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# MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 15 July 2019

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



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**MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE OF  
THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2019**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.22PM**

**WELCOME**

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

*“NGARRGMA WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG GULJIN GURRINGANYINU BIK WENEROP DAREBIN DHARRI. NGARRI YANA NGARNGA BIK, BAAN BA NGARRGU. GAHGOOK-AL NANGGIT BAMBUTH, YALINGBU BA GAMA-DJI.*

*“I ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND. I RECOGNISE THEIR CONTINUING CONNECTION TO LAND, WATER AND CULTURE. I PAY MY RESPECTS TO ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.”*

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)  
Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Steph Amir  
Cr. Tim Laurence  
Cr. Kim Le Cerf  
Cr. Trent McCarthy  
Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance  
Ralph Anania - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services  
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer  
Georgina Steele - Council Business Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance was received for Cr. Gaetano Greco and Cr. Lina Messina.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF  
SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Committee Decision**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That** the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 23 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR WRITTEN SUBMISSION AND WAS THANKED BY THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE:

- MR GIANNI MENARA (SUBMISSION #1)

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

### 5.1 PROPOSED RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL RATE SCHEME FOR PRESTON CENTRAL BUSINESS PRECINCT 2019 - 2024

**Author:** Coordinator Economic Development

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### PURPOSE

For the Hearing of Submissions Committee's to hear, receive and note the submissions made on the proposed intention to declare Special Rate Scheme for Preston Central Business Precinct for a further five years 2019 – 2024.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 20 May 2019, Council resolved to commence the statutory process under *the Local Government Act 1989* to declare a special rate scheme to and for the properties defined in the Preston Central Business Precinct for the encouragement of business and commerce.

The Public Notice was given regarding the proposed declaration and inviting submissions under section 223 of the Act by 5pm on 5 July, 2019. Businesses and property owners were notified by mail and provided a copy of the Public Notice.

Four submissions were received by the closing date for submissions, and one submitter has requested to be heard in support of their submission.

It is noted that the role of the Hearing of Submissions Committee is only to 'hear' and receive submissions. There are no options for consideration, or analysis of submissions included in this report. Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report will be submitted for consideration at a meeting of Council on 12 August 2019.

<b>Committee Decision</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. T Laurence

**That** the Hearing of Submissions Committee

- (1) Receives and notes the written and verbal submissions.
- (2) Thanks the submitters and presenter for addressing the Committee in support of their written response.
- (3) Notes that a report is scheduled for presentation to the Council meeting of 12 August 2019 on the Special Rate Scheme for Preston Central Business Precinct, which will include a response to the issues raised in the submissions.

**CARRIED**

**6. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 7.29pm.

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