

**SPECIAL COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2021(21)****3 NOVEMBER 2021**

## REPORT

- ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Sheila Ireland, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Jacob Madsen, Andrew Fechner, Kate Kunzelmann, Russell Milligan and Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic
- APOLOGIES:** Nil
- OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald)  
**Attendance for Item 1** - Coordinator, Major Projects and Advocacy (Dan Heenan), Manager, Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Acting Senior Policy and Communications Officer (Clare Coburn),  
**Attendance for Item 2** - General Manager, Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Inland Rail Project Manager Consultant (Richard Hancock), Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Manager (Mary Torres)
- EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:** **Mr Malcolm Cole** (Director, Media and Communications – SAS Group), **Ms Paddy Hintz** (Senior Consultant – SAS Group), **Mr Martin Albrecht AC** (Chairman, National Trunk Rail), **Mr Nick Jukes** (Director of JTAA, the engineering consultants retained by NTR PortConnex for coordination of project design and delivery), **Mr Charles Howarth** (CEO Herrenknecht, manufacturers of all recent tunnel boring machines (TBM's) involved in construction of tunnels in Qld and Australia), **Dr Conrad Stacey** (consultant on tunnel ventilation requirements, recognised in Australia and internationally), **Dr David Lacey** (geotechnical consultant retained for advice on tunnel alignment and ground conditions)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 1. ADVOCACY WORKSHOP WITH SAS GROUP

This workshop shared and discussed the internal engagement outcomes and recommendations of the SAS Group report as well as the roles and responsibilities of Council's advocates. The workshop aimed to ensure the Mayor and Councillors are briefed on the benefits of collaborative advocacy to the City and are aware of the overall aspirations for the advocacy program.

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### 2. NTR PORTCONNEX

Martin Albrecht AC, Chairman of National Trunk Rail briefed the Mayor and Councillors on the PortConnex project to build a 52km tunnel from Ebenezer to the Port of Brisbane. The tunnel will carry double stacked containers, agricultural, resource and livestock freight on driverless, electric trains in 60 minutes. Mr Albrecht and his colleagues presented on the project and also showed the Councillors a video.

#### External Representatives

- **Martin Albrecht AC**, Chairman, National Trunk Rail
- **Mr Nick Jukes** – Director of JTAA, the engineering consultants retained by NTR PortConnex for coordination of project design and delivery
- **Mr Charles Howarth** – CEO Herrenknecht, manufacturers of all recent tunnel boring machines (TBM's) involved in construction of tunnels in Qld and Australia
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## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 2.05 pm.

Councillor Russell Milligan arrived at 2.21 pm.

Councillor Andrew Fechner arrived at 2.23 pm.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 3.00 pm

The Advocacy Workshop concluded at 3.11 pm.

The NTR PortConnex presentation commenced at 3.18 pm. Mayor Harding, Councillors Kunzelmann, Milligan, Tully, Fechner, Doyle and Madsen were present.

Councillors Andrew Fechner and Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 3.41 pm.

Councillor Paul Tully left the meeting at 3.55 pm.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 4.03 pm.

The meeting closed at 4.07 pm.

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