



RETAILERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013, 9.30-10.55AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Retailer advisory members

Paul Ahern – Chairman
Glynn Harvey
Trevor Wilson

DBI representatives

Mary Baker – Stakeholder Relations Manager
Melanie Bond – Commercial

MMA representatives

Darryn Coulson – CEO, MMA
Andrew McLellan - Board member, MMA
Aurora Kostezky –General Counsel, MMA
Colleen Buckley – minute taker, MMA
Megan Sandiford - observer MMA

Apologies

John Chapman – Retailer advisory member
John Psarakos – Retailer advisory member

Meeting opened at 9.30am.

The committee were provided with draft Epping market operating rule principles for discussion.

DBI noted:

- The current market By-Laws will be replaced with operating rules for the Epping market. It's envisaged the operating rules will be a general, overarching document that will regulate conduct in the market and be used in conjunction with policy and procedures included in leases, licenses and access cards for Epping.
- The By-Laws currently used are out-dated, (some) specific to incidents that have occurred in the market over time and the By-Laws are only enacted every ten (10) years. The market consistently changes and therefore implementing policy and procedures in the leases, licenses and access cards coupled with generic, nonspecific operating principles will be more effective. Amending the policies and procedures within the leases will prove an easier task compared to amending By-Laws.
- If market patrons breach a rule and then enter into a dispute, policies will be developed that will include a system of warnings, so that more serious breaches would attract harsher penalties, providing the Authority with the power to deal with breaches more appropriately.
- Tenants of the warehousing at Epping will be able to distribute out of warehousing as they do now. However, they will not be able to trade out of the warehousing, i.e. no direct sales.
- The draft traffic management plan will be presented to the committee in the coming weeks.
- Golf buggies will be permitted on the buyers walk.

- Cafes at the new Epping market will not have a liquor licence. WorkSafe fully support this policy for the Epping Market.

The committee noted:

- There is a need for clear and concise operating rules to cover all grey areas such as early buying and operations in warehousing.
- The setting of trading hours will be a difficult exercise. The impact of traffic at different times will need to be considered. The Committee noted that the Minister has said that there will be a consultation on trading hours. The Committee agreed to review the document with any further comments to be provided to Mary Baker at DBI.

Meeting closed 10.55am.

Date of Next Meeting

- To be advised. -MMA