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MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL

Notice of Proposal to Make Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules and Revoke the Council's Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2019

Notice is given pursuant to sections 119 and 223 of the **Local Government Act 1989** (the Act) that the Melbourne City Council (Council) proposes to make a Public Transparency Policy (Policy) and Governance Rules (Rules) and revoke the Council's Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2019 (and incorporated Meeting Procedures Code).

Pursuant to the **Local Government Act 2020**, the Policy and Rules must be adopted by Council before 1 September 2020.

The draft Policy has been developed to formalise Council's support for transparency in its decision-making processes and public awareness of the availability of Council information.

The draft Rules will govern the conduct of meetings of Council and Delegated Committees and supersede the Council's Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2019 (and incorporated Meeting Procedures Code), which will be revoked as part of this process. The Rules also include the Election Period Policy and procedures for the disclosure of a conflict of interest by a Councillor, member of a Delegated Committee or council staff.

Any person affected by the proposed Policy and Rules and the revocation of the local law may make a written submission to the Council. All submissions received by the Council on or before Tuesday 11 August 2020 will be considered in accordance with section 223(1) of the Act, by the Council's Submissions (Section 223) Committee (Committee).

If a person wishes to be heard in support of their submission they must include the request to be heard in the written submission and this will entitle them to appear in person, or by a person acting on their behalf, before a meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held on Thursday 13 August 2020, commencing at 3.00 pm, in the Melbourne Town Hall, Administration Building, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

As part of our efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of all, physical attendance by members of the public at these meetings will not be permitted. The meeting will be livestreamed and members of the public who wish to be heard in relation to their submission will be able to do so via a virtual link. For further details please refer to Council's website, www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Written submissions should be marked 'proposed Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules' and addressed to the Director Governance, Melbourne City Council, GPO Box 1603, Melbourne 3001. Written submissions can be made via mail, email to com.meetings@melbourne.vic.gov.au or on-line at <https://comdigital.wufoo.com/forms/mq3jero1molzzx/>

Written submissions cannot be delivered in person.

Submissions form part of the public record of the meeting (including any personal information you provide) and will be published on Council's website (accessible worldwide) for an indefinite period. A hard copy will also be made available for inspection by members of the public at Council offices.

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