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**Port Stephens  
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 9:30am**

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**Present:**

Cr Leah Anderson, Cr Giacomo Arnott, Kane Hitchcock and Cal Slinn – Transport for NSW, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, Andrew Behrens (Chairperson), John Maretich and Anna Brown – Port Stephens Council

**Apologies:**

Kate Washington MP, Tim Crakanthorp MP, William Ridley - CDC Hunter Valley Buses, Senior Constable Josh Tyacke - NSW Police, Mayor Ryan Palmer, Busways, Joe Gleeson – Port Stephens Council

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**A. Business arising from previous meeting**

**02\_02/22 Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay - Request for an update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing**

**617\_05/23 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm – Request for an update on road safety concerns**

**B. Listed matters**

**10\_04/24 Tarean Road, Karuah – Request for a bus zone**

**11\_04/24 Laverick Avenue, Tomago – Proposed linemarking and signage for an industrial subdivision at 39 Laverick Avenue**

**12\_04/24 Norburn Avenue, Nelson Bay – Request for ‘No Stopping’ restrictions**

## **A. Business arising from previous meetings**

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**Item:** 02\_02/22

**Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay - Request for an update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing**

**Requested by:** Cr Anderson

**File:**

**Background:**

Follow up to previous discussions.

**Comment:**

Council officers advise that this project is listed for construction during the 2024-25 financial year. A project brief has been delivered to Council's Civil Design team where it will undergo the necessary design and documentation to allow for the project to be completed.

**Discussion:**

Council staff will liaise with Cr Anderson directly regarding further detail of the SAMP allocated funding, in particular, the costings and projected timing of the project.

**Item:** 617\_05/23

**Marsh Road, Bobs Farm – Request for an update on road safety concerns**

**Requested by:** Cr Anderson

**File:**

**Background:**

Cr Anderson has requested an update on the previous resident request below:  
“The road is in extremely poor condition in more than one area and has got worse during the two lane highway upgrade.

Many people have used Marsh Road as an alternative route, rather than using the Nelson Bay 60k stretch being upgraded, its seen as the fastest route. The two lane highway continues but Marsh Road over many year's has been the Road to take in the event of known accidents, it deserves to be safe to drive.

I understand that funding is difficult for road repairs and maintenance but the extremely poor condition of Marsh Road may warrant the speed being slowed to 60ks per hour. I'm pretty sure this wouldn't be a favourable option but safety needs to be considered. Many people drive down the centre of the road to avoid potholes & missing road.

Two deaths have accord on this road that I know about in past years, long term it maybe subject to blackspot funding but until than maybe let's slow the speed.”

**Comment:**

TfNSW advises that a Speed Zone Review was undertaken in 2019 for Marsh Road, Bobs Farm, to review the existing 80 km/h speed limit. The length of road reviewed was from the existing 60/80 change, 660m west of Nelson Bay Road (Bobs Farm end) southerly by 1300m. This review was subsequently withdrawn as investigations deemed there would be no change to the speed limits on Marsh Road.

This result is still relevant to Marsh Road and no additional speed zone review is deemed warranted at this time.

**Discussion:**

The TfNSW representative shared that speed zoning looks at the overall formation of a road according to established criteria and remains independent of road condition (which may vary). TfNSW reiterated that speed zone reviews are not Local Traffic Committee items and further discussions should take place outside the meeting. Council officers will look at the possibility of temporary speed reductions associated with minor works on Marsh Road.



## B. Listed matters

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**Item:** 10\_04/24

### Tarean Road, Karuah – Request for a bus zone

**Requested by:** Busways

**File:** 378215

**Background:**

Busways have requested for installation of signage to deter vehicles being parked at the bus stop adjacent to the Karuah Motor Inn, on Tarean Road, Karuah.

**Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:**

NSW Road Rules – Rule 183 – Stopping in a bus zone

TfNSW signs database – R5-20

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

**Discussion:**

The TfNSW representative questioned whether the proposed signage left space between the post and the driveway. The proposed location of the post is confirmed to be on the edge of a second (hidden) driveway, therefore the sketch is correctly placed. The TfNSW representative also made note of the Bus Stop pole being located at a distance from the shelter. This should be located at the shelter for buses to stop here. Council will request CDC to relocate their pole.

