



Merri-bek
City Council

Council Resolution Action Memo

Meeting Date: 12/02/2025

Report Heading / Item No. 7.5 **AMENDMENT C231MBEK -
INTRODUCTION OF MOVING
AROUND MERRI-BEK TRANSPORT
STRATEGY AND THE MERRI-BEK
OPEN SPACE STRATEGY -
DECISION GATEWAY 3 -
CONSIDERATION OF PANEL
REPORT AND DECISION ON THE
AMENDMENT (D24/627728)**

Confidential Status: Public

Department: Director Place and Environment

Further Report Required: No

Notes

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Executive Summary

Amendment C231mbek seeks to introduce new policy direction from the endorsed *Moving Around Merri-bek* Transport Strategy and the *Merri-bek Open Space Strategy* into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

Council exhibited Amendment C231mbek from 18 July 2024 to 19 August 2024. The Amendment received a total of five submissions. Council resolved in September 2024 to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an Independent Panel to consider the submissions.

A Panel Hearing was held on 25 November 2024 and the report released to Council on 9 December 2024. The Panel report was supportive. The Panel noted that the Amendment was strategically justified and recommended that the Amendment be adopted subject to changes, including:

- Replacing Clause 02.04 Open Space and Transport Framework Plans with the versions in Appendix C to the Panel Report.
- Updating the Transport Framework Plan to correct any inaccurate bus routes.
- Update the Merri-bek Open Space Strategy and the Merri-bek Open Space Technical Report to ensure the Open Space Framework Plan matches the final Clause 0.204 version in Appendix C to the Panel Report.

It is recommended that Council adopt Amendment C231mbek with changes responding to recommendations of the Panel and discussed at Section 3 of this report and submit the Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the findings and recommendations of the C231mbek Panel included at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Adopts Amendment C231mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme pursuant to Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, as exhibited and with the changes recommended by the Planning Panel and discussed at Section 3 of this report and shown at Attachment 2.
3. Submits Amendment C231mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval, pursuant to section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
4. Endorses the updated Open Space Technical Report and 20-Year Open Space Projects List as shown at Attachments 2 and 3 to support the open space contribution rate review.
5. Notes that the Open Space Strategy will be updated with the corrected Open Space Framework Plan as shown at Attachment 2.

Resolution

Cr Irvin moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

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Carried unanimously