are as follows

- (i) The cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis was \$560,64.
- (ii) Telephone calls made by Councillors, including mobile telephones provided by the City and from the landline telephones and facsimile services installed in Councillors' homes totalled \$17,329.07.
- (iii) The cost of the attendance of Councillors at conferences and seminars was \$5,203.62.
- (iv) Expenditure on the training of Councillors and the provision of skill development for Councillors was \$11,461.73.

- (v) The cost of interstate visits undertaken by Councillors while representing the City, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$14.2.
- (vi) The cost of overseas visits undertaken by Councillors while representing Council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$1.7.
- (vii) The expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a Councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions, being expenses payable under guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors for local councils in NSW prepared by the Director-General from time to time totalled \$1,516.36.
- (viii) The expenses involved in the provision of care for a child, or an immediate family member of a Councillor, to allow the Councillor to undertake his or her civic functions totalled \$3,647.73.

Note: for reporting purposes, certain expenditure items will appear in more than one category of expense.

Clause 217 (1) (a2) Major contracts

The following are all the contracts awarded by the City during the year 2017/18 (whether as a result of tender or otherwise), other than:

- Employment contracts (that is, contracts of service but not contracts for services)
- Contracts for less than \$150,000 (including the name of the contractor and the nature of the goods or services supplied by the contractor and the total amount payable to the contractor under the contract).

Legislative requirements

Clause 217 (1) (a) Overseas visits

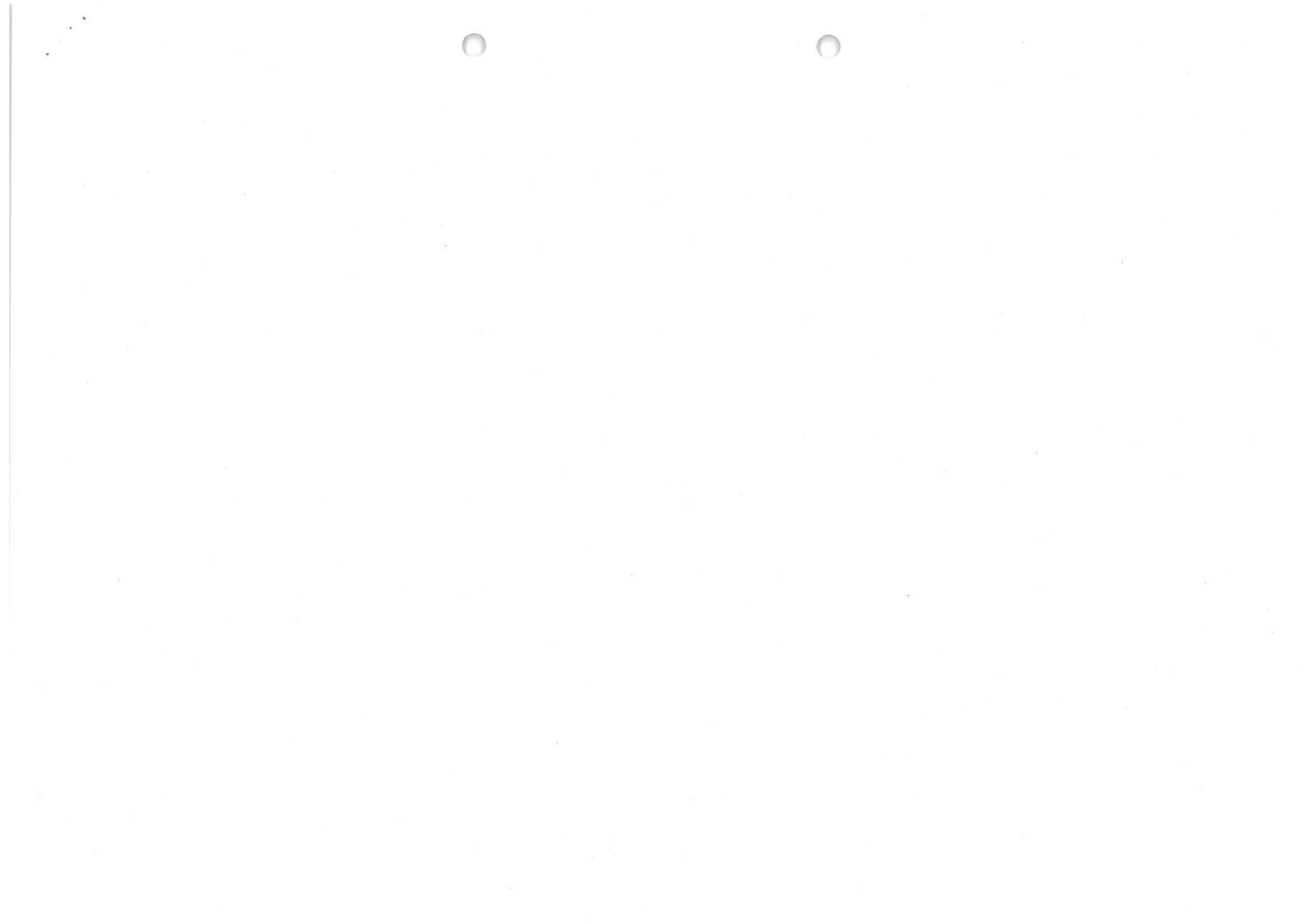
Details of overseas visits undertaken during the year by Councillors, council staff and other persons representing the City (including visits sponsored by other organisations) are below.

