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Public Voice Committee Meeting 17 November 2015

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Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 5.33pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), G Essex (Acting Director Infrastructure), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), J Gaynor (Manager Strategic Planning Services), P McCarthy (Team Coordinator Strategic Planning Services), F Giordano (Manager Council & Legal Services), G Sainsbury (Manager Projects), K Hyland (Manager Communications and Engagement), K Baartz (Communications Manager), K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcasting) and A Leach (Council Services/Minutes).

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.

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Rufo

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

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

**ITEM-1 PV 17/11/15 - PROPOSED REZONING 505 MINMI ROAD
FLETCHER**

Mr Brian Purdue from the Green Corridor Coalition and Professor Tim Roberts from the Tom Farrell Institute Newcastle University gave a presentation to Council which briefed Councillors on the issues relating to the proposed rezoning of 505 Minmi Road

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Mr Brett Stein, Planning Consultant and Mr Peter Durbin the Landowner gave an overview of their briefing to Council at the Briefing Committee meeting on 20 October 2015.

Questions from Councillors covered isolation of vegetation in Blue Gums Regional Park, maintaining the corridors and species and vegetation management.

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm