MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL 6 SEPTEMBER 2023



14.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Andrew Bond – Fitzroy Street Outdoor Speakers

I, Councillor Andrew Bond, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 06 September 2023:

That Council:-

In response to feedback from traders and a formal request from the Fitzroy Street Business Association, requests the CEO, or their delegate, to investigate ways in which outdoor speakers could be permitted for appropriate hospitality businesses in the Fitzroy Street Commercial Precinct until the formal review of the Footpath Trading Guidelines in 2024.

Supporting Information

Several businesses on Fitzroy St with outdoor speakers have recently been told that they need to remove them for a variety of reason.

I have established that outdoor speakers are not prohibited by the EPA or under a City of Port Phillip Local Law, however, outdoor speakers are prohibited under the current CoPP Footpath Trading Guidelines, which I wasn't aware of, and this motion seeks to ensure that outdoor speakers are permitted to remain until such time as the Footpath Trading Guidelines are reviewed and updated.

The Heritage Overlay on Fitzroy Street means that speakers affixed to the external façade may require a planning permit, however, traders should have the right to seek such a permit if they wish to or explore non-affixed options.

All Fitzroy St outdoor speakers will still be required to abide by all existing EPA guidelines and requirements during their ongoing operation and use and any community complaints will be investigated appropriately.

ATTACHMENTS Nil