

## 7.4 REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS FOR DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 (DW:SW)

Responsible Committee: Section 223 Committee of Council

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

1. *receives the report from the S223 Committee of Council (the Committee) on the submissions received for the proposed Budget 2020/21 (the Committee Report); and*
2. *having considered the Committee Report, endorses the recommendations of the Committee:*
  - a. *no other changes be made to the proposed 2020/21 Annual Budget resulting from the submissions; and*
  - b. *each submitter to the proposed 2020/21 Budget, be thanked for their submission to the Budget development process and be advised of the outcome of the reports to adopt the Budget, in writing.*

### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Part 6 Planning and Accountability Reports of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) Council has a statutory requirement to prepare and give public notice of the proposed Budget.

Section 223 of the Act allows written submissions on any proposal contained in the Draft Budget 2020/21. Council's public notice outlined the requirement that written submissions had to reach the Council by close of business on 30 July 2020.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the Council meeting held on 30 June 2020 Council appointed a Committee of Council, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, comprising all Councillors to consider submissions received on the proposed Budget 2020/21 (the Committee). Council received seven (7) written submissions in response to the proposed Budget.

The S223 submission hearing was held on Tuesday 11 August with four (4) submitters presenting to the Committee in support of their written submissions. The Committee heard and gave consideration to the matters raised by each submitter.

The Committee received copies of each written submission. In addition, it also received an officer report containing proposed responses to each of the written submissions, prior to the conduct of the Committee meeting.

The Committee Chair, Mayor James thanked the presenters for their submissions and attendance at the meeting. As required by the Act, the Committee received and considered all submissions.

The Committee had further discussions on the submissions to which submitters spoke at the Committee meeting as well as the other written submissions.

The S223 Committee report is attached to this report.

***CONSULTATION***

As required, the proposed 2020/21 Budget was available for public inspection between 1 July and 30 July 2020 at various locations and made available on-line.

***CONCLUSION***

It is recommended that Council receives the S223 Committee report, noting the receipt and consideration of the written and verbal submissions regarding the proposed Budget 2020/21, and endorses the recommendations of the Committee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 SECTION 223 COMMITTEE REPORT

Report on receipt and consideration of submissions on:  
PROPOSED 2020/21 BUDGET

Meeting held 7:00pm, Tuesday 11 August, 2020 Council Chamber, Civic Centre

At the Council meeting held on 30 June 2020 Council appointed a Committee of Council, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, comprising all Councillors to consider submissions received on the proposed 2020/21 Budget.

### 1. CHAIRPERSON

Councillor James

### 2. APOLOGIES:

Councillor Klisaris and Councillor Paterson.

### 3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 (THE ACT) SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS

The following people made a verbal presentation to the Committee:

Speaker	Issue raised
Christo Christophidis and Craig Lane- Glen Waverley Traders Association	Council to establish a 'Fight Back Fund' to support local small businesses in Glen Waverley
Danny Wan	More support for local businesses during the pandemic time
Kallista Sears (Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve Inc.)	Council to consider funding key planning activities from 'State of Valley Reserve' report

#### 3.1. VERBAL SUBMISSION NOTES

##### **Council to establish a 'Fight Back Fund' to support local small businesses in Glen Waverley – Mr Christo Christophidis and Mr Craig Lane-Glen Waverley Traders Association**

A joint presentation from Mr Christo Christophidis and Mr Craig Lane from Glen Waverley Traders Association was made for Council to establish a 'Fight Back Fund'. The fund would assist such initiatives such as improving the streetscape appearance, expand on the shop local/keep it local campaign and provide professional business services. They informed Council that some small businesses have been affected a lot earlier than the lockdown restrictions in March and are facing severe hardships to remain open and urged Council to consider establishing a reserve.

**More support for local businesses during the pandemic time – Mr Danny Wan.**

Mr Danny Wan was thankful that the Council was in a strong financial position. He advised Council should look at further support to local businesses as they create jobs and help local communities. He added that Council's surpluses and reserves should be utilised at times of crisis and when it is most needed to support the local businesses of Monash.

**Council to consider funding key planning activities from the 'State of Valley Reserve' report – Ms Kallista Sears (Friends of Scotchman's Creek and Valley Reserve Inc.).**

Ms Kallista Sears spoke to her submission regarding the condition of Valley Reserve and Damper Creek Reserve and requesting Council to support the activities outlined in the State of Valley Reserve report. Ms Sears was appreciative of the Council recognising the two reserves as conservation reserves and informed Council that it would save money in the future if the issues raised in the report was addressed sooner.

**4. COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS**

The Committee considered the 7 submissions and having heard the verbal submissions on the proposed 2020/21 Budget, as required under Section 223 of the Act, recommends that Council:

1. receives the report from the S223 Committee of Council (the Committee) on the submissions received for the proposed Budget 2020/21 (the Committee Report);
2. thank each submitter to the proposed 2020/21 Budget for their submission to the Budget development process and be advised of the outcome of the reports to adopt the Budget, in writing; and
3. having considered the submissions, endorses the recommendations of the Committee that no other changes be made to the proposed 2020/21 Annual Budget resulting from the submissions.

**5. MEETING CLOSED at 7:40pm**