**Committee’s recommendation:**

Install bus zone signs, at Tarean Road, Karuah, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

#### Engagement level

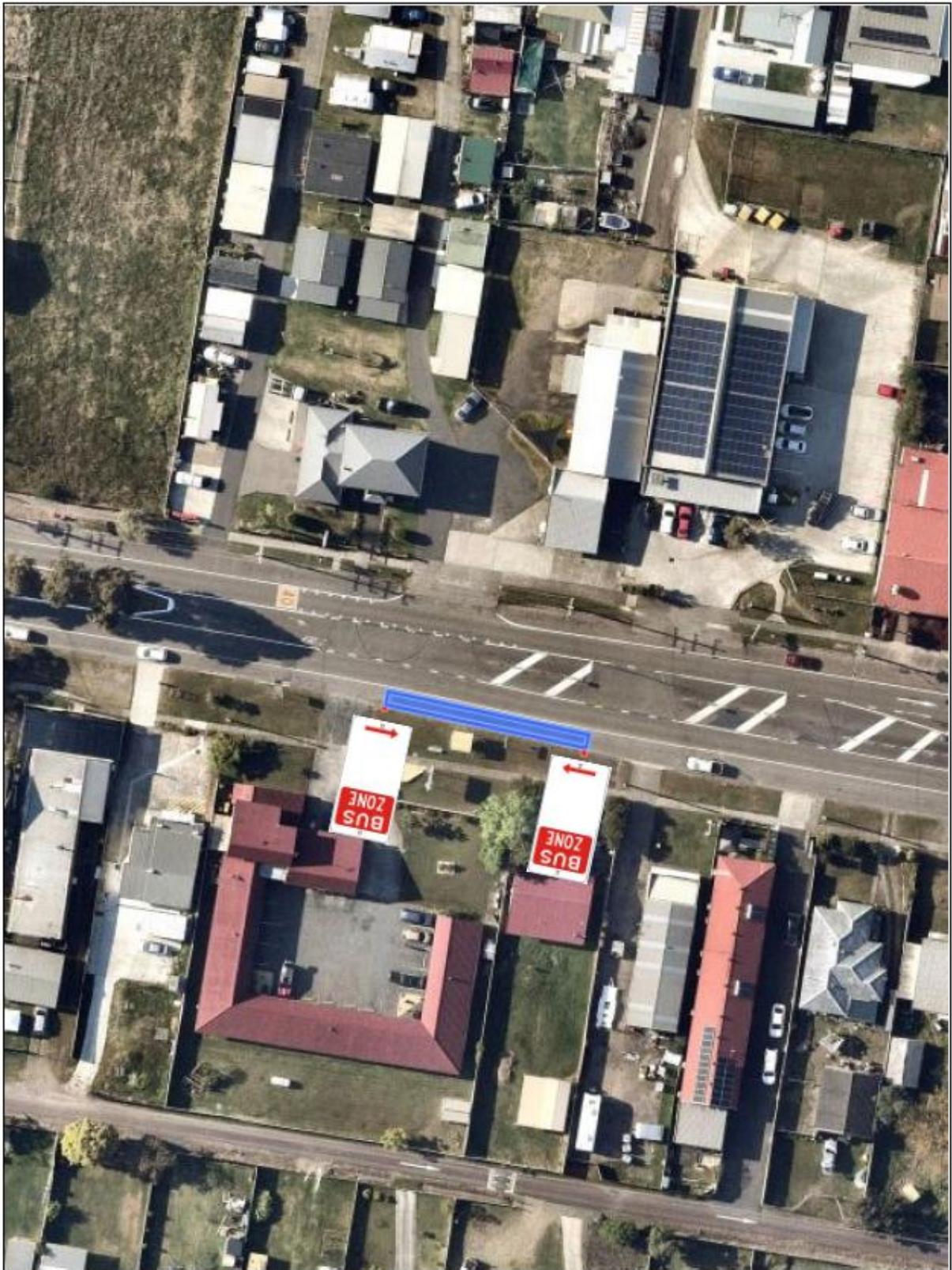
**Level 1 – Inform**

Action: Provide stakeholders with information to assist understanding of the changes and the Local Traffic Committee recommendation once endorsed

**Support for the recommendation:**

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	





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**Item:** 11\_04/24

**Laverick Avenue, Tomago – Proposed linemarking and signage for an industrial subdivision at 39 Laverick Avenue**

**Requested by:** Port Stephens Council

**File:** 6-2022-230-2

**Background:**

A new industrial subdivision at Laverick Avenue, Tomago requires installation of give way controls at a new intersection that is being created.

**Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:**

NSW Road Rule 69 - Giving way at a give way sign or give way line at an intersection (except a roundabout)

RMS signs database – R1-2

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

**Discussion:**

The TfNSW representative requested the addition of TB1 line marking. Council staff will request the developer to update their plans.

