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## SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 1 July 2019 at 7.30pm in Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Melton

**Present:** Cr Carli, Deputy Mayor  
 Cr Ramsey  
 Cr Majdlik  
 Cr Sebire  
 Cr Abboushi  
 Cr Hardy

**Chairperson:** Cr Turner, Mayor

### 1. Welcome

Cr Turner welcomed all including the four submitters and gave a brief background to the matter as follows:

*Purpose of this meeting is to hear from those persons wishing to be heard in relation to a proposal by Council to use part of the land at 3-13 McDonald Street, Melton South (approximately 1/3 of the entire site) for a purpose other than that for which it was acquired. The land was acquired for public open space.*

### 2. Apologies

Cr Kesic and Cr Mendes.

### 3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

### 4. Oral Submissions

The following oral submissions were received – a summary of which is set out below.

	Name	
1.	B Herbert	2 issues viz, rezoning and the reasons behind this proposal Rezoning – Vested in Council by original developer, was a factor for people buying in the area, the community uses the space, and it is a safe space, our space, does not believe Council has the right to rezone. Reasons behind – Council has given little up, it is not in the best interests of the people in the area, we have had regretful interactions with people from DHHS, a more suitable area could be found not in an already established area.

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2.	B Osterman	At the time of subdivision, circa 1960 the reserve was funded by those purchasing. We daily enjoy the reserve, our children and grandchildren enjoy it. With future high density dwellings being proposed the reserve is even more important. Traffic will increase. The trees may be lost. The community care accommodation is unknown. We are getting signatures together of people against it.
3.	T Stotten	Council did not 'acquire' the land but rather the land was 'vested' in Council's name. We still use the park. It is required. The State Government is increasing open space not decreasing it. Other land could be used closer to facilities. The community care accommodation location is known. Please defer the matter to the next meeting at Melton. Please refer to the Council Wellbeing Plan regarding open spaces and wellbeing.
4.	M Currie	Was made aware of this yesterday. Has lived here for 15 years. This piece of land has been neglected by Council. There has been no proper consultation with residents. Only the legal requirements met but nothing more. Traffic would increase. An aging population but also a young population. If it is crisis accommodation it is not suitable. No jobs locally. Council has not heard from enough local residents, particularly those with children and from non-english speaking backgrounds.

**Recommendation**

That Council note the matters raised in verbal submissions, and take those matters into consideration along with written submissions in determining on this matter.

**5. Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 7.51pm