



**Merri-bek**  
City Council

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting**

Held in Bunjil (Council Chamber), Merri-bek Civic Centre,  
90 Bell Street, Coburg  
on Wednesday 12 March 2025

## **7.13 AMENDMENT C235 MBEK - REVISED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE PLANNING SCHEME - DECISION GATEWAY 1**

### **Executive summary**

Amendment C235mbek seeks to introduce an updated public open space contribution rate into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme. This amendment is one of the ways in which the Merri-bek Open Space Strategy is being implemented. The new rate is informed by technical analysis that demonstrates the merits of the proposed rate. Inclusion of the new rate in the Merri-bek Planning Scheme will mean that payment of the contribution is payable as part of the subdivision process.

The revised contribution rate improves Council's ability to meet community expectations for the city's evolving open space network and infrastructure. A 10 per cent minimum rate is proposed for strategic redevelopment sites and urban renewal precincts. For all other locations the proposed rate is 8.68 per cent.

This report is for Decision Gateway 1 and recommends that Council resolves to request the Minister for Planning authorise Amendment C235mbek. Public exhibition of the amendment would follow the Minister's authorisation.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Endorses the report *Merri-bek Public Open Space Contributions Refresh: Open Space Contributions Schedule (HillPDA, 4 February 2025)*, as shown in Attachment 1 as part of Amendment C235mbek.
2. Seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Merri-bek Planning Scheme Amendment C235mbek in accordance with Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
3. Subject to the Minister's authorisation, prepares Amendment C235mbek, generally in accordance with the documentation provided at Attachment 1.
4. Exhibits Amendment C235mbek in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
5. Authorises the Director Place and Environment to make changes to the Amendment prior to exhibition based on any conditions imposed in the authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make administrative changes to correct errors and grammatical changes.

### **Resolution**

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Irvin seconded -

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