

# GROWERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM  
WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013, 08.30AM – 09.40AM

## ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

### Grower Advisory Committee Members

David Wallace – Chairman  
Vince Doria  
Luis Gazzola  
Alec Berias

### DBI Representatives

Mary Baker – Stakeholder Relations Manager  
Melanie Bond - Commercial

### MMA Representatives

Nada Kirkwood – Board member  
Darryn Coulson – Acting CEO  
Colleen Buckley – minute taker  
Megan Sandiford - observer

### Apologies

David Kelly – advisory member

## 1. Fruit and Vegetable stands discussion paper

The Committee discussed the:

- discussion paper regarding stand sizes at Epping; and
- the following timeline is proposed, response to the stands discussion paper is due 22 March 2013, the EOI is due May 2013 and the ballot will be held in June 2013.

The Committee noted:

- that option 1 provided in the discussion paper, which is the proposal of 34.56 square meters, remains the best option for OH & S and display available for the fruit and vegetable stand holders;
- stands at Epping are for trading not storage;
- and
- the committee requested that a demonstration stand of of 35 sqm be set up at the current market to understand how it will be used and how stand holders can operate forklifts on the stand.

## 2. Operating Rules

DBI noted:

- the rules are general principles for the market and generic across the board.
- the rules are designed to be easy to understand.
- the operating principles will link to the leases, licenses and access cards
- The committee were encouraged to provide feedback regarding the rules.

The committee noted in regard to the draft operating rules:

- Number 7 – the word property needs to be better defined; equipment and/or premises is better wording. The committee also noted that there should be a statement included at the beginning of the document that any rule and/or principle changed in the operating rules document should be acknowledged by the advisory committees prior to public release.
- Number 8 – that they have the same concerns as the wholesalers where phone orders or trading out of warehousing should not compete or alter the fruit and vegetable trading floor integrity.
- Number 14 – what is the permitted noise level? The MMA is developing an operations plan which will include what the noise levels should be.
- Number 16 – that electric forklifts, scooters, hand trolleys and golf buggies will be allowed at the Epping market.

Meeting closed @ 9.40am.