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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 31 July 2018

Agenda item title: * Item 6.3: Queen Victoria Market Committee of Trustees – opportunity for enhanced trader & community representation

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This is an important initiative taken by the lord mayor and councillors to revise the governance of QVM. It marks a most significant proposed change to the governance of QVM in many years. It is a promising step forward toward re-assessing the original 'renewal' proposal & the way the administration & operation of Vic Market goes forward. On review, I would like to propose the following amendments:

- Traders representatives for the proposed Trustees Committee to be elected by the traders & reflect the three sections of the market: general merchandise, fruit & veg, & meat, fish & dairy hall;
- Friends of Queen Victoria Market, being the principal community/customer lobby, be an appropriate place to draft community representatives;
- The CEO of QVM, Stan Liacos, be included in this committee.

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30 July 2018

Dear Councillors,

**Re: Queen Victoria Market Enhanced Governance Arrangements
Council Meeting 31 July 2018 - Agenda Item 6.3**

This submission is in relation to the proposal for a Committee of Trustees to be established to act in an advisory capacity as part of Council's plan for enhanced governance arrangements at the Queen Victoria Market (QVM).

The National Union of Workers represents over 250 traders & stallholders at the Queen Victoria Market. In the limited time since the announcement of this significant change to the market's governance arrangements we have consulted as widely as possible with our trader members. Whilst traders are broadly positive about the cooperative tone of Council's proposal, several key concerns have been raised and we believe should be addressed in order for Council to carry the support of market traders.

Firstly, many traders have spoken of concerns regarding the mechanism by which trader representatives are appointed to the Committee of Trustees. Currently, Council outlines an expression of interest process through which traders will be appointed. For many this is unsatisfactory. Over the last few years a lack of representation of trader voices in QVM processes has contributed to a sense of distrust and a lack of faith in those processes. Whilst traders are hopeful the proposed Committee can overcome these issues, traders would ask Council to amend this proposed process and instead proceed with a process in which trader representatives are elected by their fellow traders. It would also be important to ensure trader representatives are drawn from each of the three distinct sections of the market: general merchandise, open air fresh (fruit & vegetables), and indoor fresh (deli hall, meat & fish).

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Alternatively, if Council cannot agree to a process of directly electing trader representatives, we would suggest Council make use of the existing Traders Representative Committee (TRC) to select the three trader representatives appointed to the Committee of Trustees.

Secondly, traders request Council ensure the community & customer representatives appointed to the Committee of Trustees are drawn from the Friends of Queen Victoria Market. Trusted by traders, respected customer & community advocates, The Friends have a strong understanding of the many and varied issues facing the market. As such, they would make excellent contribution as part of the proposed Committee of Trustees.

Finally, traders are of the opinion that the Committee of Trustees would function best if the CEO of the Queen Victoria Market Corporation was included. Traders want the Committee of Trustees to be a new step forward for QVM. Traders hope the Committee will be effective in building a new culture based on trust and respect for the future of Victoria's market. Traders believe that without the involvement of the CEO, the advice of the Committee to Council in relation to daily market operations may be overlooked.

If Councillors have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the National Union of Workers Community Organiser Angus Middleton at 0401542563 or amiddleton@nuw.org.au

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Richardson', written in a cursive style.

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Agenda item title: 6.9 Proposed travel by Councillor Louey: Osaka, Japan 28 August to 1 September 2018

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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group Team

This is a written response in regards to Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 31, and in particular to Agenda Item 6.9 Proposed travel by Councillor Louey: Osaka, Japan 28 August to 1 September 2018.

I support the recommendation from Melbourne City Council planning team that Councillor Kevin Louey travels to Osaka, Japan for this important BPC Roundtable Conference. Considering that the Mayor of Osaka r Hirofumi Yoshimura plans to visit Melbourne in December 2018, this is a tremendous oportunity for City of Melbourne to strengthen its relationship with Osaka, and other eminent citizens. The benefits of this travel mission by Councillor Kevin Louey will be abundant.

Best regards

Chris Thrum

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