

## 9.1 TENNIS HUB

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James

### **MOTION**

*That Council:*

- 1. Resolves, pursuant to s 125(2) of the Local Government Act 2020, that the Report titled 'North East Link Project' and presented to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 December 2020 and any related attachment, Council minutes, discussion and proceedings are not confidential and be publicly released, immediately.*
- 2. Resolves, pursuant to s 125(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, that this motion in itself, along with Council minutes, discussions and proceedings are also not confidential.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Since the announcement of the Tennis project at Jells Park late last year, there has been significant feedback provided to Council regarding the decision being made in confidential business. Whilst this was a requirement placed on Council by DEPL at the time, there is no reason for this information to remain confidential.

### **DISCUSSION**

The formal announcement of a \$21M grant from the State Government to the City of Monash as part of the North East Link Project will allow for joint investment into upgrading and modernising tennis and golf facilities within the municipality. While the initial decision of Council was required to be made confidentially, now that the decision is public this report no longer needs to be confidential.

It is important to note that some of the information contained in the report has been superseded as a result of consultation with many stakeholders since the announcement. Changes to date include increasing the buffer between residents and the tennis courts, ensuring that any tennis clubs that relocate retain their identity and have priority access to courts, and changing the court surface to predominantly synthetic grass.

A project of this scale involves balancing the, sometimes, competing priorities related to residential amenity, renewal of infrastructure, environmental matters, traffic management etc, and officers will continue to work with interested parties to address their needs wherever possible.

### **CONCLUSION**

In line with Councils resolved commitment to transparency wherever possible and given there is no requirement for this information to remain confidential, I request that Council removes the confidentiality from these reports and releases them to the community.

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