

Report to the Special Future Melbourne Committee**Agenda item 3.2****Consideration of public feedback and matters arising on the draft Budget 2022–23****23 June 2022****Presenter:** Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the public feedback received in response to the draft Budget 2022–23.
2. The draft Budget was approved by the Future Melbourne Committee on 17 May 2022, together with the draft Annual Plan, for public display and comment, consistent with the Council's Community Engagement Policy.
3. The draft Budget 2022–23 was promoted through the Council's corporate media channels and the document made available to the public in hard copy and through the Participate Melbourne website. The public had the opportunity to submit feedback through a survey on Participate Melbourne and via email.
4. The public feedback period ran from 17 May to midnight on Tuesday 14 June. The public had the opportunity to submit feedback through a survey on Participate Melbourne and via email.

Key issues

5. The draft Budget 2022–23 is the result of many months of preparation, and has been informed by the input of the draft Annual Plan 2022–23, and consideration by Councillors.
6. At the conclusion of the public feedback period, 78 responses of community feedback was received, 53 on the draft Budget and 25 on the Waste Charge, with 9 requests (5 in person, 4 via zoom) to address the Special Future Melbourne Committee (Committee).
7. A summarised version of the feedback and management recommendations in response are provided on the draft Budget (in Attachment 2) and Waste Charge (in Attachment 3).
8. Feedback on the draft Budget covers a range of themes, from transport, city amenity and liveability, to major projects, homelessness and city cleaning. More than 60 per cent (or 33 feedback items) were in general support with issues raised already addressed and included in the draft Budget 2022–23. A copy of the original feedback is included in Attachment 4.
9. Feedback on the waste charge covers waste charge design and inclusions, including environmental outcomes and equity issues, waste and recycling general information requests.
10. Additionally, a number of adjustments are recommended to the draft Budget 2022–23 since it was approved for public display by the Future Melbourne Committee on 17 May 2022. These are outlined in Attachment 5.

Recommendation from management

11. That the Future Melbourne Committee, after considering all written submissions in response to the draft Budget 2022–23 and hearing from anyone wishing to be heard in support of their feedback, recommends that the Council:
 - 11.1. Adopts the draft Budget 2022–23 incorporating recommended changes outlined in Attachment 5.
 - 11.2. Advises each of the members of the public who provided feedback of the Council’s decision in relation to these matters and the reasons for the decision.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 3 of 152)
2. Summarised version of public feedback on the draft Budget 2022–23 and Waste Charge (Page 4 of 152)
3. Summarised version of public feedback on the Waste Charge (Page 51 of 152)
4. Copy of full public feedback on the draft Budget 2022–23 (Page 65 of 152)
5. Management recommended adjustments to the draft Budget 2022–23 (Page 150 of 152)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. The process detailed in the report accords with the requirements of the *Local Government Act (the Act) 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Finance

2. There are no direct financial implications for the Council in the recommendations of this report. The costs associated with the community engagement process are captured within existing budgets.
3. Final adoption and delivery of the draft Budget 2022–23 on 28 June 2022 does require budget considerations contained in this report.

Conflict of interest

4. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

5. In developing this proposal, no Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

6. The draft Budget 2022–23 was developed in accordance with the Act.
7. From 17 May 2022 to 14 June 2022, the public was invited to provide feedback on the draft Budget 2022–23.

Relation to Council policy

8. There are no specific Council policies to specifically state.

Environmental sustainability

9. Environmental sustainability issues and opportunities have been considered in the development of the draft Annual Plan 2022–2023, which is a companion document to the draft Budget 2022–23. The Climate and Biodiversity Emergency is one of six proposed strategic objectives that will underpin Council's strategic direction over the next four years, and will commit the Council to urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste in order to strengthen public health, strengthen the economy and create a city that mitigates and adapts to climate change.

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1	Nathan Pittman	Live	Speak in person	You're not spending enough money on protected bike lanes. There should be one on every major street within the next twenty years. No exceptions!	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already completed.</p> <p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Draft recommendation subject to Councillor consideration of verbal presentation from speaker: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
2	None	Work	Speak via zoom	Reducing car use and increasing active transport, as well as greening our streets and buildings, are key. They are here in the budget, but no way near enough.	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city</p>

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3	None	Live	Speak via zoom	Not enough money allocated to creating more active transport infrastructure and transforming road spaces into linear parks	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike</p>

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4	None	Live	Speak via zoom	Not enough money for planning and delivering high-quality cycling infrastructure	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels.</p> <p>Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year. Council has allocated \$4 million for protected bike lanes in the 2022/23 budget (plus any carry forward funds) and \$4 million in 23/24.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already been completed.</p> <p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the</p>

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5	Bronwyn Brkic	Live	Speak via zoom	<p>Getting people and businesses back to Melbourne should be the focus.</p> <p>I live in Southbank and work in the CBD the streets need to be cleaned up as a priority. We need the homeless and the crime removed or people won't visit an unsafe city.</p> <p>Another issue is the heavy vehicles on the streets around the Casino, Tan, Tennis Center & MCG. This is so dangerous with all of the foot traffic. These trucks need to be rerouted a safer way.</p>	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne is ramping up its campaign to eradicate illegal graffiti, make the city attractive and clean, and improve safety with a record \$33.6 million investment in the draft Budget 2022–23.</p> <p>More than 96,000m² of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. In March alone, more than 10,000m² of graffiti was scrubbed from the central city as part of the Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz. Since the start of the blitz, using information and footage supplied by the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police has arrested 20 people in relation to illegal tagging.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, the Rapid Response Clean Team will be expanded to fast-track graffiti removal across the municipality with a further \$1.4 million. We're also doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>To keep people safe and crack down on antisocial behaviour, \$5.4 million will be invested into critical safety infrastructure and resources, including \$2 million to improve city lighting in areas</p>

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					<p>such as St Kilda Road and the Yarra River's north bank. A continued focus will be on upgrading the Safe City Camera fibre network and running the digital radio system to enhance city surveillance.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne will accelerate its vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality. The \$20 million Make Room project will also see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation. The draft Budget also includes more than \$2 million to ensure rough sleepers have access to food, healthcare and other support services, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Melbourne City Mission and Launch Housing.</p> <p>An additional \$1.4 million will enable Council to strengthen relationships with community members, and identify and act on the needs of each neighbourhood.</p> <p>In relation to your comments about roads, these roads are under the care and management of the Department of Transport and are classed as arterial roads. The department has advised that trucks that are 4.65 meters and higher, as well as placard loads such as fuel tankers, cannot pass through the Citylink Tunnels. Regarding placard loads, this a WorkSafe requirement that is detailed in the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995 and applies to all Victorian tunnels.</p> <p>Draft recommendation subject to Councillor consideration of verbal presentation from speaker: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
6	Richard Hunt	Live	Speak in person	Too much info, need a point form document rather than 186 pages.	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Participate Melbourne contains a highlights page which outlines</p>

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					<p>the key attributes of the Budget 2022-23. In addition, the introduction of the Budget publication contains a concise summary of the draft budget highlights also. I encourage you to peruse these sections for a detailed summary.</p> <p>Draft recommendation subject to Councillor consideration of verbal presentation from speaker: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
7	David Hamilton	Live	Speak in person	<p>Southbank3006 provides feedback on the draft Budget 22/23 in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space acquisition • Neighbourhood and Economic development • City Road Master Plan 	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Council Plan 2021–25 includes a Major Initiative to increase the amount of public open space in the municipality with a focus on areas of greatest need, such as Southbank and emerging urban renewal areas. This major initiative recognises the challenge of increasing populations and population density, and relative low provision of open space in these areas and is a commitment by Council to address the challenge. There is \$17.5M in the 2022–23 Budget (and \$75M over the next four years) for open space acquisition including in Southbank. The Southbank Boulevard project utilised public open space contributions from developers to create new public open space from road space, which is a net increase in open space for the neighbourhood. Public open space contributions in Southbank have been used to fulfil actions of the Open Space Strategy to create new open space in Southbank and to improve existing open space, in accordance with the requirements of the Subdivision Act 1988.</p> <p>City of Melbourne has completed the first stage of consultation for neighbourhood planning in Southbank. In March and April, hundreds of diverse residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors shared their priorities for the future of their area. We heard a range of issues and ideas for Southbank that we are still</p>

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8	Rebecca Lindberg	Own a business	Speak in person	The focus on food relief and food system is so needed as we respond to and recover from the pandemic	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In response to this issue the Melbourne City Council identified food security as a key health and wellbeing focus area within our Council Plan 2021-2025.</p> <p>A major initiative has also been identified - Develop and deliver initiatives and programs that will provide food relief to vulnerable members of our community and improve local food production by supporting communities to grow their own food.</p>

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					<p>In December 2021, councillors endorsed Community Food Relief 2021 - 2025: Planning for a food secure city. This plan outlines Council's role and commitment to improving access to food relief services and identifies a range of initiatives, which will move us towards our strategic priority of increased food security for everyone, especially the most vulnerable.</p> <p>In 2022-23 a range of activities will be implemented including the refresh of Food City: The City of Melbourne Food Policy which will have a broad focus on food systems.</p> <p>Draft recommendation subject to Councillor consideration of verbal presentation from speaker: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
9	Roberto Barajas	Live	Feedback only	<p>We need to go faster in Public transport. Food sourcing needs to be prioritised. More markets like QVM are needed in Docklands/Fisherman's Bend areas</p>	<p>Draft comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Council is investing significantly into the QVM site (\$50 million for the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal) which will assist in the activation of this area for both traders and shoppers.</p> <p>We continue to work closely with the Victorian Government on transport modes into and out of the city. Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>Draft recommendation subject to Councillor consideration of verbal presentation from speaker: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
10	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>There is too much focus on bringing people from outside the CoM into it. There is not enough focus on us the residence that live here and need things.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is occurring across the City of</p>

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					<p>Melbourne. In March and April 2022, residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors were consulted on the strengths and concerns for Southbank. This process is revealing opportunities for council to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs, and better communicate our progress on existing work. From this consultation, priorities for Southbank will be developed.</p> <p>Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform council projects with rich insights into the future.</p> <p>New online portals will also enable everyone to keep in touch with local news and information, and share feedback with Council more easily than ever before. The CBD and Kensington portals are already live, and Southbank will be coming online soon. To find out more, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate-neighbourhoods</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
11	Brett Pearson	Work	Feedback only	Cleaning up of Melbourne city will bring our pride back of being Melburnians love to see it happen as I'm very Proud of our city	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We appreciate your support in keeping our city clean and Council is investing significantly to achieve this outcome. We listened when residents, workers and businesses told us the cleanliness of our streets and spaces and public parks and places was a top priority. So, we're investing a record \$33.7 million – an increase of more than \$5 million on last year - to improve safety, scrub the city clean, eradicate graffiti and double our high-pressure cleaning efforts.</p> <p>More than 96,000m2 of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. In March</p>

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12	None	Visit	Feedback only	Was shocked to see on channel 7 news more money being spent on Christmas decorations than feeding the homeless. Would love to hear an explanation of this.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The draft Budget seeks to balance the needs across all aspects of our community. Both the Christmas Festival and Council's contribution to addressing homelessness are important elements of this.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne will accelerate its vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality. The \$20 million Make Room project will also see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation.</p> <p>The draft Budget also includes more than \$2 million to ensure rough sleepers have access to food, healthcare and other support services, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Melbourne City Mission and Launch Housing.</p> <p>Melbourne is the events capital of Australia and events are critical to the city's economic recovery. Prior to the pandemic, they attracted almost 30 million visits to Greater Melbourne each year</p>

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13	None	Live	Feedback only	Bicycle lanes are very important as is pedestrian access	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels.</p> <p>Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for the next financial year.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be</p>

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14	None	Live	Feedback only	Great to see the green line and investment in cleaning and facilities for residents	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>As a major city-shaping project, Greenline has a significant role to play in boosting the local economy and contributing to the city's recovery.</p> <p>Greenline is anticipated to deliver more than \$1 billion in economic activity and create up to 1000 jobs over the life of the project.</p> <p>Our investment in cleaning and graffiti will also keep the city sparkling for its residents and attract visitors back into our city. We listened when residents, workers and businesses told us the cleanliness of our streets and spaces and public parks and places was a top priority. So, we're investing a record \$33.7 million – an increase of more than \$5 million on last year - to scrub the city clean, eradicate graffiti and double our high-pressure cleaning efforts.</p> <p>More than 96,000m2 of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. Since the start of our graffiti blitz, using information and footage supplied by the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police has arrested 20 people in relation to illegal tagging.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, the Rapid Response Clean Team will be expanded to fast-track graffiti removal across the municipality</p>

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15	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>I am a resident who pays City Council rate. I find that that there is so much waste and rubbish on the streets. It is so dangerous to walk on the pedestrian pathway, and you get bicycle (delivery)/e-scooter who do not disembark but they ride on pedestrian pathway. Ratepayers do not necessarily get to enjoy all but bear the costs.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We've listened to our residents and ratepayers, and keeping our city attractive and safe is imperative.</p> <p>So, we're doubling down on our efforts to keep the city clean, safe and free from graffiti, with a huge \$33.6 million investment. That's almost \$5 million more than last year to do this.</p> <p>More than 96,000m² of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. In March alone, more than 10,000m² of graffiti was scrubbed from the central city as part of the Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz. Since the start of the blitz, using information and footage supplied by the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police has arrested 20 people in relation to illegal tagging.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, the Rapid Response Clean Team will be expanded to fast-track graffiti removal across the municipality with a further \$1.4 million. We're also doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>To keep people safe and crack down on antisocial behaviour, \$5.4 million will be invested into critical safety infrastructure and resources, including \$2 million to improve city lighting in areas such as St Kilda Road and the Yarra River's north bank. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p>

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16	None	Live	Feedback only	I do not agree with your transport changes, and ongoing plans in the City. The traffic changes made	Comment: Thank you for your feedback.

