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MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 13 October 2025

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**DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE
HELD AT DAREBIN COUNCIL CHAMBER
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 3.47PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Kristine Olaris (OAM) advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

Cr. Ruth Jelley arrived at 3.48pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Kristine Olaris (OAM), opened the meeting with the following statement:

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land. I recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Kristine Olaris OAM (Mayor)
Cr. Matt Arturi
Cr. Connie Boglis OAM
Cr. Ruth Jelley
Cr. Alexandra Sangster
Cr. Vasilios Tsalkos
Cr. Angela Villella

Council Officers

Anne Howard - Chief Executive Officer
Caroline Buisson - General Manager Customer and Corporate
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance
Enna Giampiccolo - Executive Manager, Governance, Risk, Communications & Engagement
Jody Brodribb – Coordinator Governance Services
Keith McKellar – Manager Operations & Waste
Chloe Davies – Coordinator Operations Management

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Julie O'Brien
Cr. Alexandra Sangster

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending today's meeting, in person or online, feels safe both physical and emotionally.

It's great to see everyone here this evening. I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other and to maintain a civil tone when addressing the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. M Arturi
SECONDED: Cr. V Tsalkos

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 DRAFT ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025

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Reviewed By: General Manager Infrastructure, Operations & Finance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to update its Road Management Plan (RMP) in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004. The purpose of this report is for the Hearing of Submissions Committee to receive and hear submissions on the draft RMP.

At its meeting on Monday 25 August 2025, Council resolved to release the draft Road Management Plan 2025 for community consultation.

Nine (9) public submissions were received of which one (1) submitter has requested to be heard in person by the Committee. A copy of the submissions is provided (**Appendix A**)

Public notice was given in the Government Gazette and The Age with the community consultation phase extending from Thursday 4 September 2025 to Wednesday 1 October 2025.

The Hearing of Submissions Committee is a Delegated Committee established by Council to exercise the Council's powers, functions and duties relating to the hearing of submissions received in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

The current process in reviewing the RMP commenced in April 2025, aligning with Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) recommendations and concluded with the public exhibition and community consultation of the draft RMP.

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a further report which outlines the substantive recommendation will be provided to Council seeking a final resolution on the matter.

Committee Decision

MINUTE NO. 25-159

MOVED: Cr. M Arturi
SECONDED: Cr. V Tsalkos

That Council:

- (1) Receives the written submissions.
- (2) Thanks all community members for their written submissions in response to the item.
- (3) Receives a report at the 27 October 2025 Council Meeting as part of Council's deliberations in considering a final proposed Road Management Plan 2025 for adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.51pm.