

**STRATEGY AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**5 MAY 2008** **GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE**

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<b>A5</b>	<b>PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND TRANSFER OF A SECTION OF ROAD KNOWN AS RAGLAN ST, PORT MELBOURNE</b>
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	<b>RAGLAN ST BETWEEN STATION ST AND THE LIGHT RAIL, PORT MELBOURNE</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPH, SITE PLAN, COUNCILLOR BRIEFING (CONFIDENTIAL)</b>

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report is to finalise the discontinuance and transfer of a section of Road known as Raglan St, Port Melbourne between Stations St and the Light Rail, Port Melbourne.

**2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

- 2.1. The statutory process commenced after a Councilor Note on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- 2.2. The purpose of the discontinuance is to incorporate the Road known as Raglan St, (between Station St & the Light Rail) Port Melbourne within the Park Reserve.
- 2.3. Consent from the Department of Sustainability and Environment has been obtained in order to reserve the crown land as part of the Park Reserve once the Road has been discontinued.
- 2.4. A Councillor Briefing dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 has been submitted to Council outlining the proposal.

**3. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

- 3.1. That the statutory procedure be finalised, the section of Road be discontinued and the land be reserved as Park Reserve.

**4. CRITERION FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. The section of Road no longer offers any community benefit. The addition of Greenspace complies with, the Port Melbourne Light Rail Reserves Master Plan 2002 and this is in line with the Open Space Strategy 2006.
- 4.2. That the statutory procedures to discontinue and transfer the section of Road known as Raglan St (between Station St & the Light Rail), Port Melbourne should be completed subject to the Council's discontinuance policy.

**5. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1. Social**

The discontinuance of the section of Road will increase the amount of useable open space to offset increases in population and the decline in private open space.

**5.2. Economic Viability**

Incorporating the Road into the Park Reserve is seen as due compensation to the community.

**5.3. Environmental Responsibility**

The environmental responsibility is in line with the Open Space Strategy 2006.

**5.4. Cultural Vitality**

The implications in terms of cultural vitality, suggests an increase in useable Public Open Space.

**5.5. Policy and legislative implications**

The discontinuance and transfer of the Road is in accordance with the Council's discontinuance policy.

**5.6. Resource implications**

The cost of discontinuing the section of Road will be absorbed within current operational budgets.

**6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1. Reject the application to discontinue and transfer the land. It should be noted that the section of Road known as Raglan St, between Station St & the Light Rail, Port Melbourne will be incorporated within a proposed park development. Rejecting the application to discontinue and transfer the section of Road will not provide any community benefit. Council's Heritage Advisor has confirmed that there are no heritage issues.

**7. PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

- 7.1. Council has communicated with the public through a “Public Advertisement” in the local newspaper during the statutory process. No objections were received.
- 7.2. Internal consultation was carried out with Asset Management, Traffic Management, Strategic Planning, Planning and Building and Project Services and they advise that they have no objections to the proposals.
- 7.3. Council’s Heritage Advisor has confirmed that there are no heritage issues.
- 7.4. External consultation has been undertaken and a no objections were received.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

- 8.1. That the statutory procedures to discontinue the section of Road known as Raglan St, between Station St and the Light Rail, Port Melbourne, be completed. That the land from the Road be reserved as part of the Park Reserve in accordance with the proposed Park development.