

Motion Form

Council Name	City of Parramatta Council
Motion Category (highlight one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic• Infrastructure• Planning• Environment• Social & Community• Governance• Accountability
Motion Title	Events and Festivals funding in Western Sydney
Proposed by	Events and Festivals Team (CEE)

Motion Wording:

That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government for a review of the current funding methodology to ensure proportionate and fairer distribution of Events and Festivals funding opportunities and investment in Western Sydney.

Motion Background (maximum 1 or 2 paragraphs):

Current funding opportunities for Events and Festivals from the Australian Government is disproportionate across Sydney and Western Sydney, by population and location. Western Sydney receives a much smaller portion of Destination NSW funding for international sports, cultural, creative and arts events. Between 2015–2022, 354 events were supported in Eastern Sydney, compared with 137 in Western Sydney.

A review of methodology for fairer funding distribution and investment is required, noting that events and festivals bring a broad range of economic, promotional and community benefits to local communities. Western Sydney communities should be able to share in the economic and community benefits created by events, supported by the NSW Government.