

## ITEM A

## LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - EARTHQUAKE IN TURKIYE AND SYRIA

On 6 February 2023 a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake and a series of strong tremors and aftershocks devastated southeast Türkiye and northwest Syria. The death toll has passed more than 50,000 and continues to rise. On 20 February 2023 another earthquake hit southern Turkey, causing additional deaths, injuries and devastation. Wollongong and the Illawarra is home to a large number of people of Turkish, Syrian and Kurdish background with relatives and friends in those respective countries and communities.

## RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council acknowledges the unfolding tragedy caused by the recent earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria. We acknowledge not only the loss of life and destruction of property, but its impact on our residents that have connections to Turkiye and Syria. Wollongong City Council expresses our sincere condolences for their loss and pain.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.