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				<p>this far are plain dangerous to bike riders. Look at the homelessness. I do not agree with the Greenline project</p>	<p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already completed.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the city. Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>As a major city-shaping project, Greenline has a significant role to play in boosting the local economy and contributing to the city's recovery. It will also improve the currently under-utilised north bank of the river.</p> <p>Greenline is anticipated to deliver more than \$1 billion in economic activity and create up to 1000 jobs over the life of the project.</p> <p>We've listened to our residents and ratepayers, and keeping our</p>

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					<p>city attractive and safe is imperative.</p> <p>So, we're doubling down on our efforts to keep the city clean, safe and free from graffiti, with a huge \$33.6 million investment. That's almost \$5 million more than last year to do this.</p> <p>More than 96,000m² of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. In March alone, more than 10,000m² of graffiti was scrubbed from the central city as part of the Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz. Since the start of the blitz, using information and footage supplied by the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police has arrested 20 people in relation to illegal tagging.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, the Rapid Response Clean Team will be expanded to fast-track graffiti removal across the municipality with a further \$1.4 million. We're also doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>To keep people safe and crack down on antisocial behaviour, \$5.4 million will be invested into critical safety infrastructure and resources, including \$2 million to improve city lighting in areas such as St Kilda Road and the Yarra River's north bank. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne will also accelerate its vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality. The \$20 million Make Room project will also see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation.</p> <p>The draft Budget also includes more than \$2 million to ensure rough sleepers have access to food, healthcare and other support services, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Melbourne City Mission and Launch Housing.</p>

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					<p>Recommendation: A change to the draft Budget is recommended for additional signage and engagement clarity on bike lane strategy, safety and benefits.</p>
17	None	Work	Feedback only	There needs to be more money for active transport, more cycle lanes, better and wider footpaths and less cars/trucks	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>Council will also invest more than \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads and other infrastructure. This includes another footpath blitz, as well as new street furniture, wayfinding signage and street lighting.</p> <p>A recent report completed by Urbis forecasts that public transport will continue to be the most significant economic driver delivering \$35.4 billion by 2026. The contribution of motor vehicles is projected to drop by \$4.4 billion to \$7.5 billion, while cycling will add up to \$3.5 billion annually.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the city.</p> <p>Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>

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18	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>I wish Melbourne would take the approach of other world-leading cities and transform the city for walkability and active transport, reducing cars. Melbourne should raise more from car parking, invest in car-free streets everywhere (especially in the CBD) and create permanent bike lanes. I don't even ride a bike, but I would like my young kids to grow up in a more pedestrian friendly city and be able to safely get around without a car.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already completed.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the city. Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>We know how important our parks, gardens and open spaces are to the community, they play an important role in making Melbourne more liveable which is why we're investing \$26.5 million to maintain them. More than \$17.5 million will go towards creating new open space, plus we'll spend \$1.8 million planting</p>

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					<p>2,400 new trees. We'll choose climate resilient species of trees, ensuring Melbourne's green canopy can better survive drought and heat and continue to cool the city. We'll also improve storm water harvesting across the municipality, collecting water from drains and roads to help irrigate and drought-proof the city's parks and gardens.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
19	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>In general the budget is adequate and well focused, however there is one glaring omission: it completely ignores the fact that Melbourne city is a thoroughfare. All roads lead to it and through it. There is no visible acknowledgment that this has certainly reduced accessibility and livability in Melbourne.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>While the city's existing bike lanes have capacity for more riders, car lanes have largely returned to pre-pandemic levels and are back at full capacity. Deloitte recently found that 43 per cent of car trips to the CBD don't stop – driving straight through, contributing to congestion but not contributing a cent to the local economy. Our Transport Strategy 2030 seeks to reduce through-traffic and the impacts it has on amenity and accessibility. We are continuing to work with the Department of Transport to determine options that will help alleviate the congestion caused by through-traffic.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
20	None	Own a business	Feedback only	<p>Too much focus on maintaining/expanding City services in place of supporting community and business to help itself.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. While we are focused on delivering quality services to support residents, businesses and community groups, there are also multiple initiatives to enable these groups to support themselves, including:</p> <p>*The Connected Communities Grant program which funds projects that support increased community connection, access</p>

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					<p>and participation. This initiative is delivered working in partnership with schools, community organisations and community groups, Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.</p> <p>*The Business Precinct Program which provides up to \$90,000 in funding support to recognised precinct trader associations - enabling them to undertake activities that support local traders.</p> <p>*Ongoing activations and events delivered within business precincts to stimulate spending and visitation.</p> <p>*A Business Concierge Service to provide assistance and support to existing and new businesses.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Melbourne now has dedicated Neighbourhood Partners who will connect with a diverse range of community members to build relationships, understand local priorities, bring people together and support community-led initiatives. A new Inclusive Melbourne Strategy was also endorsed in February 2022 which aims to address the barriers to inclusion, amplify the diverse voices within our municipality and support greater participation for Aboriginal peoples, LGBTIQ+ communities, children and young people, older people, women, people with a disability, culturally and linguistically diverse people, international students and people experiencing poverty and homelessness.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
21	None	Work	Feedback only	<p>It goods to see projects to improve facilities and attractions. As I walk a lot within the CBD I particular like the program which is replacing asphalt footpaths with Bluestone paving and would like to see every street in the Hoddle Grid covered one day.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne has been progressively upgrading asphalt footpaths in the CBD to bluestone. We are looking at how we can fast track upgrading of the rest of the footpaths to bluestone, but this needs careful funding considerations, given the estimated cost of upgrading the rest of the asphalt footpaths to bluestone is over \$52 million. Our priority remains on ensuring the city footpaths are accessible for all people.</p>

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					<p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
22	Wayne Coles-Janes	Unknown	Feedback only	We have made a number of requests to be become a supplier / consultant for MCC, without response or success.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne has adopted a set of principles that apply whenever procuring goods, works and services under a contractual arrangement. These can be accessed at: https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/business/grants-tenders/tenders/</p> <p>We also have a corporate contract management system that prescribes best practice methodologies in its contract management. The system includes advice, processes and template tender and contract documents to provide guidance to contract managers at all stages of the contract life.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne's procurement policy can be accessed at: https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/business/grants-tenders/tenders/pages/procurement-policy.aspx</p> <p>You are also welcome to access and apply for City of Melbourne grants programs and Melbourne Knowledge Week as possible avenues to be involved in City of Melbourne programs.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>

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23	Ken Atchison	Unknown	Feedback only	<p>The challenge for you is the range of parties involved being business, residents, workers, students and visitors.</p> <p>Spending on infrastructure is fine if the feasibility stacks up. Is technology being provided for new business or education?</p> <p>Fundamental infrastructure rather than construction should be the primary focus.</p> <p>There is evidence of some of this.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback and acknowledging the complexity of stakeholders across our community.</p> <p>The draft Budget is providing a comprehensive support to businesses and in support of attracting and returning both international visitors and students, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for return of International students (Students Welcome event) - Business concierge support program - Neighborhood model for precinct support - Council's open data program to support technology for businesses and education. There are specific neighbourhood plans which also seek to determine the appropriate services and facilities for those precincts. - Keeping our city and streets clean is a major priority for Council with a proposed investment of \$33.6m to achieve this. <p>Council will also seek to deliver a budget which is financially sustainable and in compliance with its own borrowing policy.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
24	Ben Bergman	Unknown	Feedback only	<p>Provide housing for the homeless.</p> <p>Police presence should be increased to minimize vandalism of properties.</p> <p>Council rates are very high and more of these funds should be put towards better security in the CBD.</p> <p>Do not allow the injection centers at Flinders St.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne staff at the City of Melbourne are focused on supporting outreach services and engaging on pathways out of homelessness.</p> <p>We also actively engage with the Victoria Police and local safety committees in relation to any security or vandalism activity to properties.</p>

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					<p>Council is working closely with the Victorian State Government on injection room location options and no decision will be made without appropriate consideration of all community concerns.</p> <p>Having an attractive and clean city is imperative as people return to the CBD in high numbers. The City of Melbourne will double-down on its efforts to keep the city clean, safe and free from graffiti, with a huge \$33.6 million investment. We're expanding our Rapid Response Clean Team to fast-track graffiti removal and doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
25	None	Live	Feedback only	Greenline is a waste of money in this tough economy. I don't want my rates going towards it when people are struggling. Particularly when council is in \$11million worth of debt	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Council budget includes \$40 million for Greenline over the next 12 months to be spent on transforming some 600 meters of the river's edge along Birrarung Marr, implementing the trial floating wetlands and setting up the program for success.</p> <p>As a major city shaping project, Greenline will play a significant role in contributing to the city's post-COVID recovery. The project is forecast to deliver direct benefits valued at up to \$1.2 billion over the next 20 years.</p> <p>In terms of economic benefits, Greenline is positioned to attract additional investment within the corridor and increase commercial and visitor activation, improve amenity and create new connections. Discussions with the State Government about shared funding for Greenline are ongoing, and in addition the newly elected Federal Labor government has pledged a \$20 million contribution to kick start work on Greenline.</p>

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					Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget
26	None	Visit	Feedback only	Spend less on Christmas, a religious event	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>There's no doubt Melbourne is the events capital of Australia and that events are critical to the city's economic recovery. Prior to the pandemic, they attracted almost 30 million visits to Greater Melbourne each year and gave the local economy a \$52 million boost.</p> <p>Our retail, hospitality and other small businesses have told us the most important thing we can do to turbocharge their recovery is drive visitation.</p> <p>By investing in a record year of events, the City of Melbourne is responding to that call.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
27	None	Live	Feedback only	Residents first. Time has changed	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is occurring across the City of Melbourne. In March and April 2022, residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors were consulted on the strengths and concerns for Southbank. This process is revealing opportunities for council to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs, and better communicate our progress on existing work. From this consultation, priorities for Southbank will be developed.</p> <p>Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform council projects with rich insights into the future.</p>

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					<p>New online portals will also enable everyone to keep in touch with local news and information, and share feedback with Council more easily than ever before. The CBD and Kensington portals are already live, and Southbank will be coming online soon. To find out more, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate-neighbourhoods</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
28	None	Live	Feedback only	I feel there's more important things to spend the money on like the homeless food support cleaning the cbd and suburbs and more community services including safety	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne will accelerate its vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality. The \$20 million Make Room project will also see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation.</p> <p>The draft Budget also includes more than \$2 million to ensure rough sleepers have access to food, healthcare and other support services, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Melbourne City Mission and Launch Housing.</p> <p>An additional \$1.4 million will enable Council to strengthen relationships with Community members, and identify and act on the needs of each neighbourhood.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
29	None	Live	Feedback only	Does not recognise that business has changed and the CBD does not exist for business. Need to rethink the CBD. Convert offices to homes.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The draft Budget is focused on delivering essential services for residents, while also supporting city traders.</p>

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					<p>In line with this focus, the City of Melbourne now has dedicated Neighbourhood Partners who will connect with a diverse range of community members to build relationships, understand local priorities, bring people together and support community-led initiatives. Our Business Concierge service will also continue to provide direct assistance and support to city businesses.</p> <p>A new Inclusive Melbourne Strategy was also endorsed in February 2022 which aims to address the barriers to inclusion, amplify the diverse voices within our municipality and support greater participation for Aboriginal peoples, LGBTIQ+ communities, children and young people, older people, women, people with a disability, culturally and linguistically diverse people, international students and people experiencing poverty and homelessness.</p> <p>We are also investing to ensure our city maintains its strengths as both a Central Business District and a Central Entertainment District. This includes a \$33.6 million investment in city safety and cleaning, and to reinforce our status as the nation's events and culture capital, we will be investing a record \$25 million to deliver more events, festivals and activations that entice people into the city. We are also continuing to invest in our vibrant knowledge economy – with more than \$3.4 million for programs and initiatives to drive innovation, create jobs and attract more business.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
30	None	Live	Feedback only	With a growing number of residential ratepayers the capital works program and service priorities remain disproportionately focused on the business sector.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Council works budget includes all works undertaken across the municipality. The decisions that are made take into account the broad needs of residents, businesses and visitors, as well as</p>

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					<p>the specific needs of those that use Council services and facilities. We acknowledge that there can be challenges in getting this right, and we work hard to find the right balance.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
31	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>Good spread of projects Most important issues are already been addressed</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Council works budget includes all works undertaken across the municipality. The decisions that are made take into account the broad needs of residents, businesses and visitors, as well as the specific needs of those that use Council services and facilities. We acknowledge that there can be challenges in getting this right, and we work hard to find the right balance.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
32	None	Visit	Feedback only	Nil comment	No response required.
33	None	Live	Feedback only	The key priorities are relevant and necessary	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The draft Budget seeks to balance the needs across all aspects of our community.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
34	Linda Dugan	None	Feedback only	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to meet, speak, listen, and comment on the Draft Budget of the City of Melbourne Council for Future Melbourne. As a resident of Docklands for 8 years, I am bemused by the opinion that occasional events are seen as the</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Neighborhood planning is occurring across the City of Melbourne. In March and April 2022, residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors were consulted on the strengths and concerns for</p>

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				<p>best way to encourage and increase patronage back to Docklands. I strongly believe that a broader, different vision is required. Docklands needs to be reimagined and repositioned as a destination that visitors and residents want to frequent often, not occasionally. Docklands already has much of the framework for this vision and could easily become a highly desirable destination for all ages, all abilities, and every day of the year,</p>	<p>Docklands. This process is revealing opportunities for council to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs, and better communicate our progress on existing work. From this consultation, priorities for Docklands will be developed.</p> <p>Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform council projects with rich insights into the future.</p> <p>New online portals will also enable everyone to keep in touch with local news and information, and share feedback with Council more easily than ever before. The CBD and Kensington portals are already live, and Docklands will be coming online later in the year. To find out more, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate-neighbourhoods</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
35	None	Study	Feedback only	Council's spending reflects its priorities. The future of the city depends on what is invested in today.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>This budget restores city confidence and continues to invest in Melbourne's momentum. We've designed a budget that delivers on what matters most – making our city cleaner, delivering more events and bringing people back to the city. We're investing to grow our economy beyond pre-pandemic levels and create more jobs, more events and more amenities for our residents, traders and visitors.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>