**Committee's recommendation:**

Endorse the installation of signage and line marking at Laverick Avenue, Tomago.

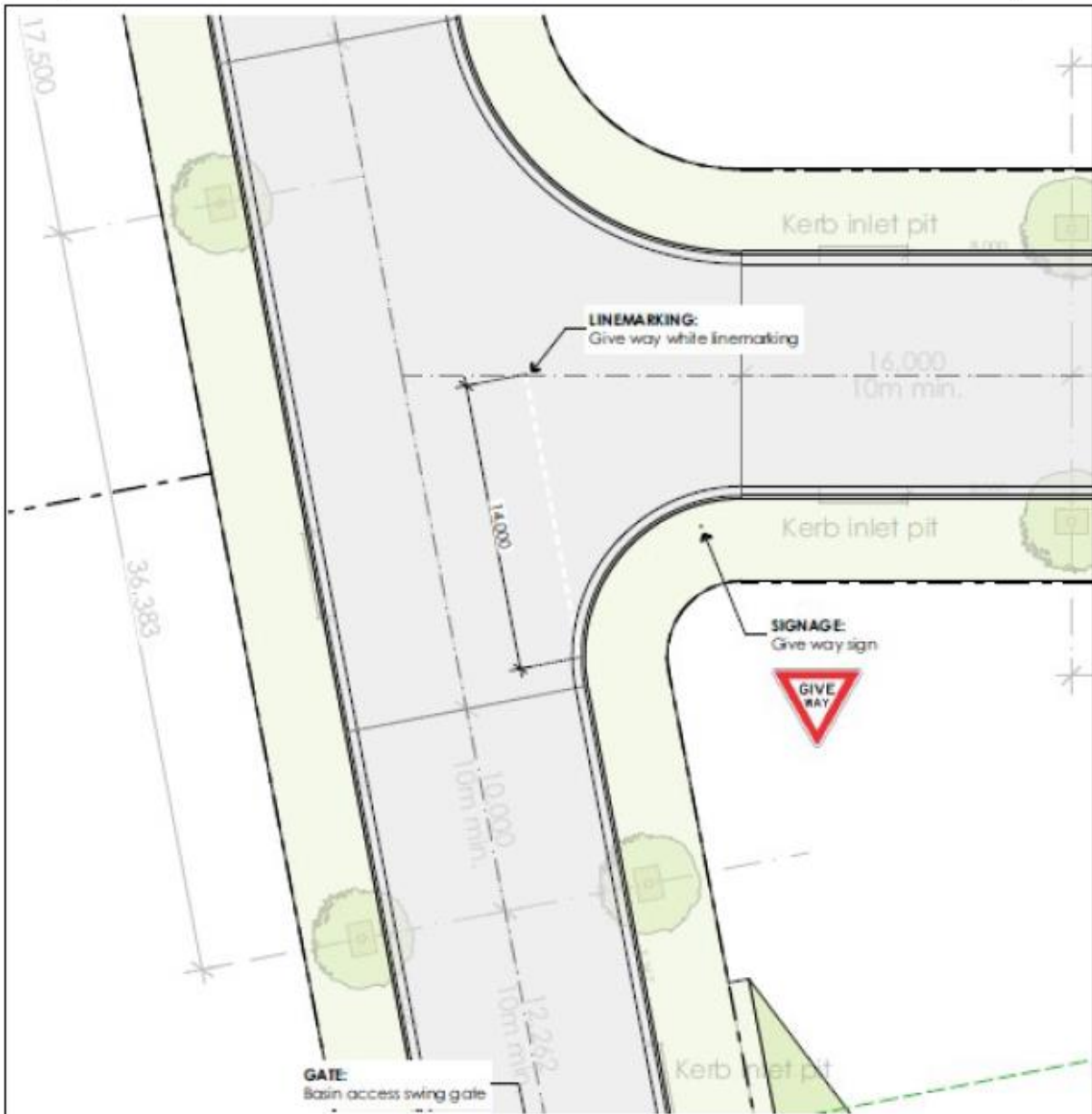
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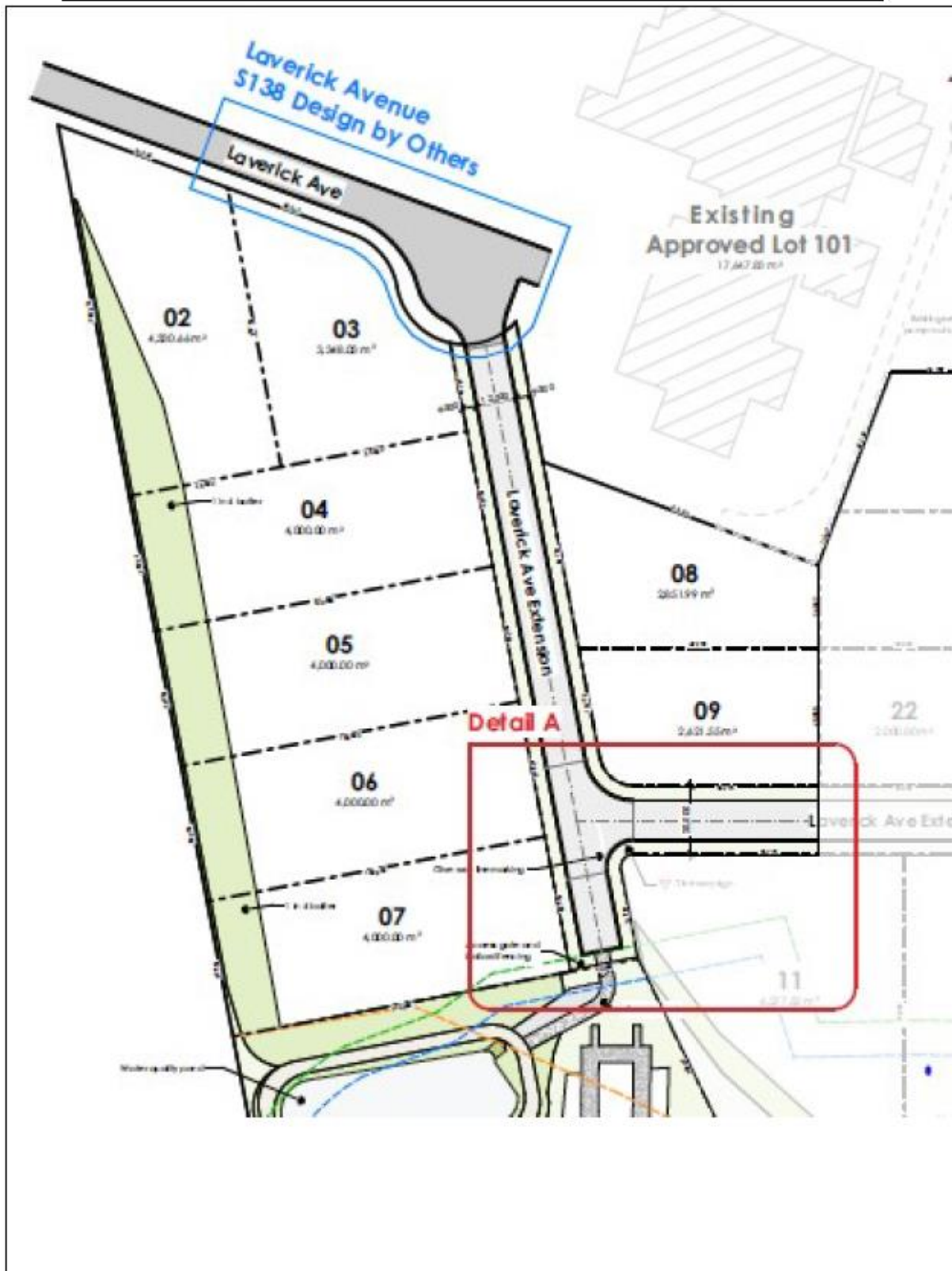
**Support for the recommendation:**

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



**Detail A**





**Item:** 12\_04/24

**Norburn Avenue, Nelson Bay – Request for ‘No Stopping’ restrictions**

**Requested by:** Karingal Pre-school

**File:** 376859

**Background:**

A bus recently clipped a parked car at the corner of Gowrie and Norburn Avenue, Nelson bay. CCTV footage shows the vehicle had been parked too close to the intersection of Norburn and Gowrie and the bus could not safety manouvre around the corner. The pre-school has requested assistance in making it clear to parents where parking is allowed.

**Comment:**

Inspection Committee members noted that installation of ‘No Stopping’ would assist in deterring vehicles being parked too close to the intersection.

**Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:**

NSW Road Rules – Rule 169 – No stopping on a road with a yellow edge line

RMS Delineation Manual – Section 13

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

**Discussion:**

None.

**Committee’s recommendation:**

Install the statutory 10m of ‘No Stopping’ line at the intersection of Norburn Avenue and Gowrie Avenue, Nelson Bay, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

**Level 1 – Inform**

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**Support for the recommendation:**

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



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The meeting closed at 9.58am