

The Mayor

“I would like to acknowledge the Cabrogal of the Darug Nation, traditional custodians of this land upon which we are meeting today. In particular I wish to acknowledge their elders and their descendants.

We acknowledge your rich culture and your unique role here in the Fairfield region. Your heritage and traditions are important to us all and part and parcel of the great history of Australia.”

Councillor 1

We give thanks for being elected to this office of honour and trust. Give us grace, diligently and honourably, free from private interest and prejudice, to discharge the duties entrusted to us for the common good of mankind.

The Mayor

Everyone please be seated.
The item we will discuss is number 235, an application to change the zoning of land in Avoca Road from parkland into business land. Is there any discussion?

Councillor 2
(Please stand)

Yes Mr/Ms Mayor.
I move that this be approved.
This will allow a McBurger to be built on the land.

The Mayor

Do you have a seconder?

Councillor 3
(Please stand)

I second the motion Mr/Ms Mayor.
This McBurger will create jobs for local people and allow families to enjoy an affordable meal together.

The Mayor

I have a mover and a seconder for the motion.
Would anyone like to say anything?

Councillor 4
(Please stand)

Mr/Ms Mayor, I am not happy – this land should be used for parks and recreation.
I will vote against the motion!

Councillor 5
(Please stand)

Here we go again.
Here is a chance to create local jobs and all you can think about is a bit of grass.
I agree with the motion, we should rezone the land now.

Public member 1
(Please stand)

Shame on you!
How could you agree to build a McBurger on my street!
Families need more parks, not fast food chains! All you care about is making money!

Councillor 6
(Please stand)

Mr/Ms Mayor, what Councillor 4 said is true. We should build a skate park or something else our local youth can use. I will be voting against the motion.

Councillor 7
(Please stand)

I agree with the motion. There are no cafes or fast food shops around there. A McBurger is a great idea!

All public members

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The Mayor

Would the members of the gallery be quiet!
Any more disruptions and I will have you all removed.

Councillor 8
(Please stand)

Mr/Ms Mayor, the report says that a new McBurger means more cars on our roads. More cars mean danger to our pedestrians and more pollution. I am against the rezoning completely.

Councillor 9
(Please stand)

Mr/Ms Mayor, I have spoken to many of the residents who live in the area and most are against the rezoning. I must vote against the proposal for their sake.

Councillor 10
(Please stand)

Mr/Ms Mayor, I don't think a few extra cars in the street will make much difference. New jobs are important. I vote yes to the rezoning.

Public member 2
(Please stand)

Shame on you! I'm never voting for you again!

The Mayor

Would the members of the public gallery please be quiet or I will have you removed.

Councillor 11

Mr/Ms Mayor, surely we can build a McBurger somewhere else! It's really not a good idea to build it on Avoca Road. I will be voting against the motion.

Councillor 12

I agree! Parks not burgers! Let's get our priorities right and vote against the motion!

All public members

(Cheering)

The Mayor Would the members of the public gallery please be quiet! I will now put the motion to a vote.
All those in favour of the motion to rezone, raise your left hand.

**Councillor
2,3,5,7 & 10** *(raise your hand)*

The Mayor Those against the motion, raise your right hand.

**Councillor
4,6,8,9,11&12** *(raise your hand)*

The Mayor 5 Councillors have voted for the motion and 6 Councillors have voted against the motion.
I declare the motion lost.
The zoning of the land will not change.

**All public
members** (Loud cheering)