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36	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>Too much money is being allocated to try to return to the past. More funds should be allocated to making Melbourne liveable for those who DO live here. Removing cars, upgrading cycling paths, encouraging private e-scooter and other personal electric vehicles, enhancing the tram network, etc.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is occurring across the City of Melbourne. In March and April 2022, residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors were consulted on the strengths and concerns for their neighbourhood. This process is revealing opportunities for council to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs, and better communicate our progress on existing work. Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform council projects with rich insights into the future.</p> <p>New online portals will enable everyone to keep in touch with local news and share feedback more easily. To find out more, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate-neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The Transport Strategy 2030 is an important focus for Council.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already completed.</p>

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					<p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
37	Ian Wallis	Unknown	Feedback only	<p>Greenline has no explanation as to what is done (or achieved). I would like to see the Queen Victoria Market retained but upgraded. The proposed increase in rates is reasonable. The deficit and the time to return to surplus are reasonable. \$25 million allocated to events and festivals is reasonable, in my view. I notice bikes and bike paths do not rate a mention, yet there needs to be some expenditure to upgrade existing bike infrastructure (eg, separate bikes and pedestrians at Flemington Bridge station). I could not find a Strategic Objective for the Parks in Melbourne. Royal Park, in particular, is in a degraded condition and in need of a Strategic Objective</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Beyond revamping some underutilised parts of our river's north bank, Greenline has a significant role to play in boosting the local economy and contributing to the city's recovery. More information is available via the draft implementation plan on the Participate Melbourne website.</p> <p>We are committed to our continued investment in the Queen Victoria Market. In December 2021, Councillors endorsed an updated Business Case which reaffirmed that the Market's renewal remains essential in order to address challenges, and realise long-term benefits for traders, the local community and visitors. When complete, the market renewal will see sheds and historic buildings at the market restored to their former glory, with modern facilities to make it safer, greener and more sustainable, for traders, customers and visitors.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the</p>

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					<p>bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year. Council has allocated \$4 million for protected bike lanes in the 2022/23 budget (plus any carry forward funds) and \$4 million in 23/24.</p> <p>While the City of Melbourne progresses with its bike lane rollout, adjustments based on community feedback will continue to be made – more than 100 improvements to bike lanes the network have already been completed.</p> <p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the city.</p> <p>Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>We know how important our parks, gardens and open spaces are to the community, they play an important role in making Melbourne more liveable which is why we're investing \$26.5 million to maintain them. More than \$17.5 million will go towards creating new open space, plus we'll spend \$1.8 million planting 2,400 new trees. We'll choose climate resilient species of trees, ensuring Melbourne's green canopy can better survive drought and heat and continue to cool the city. We'll also improve storm</p>

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					<p>water harvesting across the municipality, collecting water from drains and roads to help irrigate and drought-proof the city's parks and gardens.</p> <p>The planning and management of parks and gardens falls under two strategic objectives: 'Melbourne's unique identity and place' and 'Climate and biodiversity emergency'. The draft Annual Plan 2022-23 provides the priorities under each strategic objective, including that: our environment, parks and waterways are protected, restored and managed well; our built, natural and cultural heritage is protected; biodiversity, habitat, green spaces, water quality and tree canopy cover are increased in the city. Your specific suggestion relating to KPIs for Royal Park upgrades are appreciated and will be considered through the development of the master plan over the coming two years.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
38	Jane Hoiting	Work	Feedback only	Nil comment	No comment required.
39	None	Live	Feedback only	To support a thriving Melbourne community, attention should be moved from a focus on building a facade to cater to all the whims of the international community to helping local residents feel connected, valued, safe and included	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is occurring across the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>In March and April 2022, residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors were consulted on the strengths and concerns for Kensington. This process is revealing opportunities for council to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs, and better communicate our progress on existing work. Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform council projects with rich insights</p>

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					<p>into the future. New online portals will also enable everyone to keep in touch with local news and share feedback more easily.</p> <p>The online portal for Kensington is live now.</p> <p>To find out more, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate-neighbourhoods</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
40	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>Biggest priorities need to be cleanup of graffiti, support/relocation of homeless from the streets, funding for NYE celebrations and the implementation of the greenline initiative. Biggest missed opportunity is to fund/support research and viability of the removal/underground placement of the viaduct railway between Flinders Street and Southern Cross station.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Council works budget investment spans work across the whole community. Decisions factor in all the users of our Council's services and facilities, including the needs of the resident, business, students and visitors. Council reviews the investment carefully and attempts to balance all these needs in a fair and equitable manner.</p> <p>Having an attractive and clean city is imperative as people return to the CBD in high numbers. The City of Melbourne will double-down on its efforts to keep the city clean, safe and free from graffiti, with a huge \$33.6 million investment. As part of this, to keep people safe and crack down on antisocial behaviour, \$5.4 million will be invested into critical safety infrastructure and resources, including \$2 million to improve city lighting in areas such as St Kilda Road and the Yarra River's north bank. We're also expanding our Rapid Response Clean Team to fast-track graffiti removal and doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>Homes Melbourne will accelerate its vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality. The \$20 million Make Room project will also see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation. The</p>

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					<p>draft Budget also includes more than \$2 million to ensure rough sleepers have access to food, healthcare and other support services, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Melbourne City Mission and Launch Housing.</p> <p>In regards to the viaduct railway lines between Flinders St and Southern Cross stations, these are assets that belong to VicTrack. While we agree that it would be a game-changing outcome for the city, funding has been prioritised to projects that are within the control of City of Melbourne</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
41	None	Visit	Feedback only	<p>Because what is important for the city is to support the businesses, residents and visitors. For example there are still more than 500 small businesses at QVM. Their livelihood has been threatened by COVID, but you are offering them nothing here. You've taken away the convenient customer and trader parking and QVM Pty's business model is to prioritise revenue for the company, not support the traditional traders and their customers. Everything in the 'renewal' undermines the traditional - and highly successful - business model of the market. Instead you are prioritising ephemeral events which are unlikely to return (fashion festival) or generic, boring booze fests which do not benefit the market, only the revenue of QVM Pty Ltd.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne is committed to the long term future of the much loved and National Heritage Listed Queen Victoria Market. The city's \$50 million investment in the market renewal this financial year continues to deliver a number of key projects already underway.</p> <p>During the pandemic COVID-19 pandemic, the market and its hundreds of small businesses were supported through significant financial support, including rent relief for the market's hundreds of small businesses.</p> <p>As the market and city return to a sense of normality, large scale events such as the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival and Fashion Festival have all contributed to boosting visitation to the market, as well as local and national publicity. Smaller scale weekend events have also brought the buzz back to the market. Programming a variety of changing offers and events to support the traditional market and reflect the needs of loyal customers and the increasing number of city residents are all identified in the Queen Victoria Market's Future Market Strategy, as key opportunities to supporting the market's recovery and longer-term</p>

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					<p>revitalization.</p> <p>Over the last two years a number of key renewal projects progressed including the restoration of the heritage sheds and completion of a 500 space underground car park for market customers at the Munro site, less than 500 meters from I Shed. Combined with the open air carpark, there are some 1070 customer car parking spaces with traders offered discounted parking in the Munro site.</p> <p>As outlined in the 2015 Master Plan, the market renewal program seeks to preserve and celebrate the market's long history, while investing in safe, efficient and sustainable trader facilities to make day-to-day business operations more viable. Improved customer amenities and facilities, and the creation of new open spaces, will support the market and seek to better meet the needs of this growing part of the city. The benefits of the market renewal program will better position the market precinct to play a more active role in the life of the city and realise its social, economic and community benefits.</p> <p>In December 2021, Councillors endorsed an updated Business Case 2021 which reaffirmed that renewal of the market remains essential to address the challenges, and realise the benefits to the market, local community and broader city community.</p> <p>The market will sit at the heart of vibrant new neighbourhood, surround by new residents and office workers as part of this growing part of the city, bringing new customers to a flourishing market.</p> <p>Your voice is important and we welcome your feedback on all aspects of the renewal. We would also encourage you to sign up for our project updates if you would like to keep up to date with the market renewal project.</p>

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					Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.
42	None	Live	Feedback only	<p>Keeps costs down and provides necessary improvements. However, City of Melbourne still lags behind other councils in providing public facilities for kids to play netball, the most popular team sport for girls. It's great that we have modern, elite facilities nearby such as the State Netball Centre, and the various Rec Centres, but there are few public spaces anywhere in City of Melbourne for girls to safely play or practice in their own time. This stands in stark contrast to the amounts of public space provided for all popular boys' sports.</p> <p>The Budget says it's a Council priority to provide accessible, inclusive female community sports spaces, but this only seems to be delivered via private, hireable facilities, accessible via organised clubs. I encourage City of Melbourne to look to the work done in surrounding councils, and in regions across Australia, where netball has been very well-supported in recent years, and where girls can now often head down to their local school or footy oval to make use of public netball courts and rings whenever they want. The lack of comparable options in City of Melbourne is a brake on the health and physical development of our kids, and girls in particular, who would like to play some netball in their free time if only there was somewhere to do it.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Consistent with Council's major initiative 36 to "Increase and upgrade accessible, inclusive spaces for women in City of Melbourne's sports facilities", efforts are underway to identify future locations for netball rings. The redevelopment of Kensington Community Aquatic Recreation Centre will include provision of three new indoor courts, an increase from one court in the old facility.</p> <p>Additionally in the past 12 months, two new rings were installed in JJ Holland Park and two at Fawkner Park.</p> <p>In 2022-23 additional opportunities to co-locate netball rings with basketball rings will be explored. Future opportunities include installation of netball rings where playgrounds are being renewed, and netball rings are also proposed through the City Road northern undercroft project.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
43	None	None	Feedback only	The draft budget includes a particular item that the Friends of Royal Park, Parkville strongly supports, that is the upgrade to the Royal Park Station Intersection, improving pedestrian, cyclist and tram safety and	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Community feedback provided prior the Budget consultation process has been used to inform future investment in this area.</p>

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				facilitating public transport access to the Zoo, SNHC and Royal Park.	Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.
44	None	Live	Feedback only	Nil comment	No response required.
45	None	Live	Feedback only	I'd like to see more emphasis given to the treatment of widening sidewalks for both wheelchair users and walkers alike. I'd like to see more done for waste recycling/reduction/repair/reuse. I'd like to see more support for the elderly who live at home.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We appreciate your support in keeping our city clean and Council is investing significantly to achieve this outcome. We listened when residents, workers and businesses told us the cleanliness of our streets and spaces and public parks and places was a top priority. So, we're investing a record \$33.7 million – an increase of more than \$5 million on last year - to improve safety, scrub the city clean, eradicate graffiti and double our high-pressure cleaning efforts.</p> <p>More than 96,000m2 of graffiti has been removed in the past year – a 57 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. In March alone, more than 10,000m2 of graffiti was scrubbed from the central city as part of the Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz. Since the start of the blitz, using information and footage supplied by the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police has arrested 20 people in relation to illegal tagging.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, the Rapid Response Clean Team will be expanded to fast-track graffiti removal across the municipality with a further \$1.4 million. We're also doubling our investment in high pressure cleaning.</p> <p>We are also continuing to work on our transport network to ensure there are safe options for everyone coming into and moving around the city.</p> <p>Our Transport Strategy 2030 is expected to deliver \$870 million in economic benefit, and is designed to create safe space for</p>

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					<p>everyone – whether you're travelling by car, bike, public transport or foot.</p> <p>Bike lanes save lives and improve safety for all road users, and this is particularly important as riding and scooting in the city continues to rise, beyond pre-pandemic levels. Major cities around the globe are rolling out safer bike infrastructure and we are on track to complete a protected bike lane program by 2030.</p> <p>This year, popular corridors into the city will be prioritised for bike lanes. While Melburnians find their new rhythm, and because the bike lane rollout in the CBD is ahead of schedule, new lane works within the Hoddle Grid will be temporarily paused – just for next financial year. Council has allocated \$4 million for protected bike lanes in the 2022/23 budget (plus any carry forward funds) and \$4 million in 23/24.</p> <p>Council is also completing a wide range of projects to create more pedestrian-friendly spaces. This includes further work on pedestrianising Little Streets, delivering streetscape improvements, undertaking local area pedestrian safety initiatives, and delivering new pedestrian crossings. We will also invest \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads, signage, lighting and street furniture.</p> <p>We are focused on delivering quality services to support residents, businesses and community groups, but there are also multiple initiatives to enable these groups to support themselves, including:</p> <p>*The Connected Communities Grant program which funds projects that support increased community connection, access and participation. This initiative is delivered working in partnership with schools, community organisations and community groups, Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.</p> <p>*The Business Precinct Program which provides up to \$90,000 in funding support to recognised precinct trader associations -</p>

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					<p>enabling them to undertake activities that support local traders. *Ongoing activations and events delivered within business precincts to stimulate spending and visitation. *A Business Concierge Service to provide assistance and support to existing and new businesses.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Melbourne now has dedicated Neighbourhood Partners who will connect with a diverse range of community members to build relationships, understand local priorities, bring people together and support community-led initiatives. A new Inclusive Melbourne Strategy was also endorsed in February 2022 which aims to address the barriers to inclusion, amplify the diverse voices within our municipality and support greater participation for Aboriginal peoples, LGBTIQ+ communities, children and young people, older people, women, people with a disability, culturally and linguistically diverse people, international students and people experiencing poverty and homelessness.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
46	None	None	None	<p>Youth Street Teams was established to work alongside a suite of responses aimed at making the City of Melbourne a safe place for all. The model was developed from discussions between the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police and The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 in response to concerns over the vulnerability, safety and excessive drinking of young people in Melbourne's CBD at night. Local knowledge, backed up by statistics collected by Ambulance Victoria, hospital admissions and Victoria Police, identified an increase in alcohol-affected incidents for young people on Friday and Saturday nights and nights preceding a public holiday. We are wondering if it would be possible for The City</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne supports funding the Salvation Army's proposal to reintroduce Youth Street Teams (YST) in Melbourne CBD.</p> <p>Youth Street Teams was established in 2010 to work alongside a suite of responses aimed at making the City of Melbourne a safe place for all. The model was developed from discussions between the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police and The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 in response to concerns over the vulnerability, safety and excessive drinking of young people in Melbourne's CBD at night. Local knowledge, backed up by statistics collected by Ambulance Victoria, hospital admissions</p>

