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Development Industrial Sub-Committee: Tuesday, 16th January 2007 VIC 12:30

Present: Ian McNamee, Ross Barrett, Michael Doherty, Loyd Perin, John Walker, Adrian Makeham-Kirchner, Andrew Herring, Steve Jamieson, Ian McGinn, Simon Mitchell-Taverner, Alex Dance (representing Ken Ineson).

1. **Apologies:** Craig Harris, Glenda Snoxall, Maurice McCormack, Kathy Howard, Ken Ineson, Warwick Smith.
2. **Minutes of previous meetings:** The previous Meeting of this group was held on Tuesday, 19th September 2006. These had been adopted at the Executive meeting of 26th September. Meetings in October and November were replaced by Meetings with Queanbeyan City Council.

Matters arising – Nil. Ian McNamee welcomed attendees, in particular Alex Dance (representing Ken Ineson).

3. **Queanbeyan Land Release situation:** President noted that Ken Ineson and Craig Harris contributed to a letter from QBC to NSW Minister for Planning and to a media release. Copies of these have been distributed to Executive Members. It was agreed that the on-going delay in NSW announcing its decision was 'bad for Queanbeyan'.

ACTION – Follow up letter to be drafted for distribution to Minister via local Member Steve Whan MP with copy to Mayor. **LP/SMT/IMcN**

Disappointment was expressed at the article in Canberra Times 17 September headlined 'Monaro battle gets personal' and statements attributed to candidates.

4. **Water issues:** Concern was repeated by all attendees at the potential lack of future supply of water to Queanbeyan. Even if all land release approvals were received (see previous item), there is the real possibility that water supply could be refused by ACT Government.

ACTION – Additional letter be drafted for distribution to Federal Ministers Turnbull and Lloyd via local Member Gary Nairn MP with copies to NSW Government and Mayor expressing this concern. **LP/SMT/IMcN**

5. **Regional roads update:** The Committee agreed that this remains the number one priority as a regional issue. Disappointment was expressed at the exclusion of the region from the revised 'Minister's Canberra

Consultative Forum' because of the need for Queanbeyan input on issues such as roads, water, development and others. This was at the behest of Federal Minister for Territories. Canberra Business Council (CBC) have expressed their support for Regional involvement and will keep QBC informed on this issue. Email to Canberra Business Council on 19 December expressing QBC's disappointment was copied to all Executive members.

Concern was also expressed at the ramifications for Queanbeyan from the proposed merger of CBC and Australian Business Limited (ABL).

ACTION – Meeting to be arranged with Gary Nairn regarding roads and other regional issues. Ian McNamee, Steve Jamieson, and Loyd Perin expressed interest in attending with Ken Ineson to be asked. **SMT to arrange.**

6. General Business:

- a. **Capital Region Business Expo:** As previously advised to members, the first Capital Region Business Expo - Business to Business Expo will be held at the Hellenic Club in Woden on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday, 24th May 2007, targeting Queanbeyan and Canberra businesses. Activities will include a major trade display for local businesses and a wide range of business training and networking events. A link to the web site is available from the projects page of QBC's web site. Queanbeyan City Council is considering a sponsorship of the event, which is supported by NSW Department of State & Regional Development and will be launched in Queanbeyan by Minister Campbell. QBC is providing in-kind support. QCC may consider supporting the attendance by a QBC representative.
- b. **ADDAX Group:** Addax is a consulting and advisory group operating in Australia and Singapore in the areas of Indigenous Services, Finance Services and Asian Business Services. They are involved in programmes with the local indigenous population and have approached QBC with a view to Membership and cooperation. Further talks are being held with President.
- c. **CBD LIFT:** Acknowledging this is the domain of the Retail Tourism sub Committee, President advised he had attended recent meetings, which had been positive. Costings for **Queanbeyan entrance signs** will be presented to the next CBD LIFT meeting. CBD LIFT Committee has recommended to Queanbeyan City Council that the appointment of an **Economic Development Officer** be accelerated. QBC representatives had expressed a view on the Application by a local business for **outdoor dining in Monaro Street** – particularly relating to Section 94 issues.

- d. **Statewide Regional Tourism Conference:** To be held in Griffith on 13,14, 15 March QBC is considering sending a staff member pending a proposal from the EO (also discussed at the Retail/Tourism meeting on 15 January). Claire Marlowe is attending from QCC.
- e. **QCC Car Park Contributions:** It was noted by Ross Barrett that car park contributions have been collected by Queanbeyan City Council for many years.
ACTION – SMT to prepare request to Council for advice as to amount held.
- f. **New General Manager Queanbeyan City Council:** It is understood an announcement will be made at a Council Meeting his evening.
ACTION – SMT to contact successful candidate to congratulate and invite to next QBC meeting.

Meeting closed 1.17 pm

Note following Meeting re Item 6 f.: Mr. Gary Chapman, currently Acting General Manager for QCC was appointed General Manager on 16th January 2007. A congratulatory email has been sent on behalf of QBC.