

# GROWER MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012, 9.20AM – 10.30AM

## ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

### Grower's Advisory Committee Members

David Wallace – Chairman, Growers Advisory Committee  
David Kelly  
Luis Gazzola  
Alec Berias

### DBI Representatives

Jane Niall  
Mary Baker

### MMA Representatives

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

### Apologies

Vince Doria – Member, Grower's Advisory Committee

Meeting opened at 9.20 am.

The Advisory members noted that the minutes of the previous meeting have been accepted.

## **Follow up on Issues raised from previous meeting**

- DBI Reported: There are 29 store holders who have 82 stands;
- If all those with existing First Stand Rights wanted to move to Epping and have the same size stand:
  - 394 stands would be required Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
  - 344 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Advisory members requested further information on how many stands are used 5 days a week and amongst those, how many are occupied by store holders and how many by the growers.

## **PowerPoint presentation on internal map and parking at Epping provided by David Gundy (Roots Project)**

- The committee raised the possibility that the forklift openings to the trading stands area may be too narrow.
- The committee was advised that widths allow for 2 forklifts to come in and out at one time.

## **DBI gave a brief overview of the SUBMISSIONS received**

- The committee noted support for leases for stands and not licences for tenure security reasons and want tradable rights on the stands.

- There was discussion around the legalities of licences versus leases.

#### **Feedback on Grower Submission on Allocation**

- The committee does not support reducing stand size if the demand for stands exceeds supply and thus propose a change to this bullet point in the submission.
- The committee noted that they agree with the ballot process where 'a long-term grower based' stand holder who occupies stands for 12 months of the year should be balloted first.
- The committee support a bond system where the first three months rental of an annual upfront payment for the stand is the bond.
- The committee members recommended that time slots for loading and unloading of trucks need to be considered.
- The committee again noted that there is no ventilation system at the new market to deal with trucks and forklifts nor cool room facilities.
- DBI advised that these issues have been noted and a revised submission paper will be prepared and provided to the Chair for sign off.

#### **West Melbourne – Items raised by Committee members**

- It was noted that the East end car parking has changed in order to keep cars out of the way to allow the B doubles room to turn out of the parking bays safely.

- **ACTIONS ARISING**

- Conduct analysis of number of store holders and growers holding stands five days a week. **DBI and MMA**
- Provide Committee members with a map of the site parking at Epping – MMA
- Amend Growers Submission paper and email to Chair by 28 March 2012 - **DBI**
- Next Growers Advisory Committee meeting date. **MMA**

Meeting closed at 10.25am