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				of Melbourne to make a contribution towards the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams in the City of Melbourne on Friday and Saturday nights? We believe that this program would once again help to ensure the safety of young people who are accessing the City of Melbourne for entertainment purposes. Assistant Commissioner Brett Curran from Victoria Police has also indicated his willingness to support the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams program.	and Victoria Police, identified an increase in alcohol-affected incidents for young people on Friday and Saturday nights and nights preceding a public holiday. Funding ceased in 2020 and due to Covid was not recommitted. With Council working diligently to attract people of all ages back to enjoy the night time offer of the CBD, YST offer a level of perceived and actual safety and support to young people who chose to come and have fun in and be entertained by what the city at night time has to offer Recommendation: A change to Budget is recommended to support the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams
47	None	Own a business	Feedback only	Another great balance between fiscal responsibility and much needed economic stimulus for SMEs.	Comment: Thank you for your feedback. The draft Budget seeks to balance the needs across all aspects of our community in a fiscally responsible manner. Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.
48	None	Live	Feedback only	There are many things that need doing in the CoM rather than starting new plans. My main issue with this budget is the complete waste of money on this Highline project. How about implementing the City Road Masterplan completely. There are many worth projects that have been 'planned' and then slipped by the way side for no reason. CoM is larger than the CBD and it's too often the only focus	Comment: Thank you for your feedback. The Council budget includes \$40 million for Greenline over next twelve months to be spent on transforming some 600 meters of the river's edge along Birrarung Marr, implementing the trial floating wetlands and setting up the program for success. As a major city shaping project, Greenline will play a significant role in contributing to the city's post-COVID recovery. The project is forecast to deliver direct benefits valued at up to \$1.2 billion over the next 20 years. In terms of economic benefits, Greenline is positioned to attract additional investment within the corridor

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					<p>and increase commercial and visitor activation, improve amenity and create new connections.</p> <p>Discussions with the State Government about shared funding for Greenline are ongoing, and in addition the newly elected Federal Labor government has pledged a \$20 million contribution to kick start work on Greenline.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
49	None	Own a business	Feedback only	<p>We congratulate the City on preparing a comprehensive and progressive budget for Melbourne as we emerge and flourish after the lockdowns of 2021/2022.</p> <p>Our residents and workers have a daily interaction with Southbank Boulevard, especially the section between City Road and Queensbridge Square. We thank the city for including “Acquiring and developing the concept design and community engagement for new open space in Southbank” in the Action Plan. We are disappointed to find no reference to consultation, design or works to upgrade Queensbridge Square. This area is in need of revitalisation and the design and traffic bottlenecks around the Red Steps in Queensbridge Square present comfort and safety risks to our current and future residents and workers.</p> <p>Can the city please include the commencement of works to improve Queensbridge Square in the Action Plan for 2022/2023 please?</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The action to acquire and develop the concept design and community engagement for new open space in Southbank is a proposal to acquire land for a new public open space in Southbank. It is not specific to Southbank Boulevard.</p> <p>Once a site is confirmed, the community and stakeholders will be invited to engage on the design of the new park.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the draft Budget</p>
50	Rosie King	None	Feedback only	<p>Royal Park is considered by the Victorian Netball community as our “spiritual home” having been the location of our netball competitions for nearly 100 years.</p> <p>We are actively encouraging our employees and</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We are pleased to see such growth in demand for netball in the City of Melbourne and it's great that Netball Victoria has been able to assist in meeting community demand at the State Netball</p>

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				<p>community to access the center via public transport where possible. As such we strongly support the inclusion in the Council's 2022-23 Budget of the amount of \$750,000 for Item 22B1371N - Poplar Road Pedestrian Crossing under Infrastructure – Roads.</p> <p>We also support the Council seeking matching funding from the State Government for this long-awaited measure.</p>	<p>and Hockey center.</p> <p>Improved access to public transport infrastructure will further assist in supporting the community in accessing these important community facilities.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
51	Andrew Lowcock	None	None	<p>The Property Council of Australia provides feedback on the draft Budget 22/23 in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate Increase • Infrastructure spend • Shopfront activation program • Invest Melbourne • International student return • CBD population and affordable housing • Progress to net zero Building and New Energy infrastructure 	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback. The City of Melbourne values its relationship with the Property Council of Australia and is grateful for its considered response to the City's draft budget.</p> <p>Thank you for your support regarding Shopfront Activation Program, which seek to contribute to the reduction in the retail vacancy rate that at the height of the COVID impacts, was in excess of 20 per cent. To date, this program has seen more than 70 stores activated in some way shape or form and in many cases there are difficult retail premises to activate. Recently we celebrated the opening/activation of five shops in Howey Place, a Melbourne historical laneway.</p> <p>Invest Melbourne values its engagement with the Property Council. We greatly appreciate your support for Invest Melbourne and our CEO, Peter Armstrong, regularly advises the City of Melbourne that there is very strong and productive collaboration occurring between Invest Melbourne and the Property Council on matters such as vacancy rates, affordable, social housing and information sharing, which we greatly appreciate.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne will continue to work with State Government (Study Melbourne, Jobs Victoria) and other key stakeholders including purpose built student accommodation and the Property Council to connect international students to casual and professional work; and run/support other initiatives that will</p>

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					<p>improve demand for housing, the flow of jobs and consumption for which the student market is responsible, migration and the broader economy.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne participates in the Employer Roundtable on international student employment, and will appreciate the opportunity to be involved with the Victorian Education Committee and the Student Accommodation Council.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne's Director of Climate Change and City Resilience, Tiffany Crawford, met with the Property Council on Monday 20 June 2022 and looks forward to engaging with the Property Council in the zero carbon building space. We note the Property Council's interest in collaborating on retrofitting commercial buildings in the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne appreciates the Property Council's encouragement on the establishment of Power Melbourne. The City of Melbourne will continue to build on its commitment to combat climate change and move towards net zero emissions with a \$650,000 investment in the landmark Power Melbourne project – creating a neighbourhood scale battery network to supply renewable energy to the community. Work in the coming year will focus on engaging with the community, as well as designing and funding the first batteries in partnership with the private sector. We look forward to the involvement of the Property Council in this engagement.</p> <p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
52	Leanne Edwards	None	Feedback only	<p>Committee for Melbourne provides feedback on the draft Budget 22/23 in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Economy 	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne values its relationship with the Committee for Melbourne and the work it has undertaken on the</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and sustainability • Liveability and Urban Optimisation 	<p>Benchmarking Melbourne report. The suggestions that flow from that report align with the direction articulated in Council's annual plan and budget.</p> <p>The Economic Development Strategy 2031 identifies a number of key areas for the city to focus its attention, and will lead to the development of several initiatives to support our long term economic outcomes.</p> <p>The establishment of Invest Melbourne will focus on attracting domestic and international businesses to the City of Melbourne in partnership with government, priority sectors and key stakeholders such as the Committee for Melbourne.</p> <p>Importantly, Council's strategy also recognises the importance of our education sector, the value of the many international students who choose Melbourne as a place to study and work, and the upcoming activities that will drive the development of our innovation ecosystems to remain globally competitive.</p> <p>Projects such as Greenline, Queen Victoria Market renewal and broader advocacy efforts to increase the city's connectivity, all contribute to a strong, welcoming and inclusive place to live, work and visit.</p> <p>Likewise, the establishment of Homes Melbourne will accelerate vital work to improve housing access and affordability across the municipality, including the \$20 million Make Room project that will see the conversion of a Council-owned building into safe and supported accommodation.</p> <p>The success of these key focus areas in 2022-23 will be determined by the collective efforts of many of our key partners. As the city continues to evolve, we value the views and contributions of Committee for Melbourne and look forward to continuing to work together.</p>

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					<p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>
53	Felicia Mariani	None	Feedback only	<p>The Victoria Industry Tourism Council (VTIC) provides feedback on the draft Budget 22/23 in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Melbourne • Visitor Servicing • QVM • Greenline • International Students • Creative industries • Invest Melbourne • Parklets 	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>As the state's dedicated peak body and leading advocate for tourism and events industry, the City of Melbourne deeply appreciates the Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC)'s response to its draft budget and VTIC's ongoing contribution to our visitor economy sector.</p> <p>The establishment of Experience Melbourne will focus on showcasing all of the unique attributes of Melbourne to drive visitation and spend whilst providing a warm welcome to the City through our visitor servicing team.</p> <p>Separately through the creation of the M9 group, that brings together nine councils in the immediate proximity to City of Melbourne, we will collaborate on tourism initiative that impact Greater Melbourne.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne's draft budget contains an investment of more than \$3.5m for delivering our visitor services and we seek to continually improve these services in particular in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in 2026.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne has recently undertaken a recruitment drive to increase its volunteer base to ensure we are well placed to service visitors as they return to the city post COVID-19.</p> <p>As a key stakeholder of the Visitor Economy Community, the City of Melbourne looks forward to continuing to engage closely with VTIC on the city's recovery.</p>

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					<p>Recommendation: The issues raised in the feedback have already been addressed and is included in the draft Budget. No change recommended.</p>

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No.	Name	Connection to city	Feedback or request to speak	Feedback	Response to feedback and management recommendations
1		Resident		I would like to know if this is an additional charge. Unsure if this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing and do not believe there is enough information supplied.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year, the City of Melbourne is planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time. To achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill waste reduction and improved recycling outcomes will be the primary focus.</p> <p>The waste charge is not an additional charge. Waste charges were previously included in the total of an overall rates notice – however the specific costs for waste were not visible to ratepayers.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022–23 rates notices. This is a fairer and more transparent model and brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils.</p> <p>It will provide ratepayers with a clearer picture of what they're paying for. It means those who don't receive a waste collection service will no longer pay for something they don't use.</p> <p>It allows us to do nothing more than recover costs and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>Making this change will help us deliver necessary new services in line with new Victorian Government legislation – and is a fairer way of recovering costs for waste collection and keeping our city clean.</p> <p>We would value your input into how this can be achieved and we encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p>

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					Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022–23 financial year for future changes to the charge.
2		Resident		You are assuming everyone has access to online discussion. Disagrees the model is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and doesn't believe there is enough information.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year, the City of Melbourne is planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time. To achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill waste reduction and improved recycling outcomes will be the primary focus.</p> <p>We would value your input into how this can be achieved and we encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022–23 financial year for future changes to the charge.</p>
3		Resident		Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	No response required.
4		Resident		Why you think it is fair. You base the whole charge on the value of the property. A scheme based on value of a house will discourage people to reduce waste as the charge will remain the same for lots or little rubbish. Disagrees the model is fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees there was enough information.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In 2021-22, waste costs contributed to roughly 12 per cent of the rates bill for residential ratepayers at the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>By itemising waste costs, this is a fairer and more transparent model that brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils. The Waste Charge allows Council to do nothing more than recover costs, and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year, the City of Melbourne is planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time. To</p>

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					<p>achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill waste reduction and improved recycling outcomes will be the primary focus.</p> <p>We would value your input into how this can be achieved and we encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022–23 financial year for future changes to the charge.</p>
5		Worker		<p>What I can and can't recycle. Unsure if this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and doesn't believe there is enough information.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Recycling correctly is key to achieving a more circular economy and minimising landfill waste.</p> <p>For more information regarding what can go in your recycling bin, please visit the City of Melbourne website. https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/Pages/a-z-waste-disposal.aspx</p> <p>Recommendation No change to the Budget</p>
6		Resident		<p>I thought waste management was funded by rates? Will there be concessions for people living in small townhouses without gardens. Unsure if this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and doesn't believe there is enough information</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In 2021-22, waste costs contributed to roughly 12 per cent of the rates bill for residential ratepayers at the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>By itemising waste costs, this is a fairer and more transparent model that brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils. The Waste Charge allows Council to do nothing more than recover costs, and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year, we are planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time. To achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill waste reduction and improved recycling outcomes will be the primary focus.</p>

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					<p>We would value your input into how this can be achieved and we encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p> <p>Please note rates concessions are available for eligible ratepayers with a Centrelink Pensioner concession card, Repatriation Health Card – War widow and TPI, Veteran Affairs Gold Card - Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA), and Prisoners of War (POW) Gold Card.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022-23 financial year for future changes to the charge</p>
7		Resident	<p>Show some examples/case studies/calculations to demonstrate how different types of households will be affected, whether their costs will go up and down, and what the new bills will look like. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p> <p>Previously, all ratepayers were paying for Council's waste service, regardless of whether they received the service or not. This meant that some ratepayers were subsidising others.</p> <p>We are making this change now to make waste charges fairer and more transparent. In the 2022-23 financial year, we are planning to undertake a more detailed and focussed consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time.</p>	

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8		Resident	<p>How will council deal with the practical issues of increasing number of bins - i.e. green waste bins making our streets visually ugly, people often don't have enough space to store 3 bins and the result is they sit on the street or footpath. Disagrees the model is fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees there was enough information.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bin storage and collection in the City of Melbourne is different to most other councils. We are working hard to find innovative solutions to minimise the impact of bins in the public realm and waste collection trucks in our streets. The Victorian Government's new Recycling Victoria Policy has mandated a standardized four-bin system for all councils by 2030. The fourth bin is separated glass.</p> <p>Unfortunately this service is not particularly suitable for the City of Melbourne, and may create amenity issues like those you have raised.</p> <p>Communal drop off areas for items including glass, and small on-site processing units in high rise properties for organics waste are currently in development to minimise individual bins lining our streets. This work is ongoing, and we will be seeking community input to best manage this important issue in the next six months.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year we are planning to undertake more detailed and focussed consultation to that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time.</p> <p>To achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2023, incentives aimed at landfill reduction and improved recycling will be the primary focus. We would value your input into how this can be achieved and encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p>	

