

WHOLESALERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM
MONDAY 3RD JULY 2012, 8.30AM – 9.30AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Wholesalers' Advisory Committee Members

Stephen Wirtz – Chairman
Grant Nichol
Shane Schnitzler

DBI Representatives

Mary Baker
Jane Niall

MMA Representatives

Steve McArthur – (Board Member), MMA
Allan Crosthwaite – CEO, MMA
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel, MMA
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker, MMA
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker, MMA

Apologies

Vince Brancatisano – Wholesaler Advisory Committee
Harry Kapiris – Wholesaler Advisory Committee

Meeting opened at 8.30am.

DBI noted the following:

- The Minister's statement on allocation of stores has accepted many of the comments contained in submissions put forward by the Committee and by wholesalers.

The committee noted:

- That, undercover parking used for wholesaling is not factored into the discussion paper.
- The committee noted they would like to be informed of what additional items the Minister will be funding in addition to the \$5M.
 - A list will be provided to the committee.
- The committee noted they do not support the financial contribution from leaseholders who gain space. People should not be forced to pay for gained space if they transfer their lease in the Footscray market and not move to Epping.
- The committee noted that it might be useful to keep the market informed about trading of places following the ballot so all know which businesses are surrounding one another.
 - The committee were advised to make this suggestion to the Minister.
- The committee noted that they do not support the three options provided in the survey letter. It was suggested a fourth option be developed for consideration by the Minister.
 - The committee were advised to make this suggestion to the Minister.
- The committee noted that the table provided in the survey letter is incorrect in a number of places.
 - It was noted that the table is different from the table contained in the February 2012 discussion paper. DBI advised that the calculations will be checked to ensure all information is correct.
- The Committee asked about the timeframe for payment of lost space.

- It was noted this will be released to the market community once a decision is made on the value for lost and gained space.

Date of Next Meeting

- To be advised. - MMA

ACTIONS ARISING

- Meeting to discuss the survey letter and another option to be put forward by wholesalers – DBI
- Survey not to go out before a meeting between the Wholesalers Advisory Committee and the State.

Meeting closed at 9.30am