

## RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Ordinary Council Meeting

3 May 2017

### Presentation of Reports – 8.2 Proposed Discontinuance and Sale of Road Abutting 133 Moray St and 34 Tope St, South Melbourne

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Cr Simic asked, on behalf of Isaac Hermann:

1. Can Council put a stop to laneway sales in flood zones, and direct any revenue from these sales to drainage infrastructure?
2. How many laneways are up for sale, how many has been sold in the last 10, 20 and 30 years and how much revenue has been raised?

#### **Response**

Any laneway or right of way that is considered for closure is assessed on its specific merits at the time a request is made. Council does not have a program of laneway sales, rather these are considered at request of customers and property owners. All laneway sales are subject to a public process in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the elected Council is the ultimate decision maker for any closure and sale. Revenue from the sale of laneways supports delivery of Council's services, including future land purchases.

Council is continuing to undertake significant activities in conjunction with Melbourne Water in relation to its future drainage infrastructure requirements. These activities are funded by Council through Council's normal budgeting processes.

Council has not previously captured information from its sale of laneways and rights of way however this is a good suggestion and it will be captured in the future. We are unable to provide information on laneway sales for the previous 10, 20 and 30 years.

We have created the following table which provides the revenue received from sales of laneways over the previous three financial years:

<b>Description (2017 FY)</b>	
Road discontinuance Duke Street St Kilda	(5,000.00)
Road discontinuance Annual payment for Right Of Way abutting 48 Greeves Street St Kilda	(32,140.91)
	<b>(37,140.91)</b>
<b>Description (2016 FY)</b>	
Sale of Right of Way abutting Gladstone Street St Kilda	(162,000.00)
Sale of Right of Way Martin St and Howe Cr South Melbourne	(7,500.00)

Sale of Right of Way abutting 48 Greeves Street St Kilda	(15,570.91)
Sale of Right of Way near Seisman Street Port Melbourne	(5,000.00)
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Sale of Right of Way Eastern Road	(38,000.00)
Sale of Right of Way Withers St Albert Park	(42,350.00)
Sale of Right of Way Duke Street St Kilda	(58,800.00)
	<b>(334,220.91)</b>
<b>Description (2015 FY)</b>	
Road Discontinuance Raglan Street / Esplanade East Port Melbourne	(16,500.00)
Road Discontinuance Milton Street, Elwood	(24,000.00)
Road Discontinuance Somerset Street St Kilda	(4,500.00)
Road Discontinuance Dow St Port Melbourne	(10,500.00)
	<b>(55,500.00)</b>

*\*Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*