

# RETAILER MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012, 11.25AM – 12.25PM

## ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

### Retailer's Advisory Committee Members

Paul Ahern - Chairman, Retailer Advisory Committee  
Trevor Wilson – Member, Retailer Advisory Committee  
John Chapman – Member, Retailer Advisory Committee  
Glynn Harvey – Member, Retailer Advisory Committee  
John Psarakos – Member, Retailer Advisory Committee

### DBI Representatives

Jane Niall  
Mary Baker

### MMA Representatives

Allan Crosthwaite – CEO, MMA  
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel, MMA  
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker, MMA  
Marisa Di Pietro – Minute Taker, MMA

### Apologies

Meeting opened at 11.25am

- The Committee reported they accept that the State has finalised the design of the new market but hope to be able to encourage some changes in the layout for the benefit of retailers.
- The Committee expressed concerns with retailer car parking in the open courtyard areas (not under cover) and the impact this would have on produce quality.
- Committee members committed to work together with DBI and MMA on parking arrangements for retailers to attract retailers to the market.

### Width of bays

- Committee members asked about space for loading/unloading of vehicles..
- Committee members were advised that
  - Width of bays are 7.1 metres, 12 ½ metres for rigid trucks and 26 metres for B-doubles to allow ample space for a truck and easy loading and unloading from both sides of the truck

### Epping Site Layout Presentation

- Committee members questioned the number of undercover bays that are available at Epping.
  - Advisory members were advised that the exact number will be confirmed with them at the next meeting.
- Committee members noted that if similar undercover is provided for semis at the other side of the market; this will bring more retailers closer to the market and make it a vibrant market.
- A Committee member suggested that the activity at the corners of the market should be covered as well.

- Committee members expressed some concern regarding shared parking arrangements for loaders/unloaders and retailers.
  - Committee members were advised that the issue of relative operating hours will be dealt with in the near future.
- A committee member expressed concern over the total number of entry lanes into the Epping market given the potential volume of traffic into the market as they are less than currently available at West Melbourne.
  - Committee members were advised that there is ample space to accommodate parked/waiting vans in the entry lanes if required.

#### Theft Policy

- MMA's draft Theft policy was distributed to Committee members for comment.
- The process still requires the victim of the theft to report the crime to the police; the MMA cannot do this on behalf of a market user
- Committee members suggested the relative responsibilities of the victim and the MMA be clarified in the policy document.

#### **ACTIONS ARISING**

- Provide exact figure of undercover bays available at the new site - **DBI**
- Next meeting – TBA – **MMA**

Meeting closed at 12.25pm