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9		Resident		<p>Why base the household charge on property value not volume of waste generated. Just stick with concessions being charged the \$150 irrespective of property value. I realise how difficult it is to measure volume generated and expect nothing can change. Disagrees the model is fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees there was enough information.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The waste charge is not an additional charge. Waste charges were previously included in the total of an overall rates notice – but the specific costs for waste were not visible to ratepayers.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne has made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022–23 rates notices. This is a fairer and more transparent model and brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils.</p> <p>It will provide ratepayers with a clearer picture of what they're paying for. It allows us to do nothing more than recover costs and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>In the 2022-23 financial year, we are planning to undertake more detailed and focussed consultation to that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time.</p> <p>To achieve our targets within the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill reduction and improved recycling will be the focus. We would value your input into how this can be achieved and encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022-23 financial year for future changes to the charge</p>
10		Resident		<p>What do you mean by</p> <p>"We are transitioning to a user model which will enable Council to better ensure people can pay for the services they use. It brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian municipalities." Disagrees the model is fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and does not agree there was enough information.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In 2021-22, waste costs contributed to roughly 12 per cent of the rates bill for residential ratepayers.</p> <p>By itemising waste costs, this is a fairer and more transparent model that brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils. A user model simply means that if you a resident that receives a waste service, you will be charged for it. Previously, some residents who didn't receive the service were subsidising others.</p>

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11	Resident		<p>Survey answers only Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p> <p>Previously, all ratepayers were paying for Council's waste service, regardless of whether they received the service or not. This meant that some ratepayers were subsidising others.</p> <p>We are making this change now to make waste charges fairer and more transparent.</p>

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12	Resident		Would like to know more about hard waste days/service. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne's hard waste service allows for residents to book one free hard waste collection each year.</p> <p>If you live in a high rise building, you can ask your building manager to book a collection for you.</p> <p>For more information, please visit the City of Melbourne's website. Insert link</p> <p>Recommendation No change to the Budget</p>
13	Resident		Why should someone with a property value of \$510,000 have to pay \$378 more than twice someone with property value of \$505,000? This is very unfair. There should be more bands or a % charge on value like rates so people with low value properties do not have an excessive charge where as people with \$m plus properties pay proportionately less than poor people. Disagrees that this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p> <p>Previously, all ratepayers were paying for Council's waste service, regardless of whether they received the service or not. This meant that some ratepayers were subsidising others.</p> <p>By transitioning to a user model this will enable Council to ensure people are paying for what they are using.</p> <p>We are making this change now to make waste charges fairer and more transparent. In the 2022-23 financial year, we are planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation</p>

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			<p>so that we can develop and improve the waste charge overtime.</p> <p>To achieve the targets within the Waste and resource Recovery Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill reduction will be the primary focus. We would value your input into how this can be achieved and we encourage you to participate in the future consultation process.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget - opportunity to consult 2022-23 financial year for future changes to the charge</p>
14	Resident	<p>I believe the waste charge is relatively unfair. Waste is generated by individuals and not properties in the main. Chargers should be by capitation not valuation of property. eg an apartment dweller generates as much waste as a house owner who lives alone. A restaurant which has a clientele of say 100 a day should pay a proportion of 100 rather than the valuation of the property. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p> <p>Previously, all ratepayers were paying for Council's waste service, regardless of whether they received the service or not. This meant that some ratepayers were subsidising others.</p> <p>By transitioning to a user model this will enable Council to ensure people are paying for what they are using.</p> <p>We are making this change now to make waste charges fairer and more transparent. In the 2022-23 financial year we are planning to undertake more detailed and focused consultation so that we can develop and improve the waste charge over time. To achieve our targets within the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030, incentives aimed at landfill reduction and improved recycling will be the primary focus. We would</p>

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17		Resident	<p>As rates are based on a % basis and there is only a 2-tier waste charge, the remainder results in various levels of contribution to all other council services. Unsure if this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and doesn't believe there is enough information</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In 2021–22, waste costs contributed, to over 12 per cent of the rates bill for residential ratepayers at the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>The Waste Charge allows Council to do nothing more than recover costs, and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>This is a fairer and more transparent model and brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils.</p> <p>The cost to provide the residential waste and recycling collection and processing services for the 2022/23 is approximately \$20m annually, which includes all education.</p> <p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p> <p>Previously, all ratepayers were paying for Council's waste service, regardless of whether they received the service or not. This meant that some ratepayers were subsidising others.</p> <p>By transitioning to a user model this will enable Council to</p>

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18		Resident		<p>Survey answers only. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Recommendation: No Change to budget</p>
19		Resident		<p>What does waste charge covers. Is unsure this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>We have made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p>

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20		Resident		Survey answers only. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	No response required.
21		Resident		<p>This change does nothing to reduce waste which is what we really need i.e. incentives for less wasteful consumption, more circular economy. I'd like to know what is council doing about that.</p> <p>Also given the goal if transparency in waste collection costs, why not some calibration for peeps who do not put out bins very often. E.g. bar codes on bins could be used.</p> <p>Ok good to find you are coming to this next :-)</p> <p>Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Waste charges were previously included in an overall rates notice total, but the charges were not visible.</p> <p>The City of Melbourne has made the decision to itemise waste costs, which means a Municipal Waste Charge will be listed as a separate item on 2022-23 rates notices.</p> <p>This brings the City of Melbourne into line with 73 other Victorian municipalities which separate waste services costs from general rates - yes, we're one of the last to do this.</p> <p>The primary objective is to clearly show the costs associated with waste collection.</p>

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22		Resident		<p>Cost of waste, contamination rates vs cost of education. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and does not agree enough information was supplied.</p>	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>In 2021–22, waste costs contributed, to over 12 per cent of the rates bill for residential ratepayers at the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>The Waste Charge allows Council to do nothing more than recover costs, and this is audited by the Essential Services Commission on behalf of the Victorian Government.</p> <p>This is a fairer and more transparent model and brings the City of Melbourne in line with 73 other Victorian councils.</p> <p>The cost to provide the residential waste and recycling collection and processing services for the 2022/23 is approximately \$20m annually, which includes all education.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change to the Budget</p>

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23		Resident		Survey answers only. Unsure if this is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and doesn't believe there is enough information	Comment: No response required. Recommendation: No change to the Budget
24		Business Owner		Survey answers only. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	Comment: No response required Recommendation: No change to the Budget
25		Resident		I live next door to the MCG and I would like to know who pays for waste collection on big event days including the tennis centre. This includes the street bins which are always full on these days. It should not be the rate payers. It should be the event organiser. Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and agrees enough information was supplied.	Comment: Thank you for your feedback. The MCG and Tennis Centre manage all of their own waste, including costs. Public litter bins outside of the MCG grounds are managed by the City of Melbourne. Additional bins are put in place at the event sites by the event organisers at their cost for these large crowd events. Recommendation: No change to the Budget
26		Resident		Survey answers only Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and does not agree enough information was supplied.	Comment: No response required. Recommendation: No change to the Budget
27		Resident		Survey answers only Agrees is a fairer way to fund waste and cleansing services and does not agree enough information was supplied.	Comment: No response required. Recommendation: No change to the Budget

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47	None		Feedback only	55
48	None		Feedback only	56
49	None		Feedback only	57
50	Rosie King		Feedback only	58
51	Andrew Lowcock		None	59
52	Leanne Edwards		Feedback only	79
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Tell us why?

You're not spending enough money on protected bike lanes.

There should be one on every major street within the next twenty years. No exceptions!

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

Yes, I have participated in a City of Melbourne consultation once or twice before today

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled in June 2022?

Yes

Please indicate if you would like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in person or via a virtual link (Zoom).

In person

I have read and acknowledged how Council will use and disclose my personal information.

Yes

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Tell us why?

Reducing car use and increasing active transport, as well as greening our streets and buildings, are key. They are here in the budget, but no way near enough.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a worker

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Parkville (3052)

What is your age?

50-54 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Born overseas

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Tell us why?

Not enough money allocated to creating more active transport infrastructure and transforming road spaces into linear parks

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

North Melbourne (3051)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

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Tell us why?

Not enough money for planning and delivering high-quality cycling infrastructure

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

25-29 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Tell us why?

Getting people and businesses back to Melbourne should be the focus.

I live in Southbank and work in the CBD the streets need to be cleaned up as a priority. We need the homeless and the crime removed or people won't visit an unsafe city.

Another issue is the heavy vehicles on the streets around the Casino, Tan, Tennis Center & MCG. This is so dangerous with all of the foot traffic. These trucks need to be rerouted a safer way.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Virtual link (Zoom)

First Name

Bronwyn

Last Name

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Tell us why?

too much info, need a point form document rather than 186 pages.

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I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

65-69 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Born overseas

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Richard

Last Name

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Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee

23 June 2022

Subject: Submission on City of Melbourne Budget 2022-23

Purpose: To outline the perspectives of Southbank3006, as a resident community group based in Postcode 3006, on the City of Melbourne 2022-2023 Budget and Strategy for the period.

Context:

Southbank3006's focus is to bring together the Southbank community, improve the culture and liveability of our neighbourhood and align local needs with council and state government support.

Southbank is one of the most densely populated suburbs in Melbourne but doesn't have enough public space for people. The City of Melbourne's [Open Space Strategy](#) recommends 21 square metres of public open space per resident. In Southbank. Currently there are roughly 2.5 square metres per resident. But with the increasing population density envisaged that ratio of open space per person is only going to shrink going forward.

Key Issues in the 2022-2023 Budget we wish to address:

Issue 1 - Open Space - some low hanging fruit to improve liveability in Southbank3006

1. Today's challenge is to how to increase by nine-fold the amount of open space in Southbank from that which exists today on today's population. BUT the real challenge is that if the projected population densities for Southbank eventuated this would require an eighteen-fold increase from what exists today.
2. This then is the real target that the Council needs to plan and budget for otherwise it is just going backwards not even treading water in the provision of public open space.
3. This demands creative and innovative solutions. Remembering that the Southbank Blvd project basically repurposed existing open space rather than adding to the net open space in Southbank.
4. Accordingly, Southbank3006 welcomes the commitment to Pocket Parks is a great first step to move away from big bang projects.
5. The \$31m of levies, and growing, collected from developers to date for additional open space needs to be better targeted going forward. There has been minimal expenditure on its hypothecated purpose of creating additional open space, the purpose for which developers are paying the levy.

In the 2022/23 budget year Southbank3006 urges Council to allocate part of the \$17m earmarked for open space acquisition in the budget to some easy low hanging fruit that will improve the liability of the area and meet what people are asking for. Projects such as:

- i. Converting the area alongside the ACCA from a desolate wasteland of granitic sand area into a grassed Dog Park accessible for residents across Southbank Village, the Arts Precinct and Kavanagh Street. This can be done without compromising the structural integrity of the Citilink Tunnel.
- ii. Immediately construct the linear park in Dodds St covering the area from Southbank Blvd to Grant St. This area can then be used not only as a site for Community Art installations but also open it up for an and weekly Farmers Market in conjunction with the University of Melbourne to meet the needs of residents, students, local workers, and University staff. This was always a part of the "concept plan". Delivering this would build community and the social development of the neighbourhood.

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- iii. Bring the Southbank Blvd project to a conclusion (the section from Sturt St to City Road) and then cease further work until the STH BNK by Beulah development is completed.

Issue 2 - Neighbourhood and Economic Development

In the 2022/23 budget year Southbank3006 urges Council to allocate budget resources to neighbourhood development and economic revitalisation in Southbank. A visible and simple project to achieve this would involve:

- i. Council's Activation of the Southbank Blvd by establishing an annual Southbank Carnival recognising the areas diversity bringing people together and out of their vertical villages. This event will form part of both the Council's neighbourhood strategies but also its wider economic development strategy. This event needs to be a Council led and funded as an annual event with the first event scheduled for late 2022.
- ii. Southbank3006 will work with the Council's events team to make this a reality. Such an event would focus not only neighbourhood attention by enable the arts community and those who work in the area to be brought together. It could become a feature of the Council's annual calendar.

Issue 3 - Traffic Management Planning and revisiting the City Road MasterPlan

1. In 2022-23 budget Southbank3006 urges council to ensure that there is a fully funded Traffic Management Plan for Southbank3006 before committing to the City Rd Masterplan. We need to have a plan that recognises and manages the major arterial nature of City Rd, addresses the "rat runs" between St Kilda Rd and Sturt St and the Westgate/M1.
2. The traffic studies on which the City Road Master Plan is based are 9 years old and predate the MAPT, increased HGV traffic volumes diverted from the tunnel, Australia 108, and the STH BNK by Beulah development. Time has moved on and so should the City Rd Master Plan
3. Rethinking the "need" for and focus of the City Road Master Plan should be a priority in 2022-23. Potentially much of the capital earmarked for this small section of road can be deployed to address resident needs for low traffic neighbourhoods across all residential areas of Southbank. This will ensure that the priority for these areas is enabling pedestrian and bike movement to occur in a safer environment.

Recommendation:

That the Future Melbourne (Planning Committee) adopt the proposals set out in this submission and engage Southbank3006, in relation to Open Space initiatives for 2022-23, activation of Southbank Blvd to achieve Neighbourhood and Economic Development, and formulation of an fully funded Traffic Management plan for all of Southbank.

David Hamilton
President
Southbank3006

14 June 2022

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Tell us why?

The focus on food relief and food systems is so needed as we respond to and recover from the pandemic

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am the Director of The Community Grocer

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Tell us why?

We need to go faster in Public transport.

Food sourcing needs to be prioritised. More markets like QVM are needed in Docklands/Fisherman's Bend areas

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I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

Speak a language other than English at home

Born overseas

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Last Name

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Tell us why?

There is too much focus on bringing people from outside the CoM into it. There is not enough focus on us the residence that live here and need things.

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Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

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None of these

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Tell us why?

