

OFFICERS' REPORT**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Recognises the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement in addressing significant issues of injustice and disadvantage.*
- 2. Stands in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from the African diaspora against racism and injustice.*
- 3. Reaffirms its support for the 'Racism – It Stops With Me' campaign.*
- 4. Write to the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Federal Attorney-General, the Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Victorian Attorney-General and all local State and Federal Members of Parliament calling for a complete audit of the recommendations from the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and a clear plan for their implementation.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No impact to Council's budget is anticipated as a result of support for this Motion.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

No impact on internal resources are anticipated as a result of support for this Motion.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

In 2017 Council adopted *A Healthy & Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021* as the guiding strategic document. This Plan provides context to Council's work in relation to the health and wellbeing of the Monash community, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

In September 2012 Monash Council endorsed an agreement with the Australian Human Rights Commission to support the 'Racism - It Stops With Me' campaign, which highlights the issue of racism in the Australian community. In July 2015 Council resolved to continue its support for the Commission's campaign.

Monash Council has a strong commitment to its community, supports cultural diversity and values justice for all. Monash Council has demonstrated significant leadership in the areas of multicultural policy development, service provision and support for culturally and linguistically diverse residents.

Monash Council does not tolerate racial discrimination of any kind and advocates for social justice and the humane and equitable treatment of all community members. The actions proposed within this Motion are consistent with Council's stance on this matter.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Monash Council has been a leading advocate on multicultural and social justice issues, including those relating to support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Monash officers work closely with a range of non-Government organisations and community service providers through formal networks such as the Monash Multicultural Settlement Services Network to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Monash are well-supported.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no further considerations to be raised in relation to this proposed advocacy.