

# GROWER'S MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012, 8.30AM – 09.30AM

## ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

### Grower's Advisory Committee Members

David Wallace – Chairman  
Vince Doria  
David Kelly  
Alec Berias  
Luis Gazzola

### DBI Representatives

Jane Niall  
Viraj Perera

### MMA Representatives

Nada Kirkwood – Board Member MMA  
Allan Crosthwaite – CEO, MMA  
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel, MMA  
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker, MMA  
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker, MMA  
Colleen Buckley – Minute Taker, MMA

### Apologies

Mary Baker - DBI

DBI noted the following:

- A warehouse discussion paper was circulated to the grower's advisory group. The committee were advised that the discussion paper will be available from the MMA website, MMA reception and MMA customer centre after the committee meeting.
- The discussion paper provides different options for warehousing at Epping. The paper is to encourage the community to ask questions, and provide feedback via a submission to the Minister.
- Three options are provided in the discussion paper. A state built warehouse, a ground lease warehouse privately funded by the market user, or warehousing via a private developer/private financing.
- The demand for warehousing must be considered. It's also important to provide feedback on allocation issues.
- Submissions for warehousing to be submitted by 31 August 2012; EOI Form to be submitted at the end of September 2012.

The Committee noted:

- The Committee advised as a group their opinions are not being heard over an 8 year period. History is playing a prominent role in their resistance to move forward and plan to Epping.
- The Committee is concerned that the prices indicated in the paper are too high compared to external warehousing in the Epping area.
  - The figures shown in the discussion paper were for feedback to allow the Minister to make a considered decision.

- The Committee is concerned with the travel distance forklifts will have to make at Epping. A forklift can reasonably be expected to travel up to 100 metres but beyond that is too far. It would compromise the efficiency and productivity of each business in the market. A truck could be used as a mode of transport that would also be operated from the warehouse or transport produce across to a warehouse facility (outside the market).

**Date of Next Meeting**

- To be advised. – MMA

Meeting closed at 09.50am