Cleaning up of Melbourne city will bring our pride back of being Melburnians love to see it happen as I'm very Proud of our city

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a worker

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

50-54 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Tell us why?

was shocked to see on channel 7 news more money being spent on christmas decorations than feeding the homeless. would love to hear an explanation of this and some justification as honestly it is quite embarrassing as a Melbournian.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a visitor

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Prefer not to answer

What is your age?

20-24 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

Bicycle lanes are very important as is pedestrian access

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

Live middle park work in parkville - shop cbd

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Parkville (3052)

What is your age?

55-59 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Tell us why?

Great to see the green line and investment in cleaning and facilities for residents

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

West Melbourne (3003)

What is your age?

30-34 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

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Tell us why?

I am a resident who pays City Council rate. I find that people get paid without any accountability and/or doing the jobs properly (or below mediocre). For example, since the pandemic, City of Melbourne created jobs – people (Spotless) who walk around in the city to wipe those traffic lights buttons, bicycle rails etc. How effective is this?

Also, so much waste and rubbish on the streets, e.g. A'Beckett Street near RMIT precinct where the Metro Tunnel project bases, Victoria Market area, A'Beckett Street/Queen Street, Elizabeth Street/Lt Lonsdale, Swanston/Lonsdale, Swanston/La Trobe, where the rubbish stay there for days. Now, City of Melbourne also wants to double down by 'wasting' almost \$5 million more than last year to do this.

Keep the city clean and safe with a huge \$33.6 million investment is good. I want to ask, instead of fixing the problem (root cause), you are throwing good money at the problem, e.g. how much graffiti you can keep spending money to remove where you can use CCTV to fine people who do that.

You get bicycle (delivery)/e-scooter who do not disembark but they ride on pedestrian pathway and ride in a confined area such as area at A'Beckett Street near RMIT precinct where the Metro Tunnel project bases. It is so dangerous to walk on the pedestrian pathway.

With all the community festivals and events created, some are good, some are costly. People who attend those events do not necessarily spend on other to boost the local businesses in the city, look at how many café/restaurants/hospitality spots have been closed. The people come to the city, attend the events, and create more waste in the city because they do not live in City of Melbourne. All these are funded by ratepayers who do not necessarily get to enjoy all but bear the costs when others come and create the mess. When City of Melbourne says create jobs, for whom?

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Speak a language other than English at home

Born overseas

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

Prefer not to say

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Tell us why?

I do not agree with your transport changes, and ongoing plans in the City. You have ruined our vibrant city. I also do not agree with Sally Capp's personal ideas such as the copy of Highline park, or the Yarra wetlands ideas. Sally is not a town planner but thinks she is, and is using the funds to attain personal goals.

The traffic changes made this far are plain dangerous to bike riders (30cm wide bike lanes wedged in where they cant fit, or full lane width bike lanes meaning cars, trucks, delivery vans, fire engines, rubbish trucks all share one very tight lane is dangerous, ridiculous and poorly thought out. In Collins St if you need to get out of your car due to a breakdown, car accident, fire, you are physically trapped in the drivers side by a high concrete barrier (too high to open slot of car doors) and a glass wall, it is unbelievable what you've done! And God forbid emergency services such as fire engines need to attend to a city building. The whole (1) lane is then just blocked off, or you're trapped, you can't go wide or move around them because of what you've done, its criminal, and its a matter of time until you are majorly sued when it costs lives. We are not France or Sweden, where cars are not viable in the City. Most of the residential buildings in our city have carparking, think about how unliveable you're making the City for its residents?

And the Yarra islands, my god go and take a look st the stink pit the Yarra is, so rather than clean it up, lets add all these obstacles for boats and water craft, and so that we can look at the rubbish stuck around the islands, just idiotic.

Look at the homelessness. You've helped make the City s ghetto.

I own several properties in the CBD, and work there, and Capps team will not get my votes again. Ever. Worst mayor we've ever had!

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

45-49 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

There needs to be more money for active transport, more cycle lanes, better and wider footpaths and less cars/trucks

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a worker

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

Not sure

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Tell us why?

I wish Melbourne would take the approach of other world-leading cities and transform the city for walkability and active transport, reducing cars. Melbourne should significantly raise the price of car parking. As a homeowner, why should I only have to pay \$46 dollars for a parking permit that is actually worth several thousands? Melbourne should raise more from car parking, invest in car-free streets everywhere (especially in the CBD) and create permanent bike lanes. I don't even ride a bike, but I would like my young kids to grow up in a more pedestrian friendly city and be able to safely get around without a car.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

In general the budget is adequate and well focused, however there is one glaring omission: it completely ignores the fact that Melbourne city is a thoroughfare. All roads lead to it and through it. For a paltry 5 hours there is no gridlock (9.30am to 2.30pm). Otherwise you can safely assume it will add 1/2 hour to traverse the city. Being a resident in Carlton, I have to plan my day which has shrunk to these times. There is no visible acknowledgment that this has certainly reduced accessibility and livability in Melbourne.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

75+ years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Born overseas

Person with a disability

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

Too much focus on maintaining/expanding City services in place of supporting community and business to help itself.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I own a business

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Tell us why?

It goods to see projects to improve facilities and attractions. As I walk a lot within the CBD I particular like the program which is replacing asphalt footpaths with Bluestone paving and would like to see every street in the Hoddle Grid covered one day.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a worker

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

60-64 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Person with a disability

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Previously we have made a number of requests to become a supplier / consultant for MCC, without response.

We applied for review of all the applications made over covid and the 100% rejection rate.

We have noted that there was “misinterpretation” of our applications, incorrect assessment of ABN details, and lack of consultation in relation to the various misunderstandings.

In other rejected applications MCC suggested and implied that MAV is the appropriate organisation to seek support for creatives and their projects.

- unfortunately we do produce international Award Winning programs that feature “non anglos”, brown, yellow and black people. Governments, Art organisations and festivals around the globe do not have the same bias and nepotism found here.

- We note that a number of films look at the impact of RIO TINTO’s overseas operations and the human rights and environment impact. Rio Tinto is Headquartered in Melbourne.

Fast facts on support for business:

- **\$33.7 million for events, festivals and creative industry**
- **\$1 million for Invest Melbourne**
- **\$1 million for Precinct Associations**
- **\$730,000 for Business Concierge**
- **\$500,000 to waive permit fees for outdoor dining and busking**

We look forward in hearing from you.

Kind regards

Wayne Coles-Janess

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Dear Melbourne City Council

The challenge for you is the range of parties involved being business, residents, workers, students and visitors.

Spending on infrastructure is fine if the feasibility stacks up.
With the excess arising from the state government explosion that would be challenging.
Costs are rising significantly.

Most effective are policies which ensure barriers for each component are dealt with and provide for delivery by other sectors.

Are tertiary institutions able to provide for international students?

Are businesses able to accommodate changing working environments?

Are facilities available in the precincts for residences?

Are streets and buildings clean?

Is technology being provided for new business or education?

Fundamental infrastructure rather than construction should be the primary focus.

There is evidence of some of this.

Finally is there a sound debt serving plan in place?

Regards

Ken Atchison

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Provide housing for the homeless .

Police presence should be increased to minimize vandalism of properties .

Council rates are very high and more of these funds should be put towards better security in the CBD.

Do not allow the state government to provide "safe" ??? injection centers at Flinders St , the gateway to the CBD . This has the effect of attracting drug dealers to the vicinity. The unfortunate people in the grip of drug addiction need to be treated near hospitals outside city centers .

The public avoid going into the once beautiful , safe city of Melbourne because of the unsavoury characters that have taken over the city streets.

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Tell us why?

Greenline is a waste of money in this tough economy. I don't want my rates going towards it when people are struggling. Particularly when council is in \$11million worth of debt.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Tell us why?

Spend less on Christmas, a religious event.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a visitor

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

30-34 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

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Residents first. Time has changed

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Carlton (3053)

What is your age?

55-59 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

Person with a disability

Carer

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I feel there's more important things to spend the money on like the homeless food support cleaning the cbd and suburbs and more community services including safety

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Does not recognise that business has changed and the CBD does not exist for business. Need to rethink the CBD. Convert offices to homes.

Also recognise that being WOKE is costing the city both money and support.

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I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Kensington (3031)

What is your age?

35-39 years

Do you identify with any of the following?

Prefer not to say

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Tell us why?

Good spread of projects

Most important issues are addressed

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I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Parkville (3052)

What is your age?

50-54 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a visitor

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

Born overseas

International student

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

The key priorities are relevant and necessary

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CBD (3000)

What is your age?

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How do you describe your gender?

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PARTICIPATE MELBOURNE

Thank you for the opportunity to meet, speak, listen, and comment on the Draft Budget of the City of Melbourne Council for Future Melbourne.

As a resident of Docklands for 8 years, I am bemused by the opinion that occasional events are seen as the best way to encourage and increase patronage back to Docklands.

I strongly believe that a broader, different vision is required.

Docklands needs to be reimagined and repositioned as a destination that visitors and residents want to frequent often, not occasionally. Gathering the support of Docklands businesses and restaurants ALL with a focus on complimenting our greatest asset, our harbour, with seafood and marine life. Creating a harbour side lifestyle of a city by the water that showcases and educates from its early settlement beginnings to the importance of respecting our waterways to daily adventures which explore above and below the harbour.

- ✓ Restaurants and cafes all offering seafood specialties within their mix. From Surf 'n Turf to spaghetti marinara to prawn dumplings and possibly fresh Port Arlington mussels delivered daily by Port Phillip Ferries
- ✓ An expansive Marine Education centre with the opportunity to educate all ages about all aspects of caring for our waterways, local marine plants, local fish species, encouraging local bird habitat
- ✓ A spectacular Harbour Esplanade boardwalk linking New Quay Promenade to Victoria Harbour Promenade with grassy tree canopied mounds and recycled bench seats for sitting and enjoying the waterfront entrance to our city and decorated with outdoor art sculptures reflecting our water life
- ✓ Envision Central Pier rebuilt to stage the original Port of Melbourne structures that are currently in storage. These hubs will remind some of us, and educate many more of us, that it was the original Victoria Dock from the 1880's with the support of wharves, light industry, and significant train infrastructure and currently, beautifully recorded on the outside walls of the current Central Pier structures
- ✓ Imagine a wonderful showcase for the Wurundjeri people, early indigenous settlement history including spaces for past and current cultural exhibitions
- ✓ Imagine a grand Rotunda abutting the harbour for rotating cultural displays featuring all nations who have contributed to and now call Australia home
- ✓ It is a major tourist attraction accessible by boat, water taxi, ferry, bicycle, tram, train, wheelchair, and walking (including carrying a fishing rod)
- ✓ A permanent home for the Alma Doepel, The Endeavour, Kayak Melbourne, Dragon boat club, the many boat hire companies and visitors like The Sea Shepherd and Volvo yacht race, all with interactive tours

Docklands already has much of the framework for this vision and could easily become a highly desirable destination for **all ages, all abilities, and every day of the year,**

Sincerely, Linda Dugan.

Victoria Point, Docklands

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Tell us why?

Council's spending reflects its priorities. The future of the city depends on what is invested in today.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a student

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

25-29 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

Born overseas

Speak a language other than English at home

International student

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

Too much money is being allocated to try to return to the past; to do what we've done before, such as the Visitor Economy (festivals, etc). Covid has taught us new lessons about how people MUST interact moving forward (the pandemic is nowhere near done). More funds should be allocated to making Melbourne liveable for those who DO live here. Removing cars, upgrading cycling paths, encouraging private e-scooter and other personal electric vehicles, enhancing the tram network, etc.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

Prefer not to say

How do you describe your gender?

Prefer not to say

Do you identify with any of the following?

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Tell us what you think of our draft Budget 2022–23 Form Submission

Ian Wallis

30 May 2022

CorporatePlanning.Performance@melbourne.vic.gov.au
 Consultation on Draft Budget 2022-2023

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the budget prepared for the City of Melbourne. It is a very large budget at \$838 million, with a lot of components, so it is not feasible for a ratepayer to assess the distribution of expenditure. This is the job of the Councillors and I assume they have spent many hours on the budget.

The survey form seems designed to learn my personal details but not to elicit my comments so I have decided to send this memo.

1. One of the largest items is Greenline (at \$140 M over 4 years) but the expenditure is presented in large lumps (\$40 M or \$20 M) with no explanation as to what is done (or achieved).
2. I would like to see the Queen Victoria Market retained but upgraded. I would accept a building over the carpark, but leave open space over the main sheds.
3. The proposed increase in rates is reasonable.
4. The deficit and the time to return to surplus are reasonable.
5. \$25 million allocated to events and festivals is reasonable, in my view.
6. I notice bikes and bike paths do not rate a mention. Yet there needs to be some expenditure to upgrade existing bike infrastructure (eg, separate bikes and pedestrians at Flemington Bridge station), and to separate bikes and trams (bikes not on the same roads as trams but on parallel roads). This upgrade would mean that bikes do not mix with cars and trams on Royal Parade, but use a bike path in the two adjacent parks (Carlton Gardens and Royal Park). These actions support the *Safety and Wellbeing Objective*
7. I could not find a Strategic Objective for the Parks in Melbourne. Royal Park, in particular, is in a degraded condition and in need of a Strategic Objective along the lines of *"We will prioritise use of our parks by residents and visitors to enhance their connection with the environment and pleasure in outdoor recreation"*. As shown on the following page, there is a need to manage vehicle traffic in west Royal Park and to upgrade pedestrian paths for people walking across the park.

I would be happy to elaborate on these points to the Council or the relevant Committee.

Yours sincerely

Ian Wallis

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Examples of vehicle tracks developing in Royal Park West

Until recently, vehicles rarely entered west Royal Park. About 2 years ago, the fence was removed and since then there are 2-3 vehicles per day driving around the perimeter of the park. The suggested excuse is that the high pressure gas pipeline needs to be inspected. If that is true, why not make a gravel track alongside the pipeline (away from the perimeter) and revert to making the perimeter the space for people.

Note in the left image that the enthusiasm for vehicle use is so strong that only the vehicle path is mowed. The deep vehicle tracks promote soil erosion and the spread of weeds. Vehicles should be banned from the park (except on the nominated gravel track).



