



# Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

**Hearing Date:** 11 October 2023

**Questions taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Maribyrnong City Council

**Received Date:** 2 November 2023

## 1. **Samantha Ratnam, page 34**

### **Question asked to Laura-Jo Mellan:**

Samantha RATNAM: ... Do you have any records or knowledge of direct representations from either the previous owners of the Rivervue Australian retirement services, Metricon, Tigcorp or the VRC and their lobbyists and associates to members of council or senior executives and/or do you have any records of hearing about representations directly to government and the minister at that time?

### **Response:**

We have reviewed available files and do not have any record of an approach by Metricon or Tigcorp to Maribyrnong City Council in respect of the Rivervue development which is within the Moonee Valley City Council boundary.

In respect of approaches from the VRC, I have included in Attachment Q1, a letter from the Mayor of the City of Maribyrnong to the Minister for Planning (29 May 2003) which states in the last paragraph:

*"I am disappointed the VRC did not consult with adjoining councils (including Maribyrnong) about this matter before entering into a formal application process. Furthermore, attempts by Council officers to obtain the GHD report referred to in the supporting documentation submitted to Council have been denied at this stage by the VRC. As such, Council is unable to properly and informatively assess the potential impact of the proposed works on the Municipality"*

## 2. **Samantha Ratnam, page 34-35**

### **Question asked to Laura-Jo Mellan:**

Samantha RATNAM: ... Does your council require councillors, senior staff and other executives to log or record contact with applicants as a part of your planning process?

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Samantha RATNAM: It is a practice, not a requirement. That is good practice, yes.

Laura-Jo MELLAN: And from an officer perspective we would obviously have notes and records of the details of any preapplication discussions that we had with applicants and developers.

Samantha RATNAM: If you could provide any of those on notice, that would be so helpful.

**Response:**

Attachment Q2 provides the following information:

- The Councillor Code of Conduct is contained at with section 6.9 specifically referring to interactions with developers/applicants on planning matters.
- A copy of the register of pre-application discussions which is maintained on our Authority system. We have removed the columns which include personal details or identifying information of the applicants.

3. **Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, page 39**

**Question Asked to Kirsten Tanner:**

Do you have a cost of how much you spent on sandbags and sand?

**Response:**

Maribyrnong City Council spent \$700 on the purchase of sand. Council had an existing supply of bags so did not purchase bags specifically for the event.