

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CITY OF MITCHAM CIVIC CENTRE
131 BELAIR ROAD, TORRENS PARK
ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015**



PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

Councillors

Coastal Ward

Ian Crossland
Tim Gard

Mullawirra Ward

Jerome Appleby
Jason Veliskou

Southern Hills

Janet Byram
Nick Westwood

Warracowie Ward

Bruce Hull
Nathan Prior

Warriparinga Ward

Woodlands Ward

Nick Kerry
Tim Pfeiffer

In Attendance

Mr Adrian Skull
Ms Kate McKenzie

CEO
Manager Governance

OPEN MEETING

The meeting commenced at 6:25 pm.

KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin by acknowledging the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting. No interests were disclosed.

CORPORATE REPORTS FOR DECISION

Darlington Upgrade Project

Report Reference: GC091115R01

The Mayor sought leave and the meeting agreed to include public comments from Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan about the Darlington project in response to the Councils' call for greater connectivity, as Appendix 1 to the minutes of the special meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Hull that Council resolves that:

1. The City of Marion supports the upgrade of South Road at Darlington
2. The Mayor, in conjunction with the Mayor of Mitcham, is to communicate to the State and Federal Government that our Councils are willing to work with other levels of Government to achieve the following objectives for the upgrade of South Road at Darlington:
 - a. Improve the provision for local traffic movements and improve the local amenity, to address concerns raised by residents;
 - b. Enhance transit between Flinders University and Flinders Medical Centre, on the one hand, and Tonsley and the City of Marion on the other hand, to drive jobs growth in the Southern region;
 - c. Promote non-car transportation, including increased public transport and cycling, sufficient to address existing car parking problems in the surrounding precinct and to improve access from one side of South Road to the other;
 - d. Minimise the loss of trees in construction of the Upgrade;
 - e. Maximise the opportunities and employment for local businesses and residents.

Carried Unanimously

CLOSURE - Meeting Declared Closed at 6:35 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 24 NOVEMBER 2015

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Appendix 1 Transport Minister comments over Darlington

Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan has spoken on several occasions over the past few days about the Darlington project in response to the Councils' call for greater connectivity between the communities.

The Minister's comments were made in:

1. A radio interview on 5AA on Thursday, November 5.
2. An interview in The Advertiser on Saturday, November 7.

1 Exerts from the 5AA radio interview (Nov 5)

Minister Mullighan

"So certainly in the initial design, what we call the 'reference design', a new additional road connection is being provided ... some of your listeners might be familiar with the big intersection that is part of South Road which is South Road and Sturt Road, but there's also a road which comes down from the Flinders Medical Centre which is called Flinders Drive and that connects up to South Road, but traffic can't travel across South Road from Flinders Drive so we're adding in a new road connection so that you'll be able to travel across from Kris' constituency in Marion to head up towards Flinders University and there'll be better connections for traffic coming off South Road down the hill and also from the Southern Expressway to get to the medical centre."

Back to Mayor Hanna

(Byner: So Kris Hanna are you happy with that?) "Well I'm very glad to hear it, but I think we can go even further with the connection point."

Back to Minister Mullighan

"Well that's right and it doesn't stop there Leon. I should also make it clear that there's an additional connection point which we're putting into the scheme which is directly designed to connect the Tonsley campus itself up to the Flinders University campus ... part of the difficulty is the two campuses aren't just separated by road, there's also a very large industrial facility there, the Monroe's shock absorber site, so we've got to make sure that we've got a good connection for all traffic, whether it's cars or cyclists or pedestrians to get up there and then of course we also want to make sure that in the future, if an when we've got the money for it, we can extend that newly electrified Tonsley train line from the Tonsley campus, which is the last stop on that line, to have one more stop up at the Flinders Medical Centre ... that extension of the train line itself isn't part of the project that we're going to be delivering but we are leaving sufficient room and engineering the project so that that can be added in at a later date with much less cost than if we were approaching it afresh. So instead of just one new connection two new road connections and providing for a future light rail connection, sorry I should say electrified train connection ... then of course the other part of it is both the councils and Flinders are very attracted to the idea of being able to develop more commercial space and also some more residential stock very close to the road..."

2 Quote from The Advertiser (Nov 7)

"Regardless of which design is favoured by the tenderers, the Darlington Project will include additional road connections between both Council areas as well as Flinders University and the Tonsley precinct."