Examples of pedestrian tracks developing in Royal Park West

A lot of people walk through the park. So far, the Council has steadfastly ignored this, and declined to recognize the need for convenient access by providing travel or Greenpave paths across the park.



In developing the Royal Park upgrades, can I suggest two KPI's for the Council:

1. *The number of City of Melbourne residents that use Royal Park each month (At present, there are more parked cars than people using the Park);*
2. *The number of satisfied user-hours by residents using the park for various recreational purposes.*

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Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

Work for an organisation that engages with/obtains permits from COM for public events

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

55-59 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Tell us why?

to support a thriving melbourne community, attention should be moved from a focus on building a facade to cater to all the whims of the international community to helping local residents feel connected, valued, safe and included

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I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Kensington (3031)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

Speak a language other than English at home

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Biggest priorities need to be cleanup of graffiti, support/relocation of homeless from the streets, funding for NYE celebrations and the implementation of the greenline initiative. Biggest missed opportunity is to fund/support research and viability of the removal/underground placement of the viaduct railway between Flinders Street and Southern Cross station.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

LGBTIQ+

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because what is important for the city is to support the businesses, residents and visitors. For example there are still more than 500 small businesses at QVM. Their livelihood has been threatened by COVID, but you are offering them nothing here. You've taken away the convenient customer and trader parking and QVM Pty's business model is to prioritise revenue for the company, not support the traditional traders and their customers. everything in the 'renewal' undermines the traditional - and highly successful - business model of the market. Instead you are prioritising ephemeral events which are unlikely to return (fashion festival) or generic, boring booze fests which do not benefit the market, only the revenue of QVM Pty Ltd.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a regular customer of QVM

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

CBD (3000)

What is your age?

70-74 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Keeps costs down and provides necessary improvements. However, City of Melbourne still lags behind other councils in providing public facilities for kids to play netball, the most popular team sport for girls. It's great that we have modern, elite facilities nearby such as the State Netball Centre, and the various Rec Centres, but there are few public spaces anywhere in City of Melbourne for girls to safely play or practice in their own time. This stands in stark contrast to the amounts of public space provided for all popular boys' sports.

The Budget says it's a Council priority to provide accessible, inclusive female community sports spaces, but this only seems to be delivered via private, hireable facilities, accessible via organised clubs. We need simple, public spaces that kids can go and play in whenever they want - multiple small netball spaces in parks across the city so that girls can throw a netball around when they want to. This is especially necessary in City of Melbourne, where many homes simply don't have a back yard or driveway in which to put up a netball ring. The kids are dependent on public facilities, which largely don't exist - or else are impractical, such as netball posts locked to the back of basketball rings, which can't be rotated without a special tool kept behind a desk at the nearest Rec Centre.

I encourage City of Melbourne to look to the work done in surrounding councils, and in regions across Australia, where netball has been very well-supported in recent years, and where girls can now often head down to their local school or footy oval to make use of public netball courts and rings whenever they want. The lack of comparable options in City of Melbourne is a brake on the health and physical development of our kids, and girls in particular, who would like to play some netball in their free time if only there was somewhere to do it.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Kensington (3031)

What is your age?

45-49 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

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Tell us why?

The draft budget includes a particular item that the Friends of Royal Park, Parkville strongly supports, that is the upgrade to the Royal Park Station Intersection, improving pedestrian, cyclist and tram safety and facilitating public transport access to the Zoo, SNHC and Royal Park.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

An organisation closely involved in all aspects of Royal Park.

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Parkville (3052)

What is your age?

Prefer not to say

How do you describe your gender?

Prefer not to say

Do you identify with any of the following?

Prefer not to say

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

Yes, and I participate in City of Melbourne regularly

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled in June 2022?

No

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Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Kensington (3031)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

Prefer not to say

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

No, this is my first City of Melbourne consultation

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Tell us why?

I'd like to see more emphasis given to the treatment of widening sidewalks for both wheelchair users and walkers alike. I'd like to see more done for waste recycling/reduction/repair/reuse. I'd like to see more support for the elderly who live at home.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Kensington (3031)

What is your age?

60-64 years

How do you describe your gender?

Female

Do you identify with any of the following?

Born overseas

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 Youth Street Teams

Youth Street Teams was established to work alongside a suite of responses aimed at making the City of Melbourne a safe place for all. The model was developed from discussions between the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police and The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 in response to concerns over the vulnerability, safety and excessive drinking of young people in Melbourne's CBD at night. Local knowledge, backed up by statistics collected by Ambulance Victoria, hospital admissions and Victoria Police, identified an increase in alcohol-affected incidents for young people on Friday and Saturday nights and nights preceding a public holiday.

Youth Street Teams volunteers are the guardian angels in the City of Melbourne on Friday and Saturday nights. Our team of dedicated volunteers patrol Melbourne's streets to offer support, comfort or assistance to anyone who needs it. This can include arranging transportation home, contacting loved ones, diffusing antisocial behaviour and just making sure that everyone is having a safe and enjoyable night out.

Teams of three to six, wearing Salvation Army branded vests, hit the streets between 11pm and 5am armed with lollies, bottled water and thongs. Youth Street Teams engage every night with substance affected or isolated young people who have become separated from their friends and, as a result, are vulnerable to potential assault, abuse or are at risk of incurring some other form of injury. Youth Street Teams offer support, comfort or assistance to anyone who needs it. This can include arranging transportation home, contacting loved ones, diffusing antisocial behaviour and just making sure that everyone is having a safe and enjoyable night out.

Youth Street Teams have developed an excellent relationship with partners, including Ambulance Victoria, Australian Hotels Association, City of Melbourne Control Room, Crown Casino, Emergency Services, Security staff at fast food outlets, Security staff at prominent clubs & establishments, Transit Police and Victoria Police.

Other capital cities have adopted this program namely, Perth and Hobart. It was even discussed as a best practice model to reduce crime at the Policing Global Cities Conference in London in 2013.

In 2019 the Youth Street Teams program helped almost 5,000 young people in the City of Melbourne to enjoy a safe night out and get home safely or reconnect with their friends. 47% of the young people assisted were females.

Youth Street Teams operated in the City of Melbourne from 11.00pm to 5.00am every Friday and Saturday night prior to COVID19.

The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614, in partnership with Victoria Police, recognises that there has been a significant uptake in foot traffic in the City of Melbourne on Friday and Saturday nights. Of particular interest are the areas of the Banana Alley Vaults on Flinders Street, Miss Collins on Collins Street, Georges on Collins Street, Spice Market on Russell Street, Billboards on Russell Street and various nightclubs on Russell and Lonsdale Streets. Also of interest is the old Colonial Hotel on King Street and other nightclubs in that precinct.

The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 was approached by the City of Stonnington to commence the Youth Street Teams program at the end of 2021. This has been operating in the precinct on Friday and Saturday nights since.

The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 is also in negotiations with the City of Port Phillip to establish the Youth Street Teams program in their municipality.

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We have recently secured funding for a pink car that is about to launch in the City of Stonnington alongside our Youth Street Teams program. The focus of this program will be to ensure that young women who head out for a night out remain safe. The pink car will be staffed by a qualified, experienced female worker, assisted by a female volunteer.

The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 has recently negotiated a partnership with Monash University Peninsula paramedics course. Monash University will be providing access to 120 second year paramedic students who will complete their placements with the Youth Street Teams program. These students will be the core of our Youth Street Teams program going forward. The students will benefit both personally and professionally from this experience and from their engagement with Ambulance Victoria paramedics, but they will also provide some excellent skills on the streets of Stonnington, Port Phillip and hopefully the City of Melbourne.

We are wondering if it would be possible for The City of Melbourne to make a contribution towards the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams in the City of Melbourne on Friday and Saturday nights? We believe that this program would once again help to ensure the safety of young people who are accessing the City of Melbourne for entertainment purposes. Assistant Commissioner Brett Curran from Victoria Police has also indicated his willingness to support the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams program.

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Tell us why?

Another great balance between fiscal responsibility and much needed economic stimulus for SMEs.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

Business association

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

60-64 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Tell us why?

There is not enough focus on things residents of the CoM require. Too much emphasis on trying to being in visitors and forgetting all about residents.

There are many things that need doing in the CoM rather than starting new plans. My main issue with this budget is the complete waste of money on this Highline project. It is unfathomable to think \$40mil is going to be spent on a handful of floating islands. How about implementing the City Road Masterplan completely. Why not start the Southbank Promenade project. There are many worth projects that have been 'planned' and then slipped by the way side for no reason. The Highline is not something we need and is only there for the current CoM leadership to look back on as their 'legacy' but their legacy will be only that of being wasteful with residents and businesses rates. CoM is larger than the CBD and it's too often the only focus.

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

I am a resident

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

40-44 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

Yes, I have participated in a City of Melbourne consultation once or twice before today

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Tell us why?

We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the City of Melbourne – Draft Annual Plan & Draft Budget 2022/2023.

We congratulate the City on preparing a comprehensive and progressive budget for Melbourne as we emerge and flourish after the lockdowns of 2021/2022.

Our residents and workers have a daily interaction with Southbank Boulevard, especially the section between City Road and Queensbridge Square. We thank the city for including “Acquiring and developing the concept design and community engagement for new open space in Southbank” in the Action Plan. We would like you to clarify that the engagement and design will relate to the section of Southbank Boulevard addressed above and that our three groups will be consulted as part of that process in 2022/2023.

We are disappointed to find no reference to consultation, design or works to upgrade Queensbridge Square. This area is in need of revitalisation and the design and traffic bottlenecks around the Red Steps in Queensbridge Square present comfort and safety risks to our current and future residents and workers.

Can the city please include the commencement of works to improve Queensbridge Square in the Action Plan for 2022/2023 please?

Which of the following best describes your connection to this City of Melbourne project?

A business

Based on your connection to this project, where do you live/work/own a business/study/visit?

Southbank (3006)

What is your age?

35-39 years

How do you describe your gender?

Male

Do you identify with any of the following?

None of these

Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?

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Re: Draft Budget 2022-23 – Item 22B1371N – Poplar Road Pedestrian Crossing

Royal Park is considered by the Victorian Netball community as our “spiritual home” having been the location of our netball competitions for nearly 100 years.

Last year, following the recent redevelopment of the State Netball Centre our organisation relocated to the precinct. The netball community usage has increased by 20% given that we now have more indoor netball courts in the centre. We host many school and community groups as well as elite athletes at the centre.

We are actively encouraging our employees and community to access the centre via public transport where possible. As such we strongly support the inclusion in the Council’s 2022-23 Budget of the amount of \$750,000 for Item 22B1371N - Poplar Road Pedestrian Crossing under Infrastructure – Roads.

We also support the Council seeking matching funding from the State Government for this long-awaited measure.

Yours sincerely,
Rosie King OAM
CEO.



Rosie King OAM (She/Her/Hers)
Chief Executive Officer



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters in Victoria and pay respect to their culture and Elders, past present and future. Netball Victoria is an inclusive and diverse workplace. | Please consider the environment before printing this email.



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14 June 2022

The Right Honourable Sally Capp
 Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Mr Justin Hanney
 Chief Executive Officer
 City of Melbourne

By email: CorporatePlanning.Performance@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor and Mr Hanney,

Property Council response to City of Melbourne 2022-23 Draft Budget and Annual Plan

The Property Council of Australia (Victorian Division) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the City of Melbourne's 2022-23 Draft Budget and Annual Plan during this consultation phase.

As a partner in our shared goal for ongoing Melbourne CBD and central city renewal, we commend the City of Melbourne on its ongoing efforts to promote economic development, lead business and headquarters attraction, support the return of international students and encourage visitation by workers and visitors.

About the Property Council

The Property Council is the leading advocate for Australia's property industry. An industry that accounts for 13 per cent (\$202.9 billion) of Australia's GDP, and the largest Australian employer, contributing to over 1.4 million employees.

In Victoria, property contributes \$58.8 billion to Gross State Product, making up to 13.8 per cent of the Victorian economy. It employs one in four working Victorians, employing more than 390,000 people directly and supporting more than 471,000 workers in related fields. It pays 59 per cent, or \$17.9 billion, in tax revenue, and pays more than \$21 billion in total wages and salaries per year, being approximately 27.9 per cent of wages and salaries paid to Victorian workers.¹

The Property Council's more than 500 Victorian member organisations drive the economy. They develop, invest in, design, build and manage the places that matter most to Australians – our homes, shopping centres, office buildings, industrial areas, retirement villages, education,

¹ AEC Group, 'Economic Significance of the Property Industry in the Victorian Economy' (2020).

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research and health precincts, tourism, and hospitality venues and more. Our members contribute to the very fabrics of society through investing, designing, building, and managing places that we rely on most.

'Reviving Melbourne'

The Property Council released 'Reviving Melbourne' in November 2021 outlining the property industry's plan to boost jobs, economic growth and deliver sustained CBD revitalisation through nine strategies designed to bring the city back to life. The Property Council's 'Reviving Melbourne' plan is attached to this submission.

Key strategies which are currently being delivered include:

- The ongoing return to the office, with the Property Council measuring office occupancy at 48 per cent of pre-pandemic levels in the most recent May survey – the highest monthly tally since the survey began in mid-2020;
- The 'FOMO Melbourne' campaign, bringing together the significant series of major events and activations contributing to significant CBD foot traffic;
- The higher education return, with 135,000 international students in Victoria in the first quarter of 2022² being a meaningful increase in international student numbers; and
- Streamlined planning permit applications through the City's revised Code of Practice for Building, Construction and Works which commenced earlier this year.

However, much of the above remains work in progress. For instance, while office occupancy has rebounded to 48 per cent, it remains the lowest of all major Australian capital cities. A sustained effort, innovative ideas, and active and positive messaging from Government is required to ensure the momentum of office workers returning continues to trend positively.

