

## **CITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**Minutes of the Briefing Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 5.41pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Clausen D Compton, T Crakanthorp, T Doyle, J Dunn, B Luke, M Osborne, S Posniak, A Robinson and A Rufo.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), G Essex (Acting Director Infrastructure), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), K Baartz (Communications), A Leach (Council Services/Minutes) and J Redriff (Council and Legal Services/Webcasting).

### **MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

### **PRAYER**

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Osborne

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Tierney and Waterhouse be received and leave of absence granted.

**Carried**

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil.

### **BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ITEM-14 BR 1/12/15 - JEMENA GASWORKS SITE AT CLYDE STREET HAMILTON**

Graham Funch, Project Director Remediation, Jemena and Mr James Davis NSW Accredited Site Auditor conducting the Site Audit on behalf of Jemena for the site gave a briefing to Councillors which outlined the remediation program for the Jemema Gasworks at Clyde Street, Hamilton.

Points covered in the presentation were:

- Currently working towards a modified Remediation Action Plan;
- Ground water treatment along Styx Creek;
- Air sampling program for asbestos (Nil recorded);
- Soil stockpiles covered;
- Declared State Significant Development 29 October 2014;
- Stage 2 remediation works closed out by the second quarter 2018; and
- Site has been issued with a Management Order by the EPA.

Questions from Councillors covered best practice and whether a risk assessment been undertaken of fishing in Throsby Creek and the risk of consuming fish from the creek. Concern was expressed over the delay of the project and it was confirmed no contaminated materials would be taken off site.

Councillors requested to be provided with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

**ITEM-15                      BR 1/12/15 - URBANGROWTH NSW REVITALISING  
NEWCASTLE FEEDBACK**

Michael Cassel, UrbanGrowth NSW Program Director and Dianne Knott, UrbanGrowth NSW Community Engagement Manager presented the findings to Council on the results of the Revitalising Newcastle community engagement which was undertaken by UrbanGrowth NSW in partnership with Newcastle City Council throughout September and October 2015.

The consideration of the community engagement plan is an action of the Memorandum of Understanding between UrbanGrowth NSW and Council.

Council endorsed the community engagement plan for the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Plan at the 28 July 2015 Ordinary Council meeting.

That engagement plan outlined the approach to gathering representative community views through the engagement process and the subsequent consideration of community engagement reports.

Urban Growth NSW was on track to release the report in the next week.

- Wickham Interchange
- Acquired The Store
- DA submission by mid June 2016
- How to enhance the interchange as it is
- Design scoping studies commenced.

Questions from Councillors related to geotechnical drilling at Newcastle Station and potential second round contamination as the site was previously a gas works. It was explained that data suggested there was still contamination that needed to be

stabilised and to gain a greater understanding. Consultation with an arborist was undertaken to assess impact on the trees which were found to be satisfactory. There was full commitment to remediating the site.

**The meeting concluded at 7.14pm**