Overseas travel undertaken by Councillors and officers representing the City in 2017/18

Purpose of travel	Destination	Officer	Date	Costs met by the City
Unleash Lab 2017	Copenhagen	Ebony Heslop Project Manager	August 2017	Incidentals
C40 Empowering Cities with Data Workshop	San Francisco, USA	Asim Nizam Environmental Projects Officer	August 2017	Incidentals
C40 Private Buildings Efficiency Network Workshop	Singapore	Tom Belsham Manager Sustainability Programs	September 2017	Airfares, accommodation and incidentals
C40 Inclusive Climate Action Workshop	New York, USA	Andrea Beattie Executive Manager Strategic Outcomes	October 2017	Accommodation
World Cities Cultural Forum	Seoul, South Korea	Bridget Smyth Design Director (City Architect)	November 2017	Airfares
World Cities Cultural Forum	Seoul, South Korea	Lisa Colley Manager Cultural Strategy	November 2017	Airfares
100 Resilient Cities Network Exchange on Metropolitan Governance	Santiago, Chile	Kristin Gabriel Senior Project Manager Resilient Sydney	December 2017	Incidentals
Transport Office of Auckland	Auckland, New Zealand	Terry Lee Williams Chief Transport Advisor	December 2017	Incidentals
Webstock conference	Wellington, New Zealand	Brendan Bolger Web Editor	February 2017	Airfares, accommodation and incidentals
Guangzhou Eastern Riverside Development Expert Symposium	Guangzhou, China	Andrew Thomas Executive Manager	March 2018	Incidentals
C40 Academy on Clean Energy Finance	Vancouver, Canada	Chris Collins Manager Green Infrastructure Implement	March 2018	Incidentals
Seminar – Wuhan's International Friendship Cities	Wuhan, China	Anusha Muller Communication Support Officer	April 2018	Incidentals
Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Hong Kong, Chengdu, China Tokyo, Japan	Julia Lenton Communications Manager	May 2018	Incidentals

Overseas travel undertaken by Councillors and officers representing the City in 2017/18 (continued)

Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City	Hong Kong, Chengdu, China	Rebecca Yang International Relations Officer	May 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals
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Venice Architecture Biennale Conference	Venice, Italy	Bridget Smyth Design Director (City Architect)	May 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals
Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Tokyo, Japan	Chris Derksema Sustainability Director	May 2018	Airfares, Accommodation and Incidentals
C40 Low Carbon Districts Forum Workshop	Tokyo, Japan	Anna Mitchell Senior Sustainability Strategist	June 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals
Innovations in Creative Space and Placemaking study	Toronto, Canada	Benjamin Pechey Manager Planning Policy	June 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals



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