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ATTACHMENT 1 MINUTES - ECONOMIC ADVISORY PANEL MEETING 24 FEB
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Economic Advisory Panel Minutes

Date:	24 February 2020	Time:	4:00pm	Venue:	Committee Room, Queanbeyan
Chairperson:	Cr Mark Schweikert			Minutes	Ryan Deebank
Present	Chris Butler	Judith Bedford	Malcom Snow	Annabelle Pegrum	Jo Wherry
	Jacqui Richards	Tracey Lamont	Martin Darcy	Ryan Deebank	
Apologies:	Jenny Cooper				

Items Discussed	
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies and changes in panel membership were noted by Chair</p>
2	<p>Regional Export Hub - ARDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daryl Young, Steve Hambridge and Richard Grainger - ARDA aim is to support export of agricultural product in CBR region. - Presented an idea for an Export Hub in Poplars precinct - challenges are a lack of physical infrastructure and human resources - ARDA is seeking an intermodal export hub, 30% private sector funding, 70% govt - panel expressed that the Airport was a major stakeholder in this area and ARDA should discuss with Stephen Byron - panel discussed road and rail barriers including lack of B-double rated roads around CBR - Next steps: ARDA to be invited back to EAP in future to provide an update
3	<p>CBD Strategies</p> <p><u>Design Review Panel (DRP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CBD Spatial Master Plan recommended DRP's be explored as an instrument to increase quality of new design of developments in the CBD and be included as one element of a more holistic catalyst program. Benefits of DRP's include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o independent professionals (architects, urban designers, landscape architects, planners, sustainable design etc) assist Council in assessing CBD development & place making proposals o increasing acknowledgment of value – 20% of local Gov't in UK use DRP's, NSW Gov't Architect supported o quality of new development appreciably higher in districts with review panels o panels contribute design skills, often in short supply in local authorities, and bring fresh eyes to schemes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annabelle Pegrum and Malcolm Snow have a lot of experience with DRPs and provided some advice for a DRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o rotating panel members essential, to be matched to project depending on their expertise o advertise publicly for membership of DRP - gets a surprisingly good range of applicants o DRP must be deeply embedded into planning process, not an external commentary body. This may require substantial change to QPRC planning regime o The process actually helps create certainty and can save time during the development process. o DRP process is very expensive so QPRC should limit to key sites within the CBD o Malcolm Snow will request permission for Martin Darcy and senior planning staff to sit in on ACT DRP - RECOMMENDATION: EAP recommends that council support relevant QPRC senior staff and to participate in the process to plan for a DRP as part of the Queanbeyan CBD renewal
4	<p>Place Plan Tracey Lamont and Martin Darcy updated the EAP on the background of the Place Plan that is currently being developed for Queanbeyan CBD.</p> <p>Issues discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Place Plan includes elements of a design brief for the Civic Plaza behind the new building on Crawford St, but should be much more detailed. - It is unclear how much of the Civic Plaza is or should be included in the DA for the new precinct. - Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin will provide full Place Plan to EAP out of session once complete. - Martin will seek an update from Michael Damo on the status of the DA and update the EAP out of session. - Malcolm and Anabelle to perform an informal, mini-DRP process on the existing DA as a pilot.
5	<p>Bushfire Recovery plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin and Ryan updated the EAP on QPRC's bushfire recovery activities, including the new Economic Development Officer position and the Treasure Trail tourism campaign.
6	<p>Discussion on Business Charges by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chairman deferred this item until a future EAP meeting.

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7	Poplars <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Martin updated the EAP on the progress of the business park and innovation hub at South Jerrabomberra.
8	Panel Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The EAP discussed the desirability of additional members being added to the panel. This would support the ongoing development of Poplars Innovation Precinct- RECOMMENDATION: The EAP requests a representative of the Defence Industry be added to the membership.
9	Next Meeting & Meeting Close <p>Monday 25 May, 2020 4pm-5.30pm Committee Room, Queanbeyan The meeting closed at 6.07pm</p>