

MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY

MARKET CIRCULAR NO: 559

DATE: 29 August 2012

TO: All Market Users at the Melbourne Markets

Warehousing Discussion Paper – Closing date for submissions

DBI prepared a discussion paper to provide information on warehousing issues at Epping and invite your comments on some process matters. The MMA has distributed it over the past two weeks.

This paper is not the proposed Expression of Interest (EOI) referred to in the paper. The draft form on page 6 appears like the round one EOI. **I want to be clear that the EOI has not been issued, nor can you lodge an EOI response at this time.**

The discussion paper tells you that there are two options for the development of warehousing and outlines some of the implications of each option.

At this stage, the Minister wants to know your views on warehousing issues and how you think the EOI process should be run.

Broadly the options to meet warehousing demand are:

1. State build
The state would build warehousing facilities and lease them to market users. Page 7 of the discussion paper provides details of the warehousing that the state plans to build.
2. Private development by market users
This option would require the MMA to lease space so that users could develop their own warehousing.

You may wish to seek independent advice on which option could best meet your needs. The Minister wants to know whether you have a preference for state build or private development and how you think allocation should be managed.

Allocation process:

The form on page 6 of the discussion paper is a draft for you to comment on, **it is not to be completed now**. You may wish to consider questions such as:

1. Would the form be easy for you to complete?
2. Do you think the questions are clear and relevant?
3. Is there anything that has been left out of the form?

If the you prefer the state built option, the Minister wants to know how you think warehousing should be allocated, ie

1. Should current tenants who have warehousing have priority?
2. Should anchor tenants have any form of priority?
3. Should space allocation be capped?
4. Should there be an option for sharing space?
5. Would you prefer first in best dressed, a ballot or a payment to determine priority?

It is important that the Minister hears your views so please review the discussion paper and speak to your advisory committee members or provide your submission to Rebecca Curcija. Details of how you can provide your submission are provided over the page.

How to comment

Written responses, marked "Confidential" can be sent to:

- Rebecca Curcija, Senior Communications Officer, MMA, Box 1, 542 Footscray Road, West Melbourne, Victoria, 3003,
- or via email to submissions@melbournemarkets.com.au.

All written responses including author's names will be treated in confidence by the MMA. Written responses must be received no later than Friday 31 August 2012.

How to access the papers

The warehousing discussion paper is available to download at the Melbourne Market Authority website <http://www.melbournemarkets.com.au/market-relocation/discussion-papers-and-ministerial-statements/>

Hard copies of this paper are also available at the MMA customer centre.

For more information

If you have questions regarding the warehousing discussion paper, please see your Advisory Committee Members. A list of Advisory Committee Members is available over the page.

Alternatively you can phone the Relocation Information Line on 9258 6199.

To subscribe to the MMA SMS updates and receive the latest information regarding relocation straight to your phone simply SMS the word **INFO** to **0488 238 247**.



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