

Rules for the Vote

1. All 231 businesses (licence holders) that responded to the stand Expression of Interest, which closed on 3 February 2014, are eligible to vote.
2. A vote is from each business holding a licence as evidenced by the licence or licences held in one name.
3. The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) will supply the same set of information to each business. DSDBI will send a voting form to all 231 businesses along with a letter outlining the impact of the two allocation options for individual businesses, an allocation table that shows the impacts for all groups of businesses (i.e. single stand holder, two stand holders etc); a diagram showing the two different stand configurations as well as the current stand at West Melbourne; and two Epping floor plans reflecting the different size stand options.
4. Each vote by a business is treated the same, i.e. each vote carries the same value. The State cannot differentiate, for example, between businesses that have more stands, have been in the market longer or trade more days of the week and accord a greater value to some businesses over others.
5. The result of the vote will be based on a majority of businesses that respond. Businesses who do not respond will not be counted.
6. Businesses must return their vote by 5.00pm on 17 April 2014 by the following means:
 - emailing Mary Baker via mmrresponses@dsdbi.vic.gov.au;
 - mailing the voting form to Mary Baker, Melbourne Market Relocation Project, Level 8, GPO Box 4509, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 in the envelope supplied; or
 - handing the form to the MMA Administration Office front desk in the supplied envelope.
7. Any voting forms received after 5.00pm on 17 April 2014 will not be accepted.
8. Each voting form will have a number so that the form can identify the name of the licence holder that it was sent to.
9. Voting forms will not be available from the Melbourne Market Authority (MMA) nor will they be posted on the MMA website. If you lose your form, you must contact DSDBI and request a new voting form.
10. Each response will be dated the day it is received and checked by the State Probity Adviser who will also tabulate the result.
11. All individual responses will be kept confidential to DSDBI.
12. In the event of a tied vote, then there is no mandate for change and the current proposed stand size of 26.28 sqm will prevail.
13. Eligible businesses will be advised of the result by market circular.