

Council Member
Councillor Couros

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Couros will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

‘That Council:

- Notes Council’s continued support of the hospitality sector through the decision to waive outdoor dining permit fees for the 2022/23 financial year
- Requests Administration provide a report to the new Council in the current financial year outlining the benefits and impacts of providing similar support to the retail sector, through the waiving of all permit fees for fixed retail businesses (bricks and mortar) seeking to activate the footpath in front of their premises via the placement of objects (including display tables, planter boxes, flowers pots and other items requiring a permit).’

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Council has supported hospitality businesses through resolving to waive outdoor dining permit fees from its fee schedule for the 2019-2020 financial year and each subsequent year. This represents a minimum of \$500,000 (non-indexed) in foregone revenue per annum to Council.
2. In July 2021 a new permit fee model was launched, creating a simple and consistent fee structure for all permitted activities in the public realm.
3. It is acknowledged that with fees not being charged for outdoor dining permits, there may be a perceived inequity for businesses in other sectors, such as retail, who seek to place objects on the footpath not related to outdoor dining, which do attract permit fees.
4. Based on current activity levels, the anticipated financial impact of the proposed change is expected to be in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 in foregone revenue per annum to Council.
5. Should this motion be supported, a report will be provided to the new Council prior to the fee schedule being prepared for Council consideration during the 2022/23 financial year Business Plan and Budget process.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:

Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	The report to be brought back to Council will outline the full budget impacts for consideration
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	1 week
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours

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