Additional priorities that need to be addressed include the need to boost population growth in the city through boosted skilled migration, and the treatment of the CBD as a 'priority precinct' with revised planning rules and governance to stimulate growth and investment. Recognising that the City of Melbourne is not always the lead agency that can drive policy change, the Property Council both encourages and offers to partner with the City of Melbourne to advocate to drive positive change in these areas.

We are pleased to support the City's increased investment in the 2022-23 Draft Budget and Annual Plan, which strikes a positive balance of continued short-term spending with long-term infrastructure investment and responds to the solutions put forward by the property industry.

² Department of Education, Skills, and Employment, <https://www.dese.gov.au/international-data/data-visualisation-international-student-numbers>, accessed 2 June 2022

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Detailed Response

The Property Council's 'Reviving Melbourne' plan is attached to this response, and we provide the following detailed response on key areas of relevance to the property industry:

- **Rates Increase:** the Draft Budget outlines a proposed 1.75 per cent rates increase, in line with the State Government's rate capping policy, to help fund some of the increased investments made, after two years of rates being frozen at their 2019-20 levels. While any cost increase for property owners does increase pressures, we also recognise the City of Melbourne's need to increase investment at this critical point of CBD renewal. Given we believe most of the measures will translate to greater economic benefit, we have no objection to the rate increase.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** we welcome the investment in this Draft Budget into progressing planning for the Greenline project and the ongoing Queen Victoria Market renewal. We note the recent funding commitment by the new Federal Government during the election campaign to progressing with works on Greenline and support advocacy for a State Government funding commitment, pending progression of the business case and initial analysis during the coming year.
- **Shopfront Activation Program:** the restoration and engagement of vacant shopfronts is an ongoing priority to both promote commerce and support vibrancy and street activation. There are ongoing economic conditions that will continue to challenge small to medium businesses, and the Property Council supports ongoing investment in this initiative, including the continued utilisation of vacant shopfronts by creative industries and pop-ups.
- **Invest Melbourne:** we strongly welcome the establishment and expansion of Invest Melbourne to promote the Melbourne central city to new business and provide vital support to existing businesses. While Melbourne's recovery has been steady, it is crucial that Melbourne is as active as possible in interstate and overseas markets to promote the city as being 'open for business'.

The Property Council welcomes the regular opportunity we have to engage with Invest Melbourne and are committed to promoting Invest Melbourne's activities to build deep and constructive partnerships between the City and the property industry.

- **International Student Return:** increasing the return of international students to Melbourne and the city's university campuses as well as our world-class student accommodation offerings, is a vital plank of continued renewal.

As of 9 May 2022, there has been a 23 per cent increase in the number of student visa holders studying in Victoria from December 2021, but overall numbers are still slightly behind 2021 levels, largely attributed to a significant drop in Chinese students making Australia their home for further education.

We believe there is a more prominent role for the City of Melbourne to play in connecting returning students to suitable employment opportunities, especially given the current

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jobs crunch many employers are experiencing, which will help to increase Melbourne's attractiveness as a study destination.

Continued engagement with the initiatives being pursued by Study Melbourne and Invest Victoria is recommended and increased engagement with the Property Council through our Victorian Education Committee and newly established national Student Accommodation Council can also be facilitated.

- **CBD Population Growth and Affordable Housing:** we support the City of Melbourne's objective to attract more people to live in the central city, especially given vacancy rates in existing housing within the municipality remains at 1.9 per cent³, as well as the aspiration for more key workers to be able to access housing.

The establishment of Homes Melbourne is warmly welcomed to support the creation of key worker housing and we encourage the City of Melbourne to consider how to unlock its own landholdings in creating some of this affordable housing supply.

- **Progress to Net Zero Buildings and New Energy Infrastructure:** we note the City of Melbourne's plan to progress a planning scheme amendment to improve the environmental performance of buildings, which look forward to engaging with in more detail.

We recommend the City of Melbourne expands the funding available through the Sustainable Melbourne Fund, and advocate for increased State Government involvement to support a significant increase in environmental upgrade agreements that support retrofitting of lower performing buildings.

We also welcome the establishment of Power Melbourne and note the property industry's desire to support the rollout of the battery network including the provision of suitable locations.

Contact

We are thankful for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Budget and Annual Plan. If you require any further information, please contact Andrew Lowcock, Deputy Executive Director, on 0447 666 902, or alowcock@propertycouncil.com.au.

Kind regards,

Danni Hunter
Victorian Executive Director
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³ SQM Research Melbourne Residential Vacancy Rates, accessed 8 June 2022

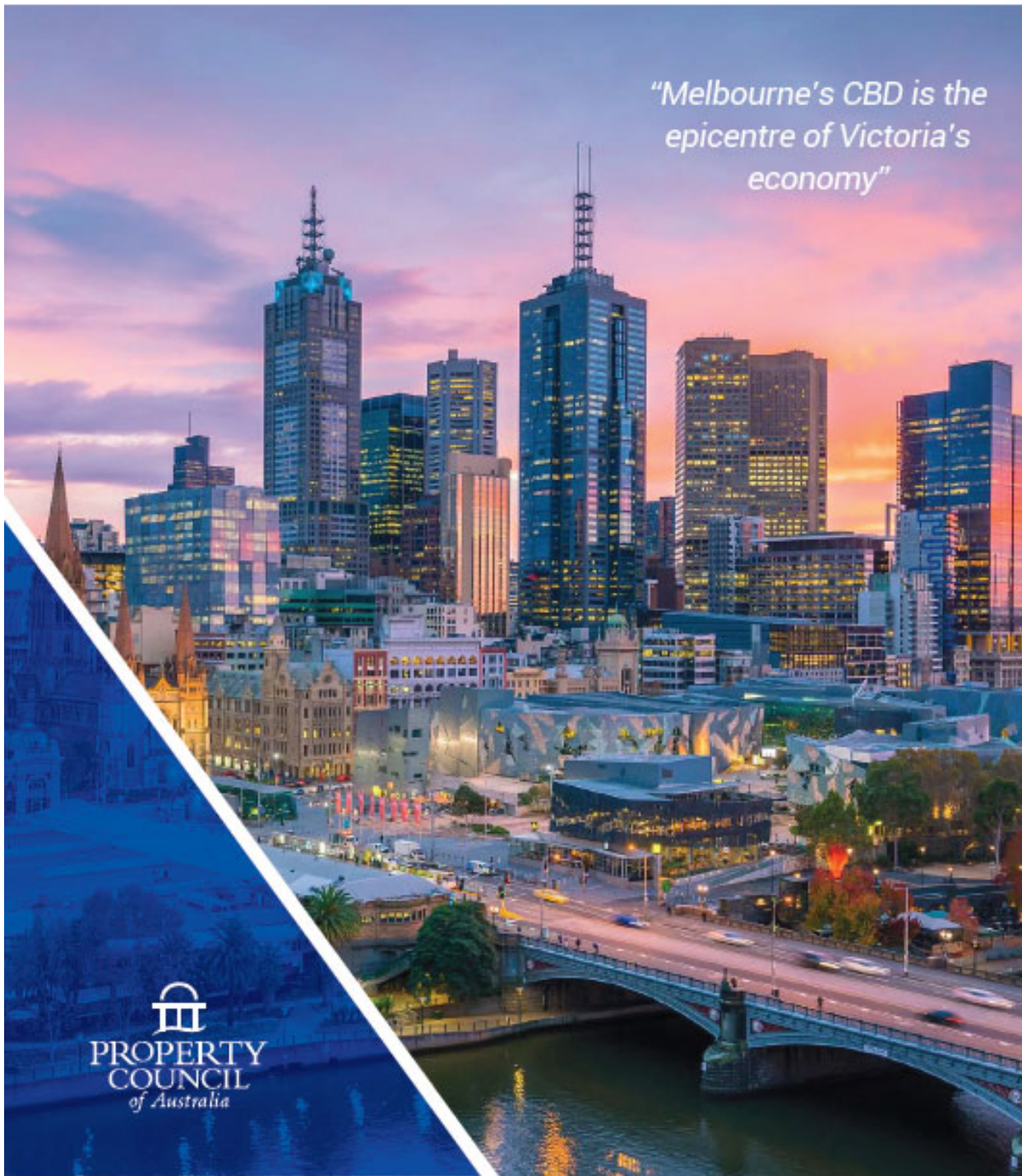
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Reviving Melbourne

A plan to boost jobs, economic growth
and revitalise the CBD

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Introduction

The Property Council of Australia is the leading advocate for Australia's property industry and Victoria's biggest industry and employer, contributing \$68.8 billion to Gross State Product (13.8 per cent), employing more than 390,000 people and accounting for 59 per cent or \$17.9 billion of Victoria's tax revenue.

On behalf of the property industry, we welcome the Victorian Government's accelerated delivery of the Roadmap that saw Melbourne's final lockdown end on 11.59pm on Thursday 21 October, as we reached the next vaccination milestone of 70 per cent double dose coverage with further restrictions eased at 80 per cent on Friday October 29.

With the end of lockdown, and as Victorians get back to doing the things they love, it is the right time to focus on the implementation of plans and strategies that will bring our central city and Melbourne's CBD, our most crucial economic and creative hub, back to life again.

The Property Council acknowledges the Government's ongoing commitment to financially support businesses who have been affected by lockdowns as result of COVID-19 since March 2020. The Property Council specifically acknowledges the significant funding commitment of \$200 million through both the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund and the Melbourne City Recovery Fund. As Victoria reopens, it continues to be vitally important that business can partner with the Government and City of Melbourne on a range of initiatives to revitalise the CBD.

Melbourne's CBD is the epicentre of Victoria's economy, accounting for some 600,000 jobs and producing about 7 per cent of Australia's GDP and 25 per cent of Victoria's GSP at peak. Deloitte Access Economics' analysis for the City of Melbourne in its Medium Term Economic Outlook released in July – prior to the three most recent lockdowns – found that the city's Gross Regional Product declined by 63 per cent in 2020, with a full recovery not expected until 2024. This is almost directly tied to the number of workers in the city, which also declined by 63 per cent.¹

The CBD been disproportionately hurt by lockdowns and the loss of city workers, domestic and international tourists, and students. Melbourne's iconic retail and hospitality sectors have been forced to temporarily close their doors and many small businesses have permanently closed. It is estimated that Melbourne's economy activity will not reach pre-pandemic levels until 2025.²

To support the State Government's incredibly important work to revive Melbourne and bring our CBD back to life, the Property Council of Australia has identified nine key areas that will supercharge the city and fast track Victoria's economic recovery.



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Executive Director, Victoria
Property Council of Australia



Sam Tarascio
Division President, Victoria
Property Council of Australia
Managing Director
Salta Properties

¹ Deloitte Access Economics, City of Melbourne Medium Term Economic Outlook, July 2021, (2021).

² Ibid.

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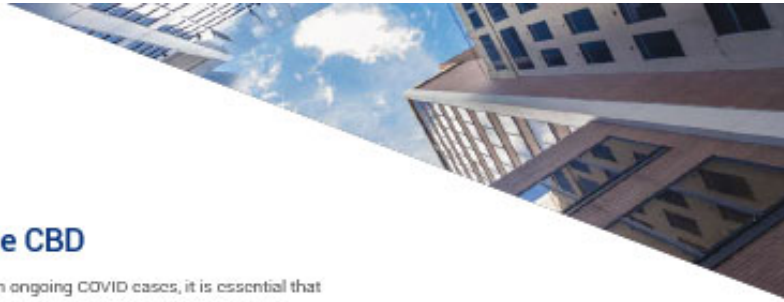
CBD Revitalisation Initiatives

Since the pandemic started, the State Government and the City of Melbourne have announced a number of initiatives to help revitalise the CBD. These include:

- The Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund and the Melbourne City Recovery Fund - \$200 million
- City of Melbourne Economic Recovery Strategy
- FOMO Melbourne
- Melbourne Money
- Live in Melbourne campaign



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1. COVID-proof the CBD

As Victoria continues to deal with ongoing COVID cases, it is essential that vaccination hubs and rapid antigen testing sites be established across Melbourne's CBD as people return to the city. Vaccination infrastructure will be critical to achieving desired inoculation rates, especially as we move into the phase of booster requirements to ensure ongoing full vaccination.

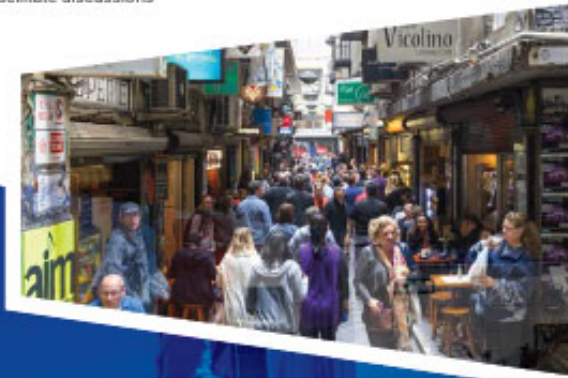
Medical logistics experts have noted that sites capable of facilitating the large scale administration of vaccines must be maximally utilised. Office buildings – many of which are occupied by large businesses with established relationships – are highly suitable locations. ³

The Property Council applauds the State Government's recent pre-emptive acquisition of 2.2 million rapid antigen tests. We note that the Therapeutic Goods Administration has now approved these testing kits for general use. ⁴

The Property Council strongly encourages the State Government to add CBD office buildings to the list of hospitals, schools, and childcare centres at which these tests will be made available and we would be keen to facilitate discussions between Government and Property Council members.

³ Tom McIlroy, CBD Supermarkets to be Utilised for Vaccination Push, Australian Financial Review, published July 7 2021 via: <https://www.afre.com/publications/cbd-offices-and-supermarkets-to-be-utilised-for-covid-jobs-20210707-p587rh>

⁴ Therapeutic Goods Administration, COVID-19 Test Kits Included in the ARTG for Legal Supply in Australia, published October 10 2021 via: <https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-test-kits-included-artg-legal-supply-australia>



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2. Return to the Office

According to the Property Council's most recent office occupancy survey in October 2021, Melbourne's CBD office buildings are at just four per cent of their pre-pandemic levels, the lowest since the survey started in July 2020. Melbourne's post-COVID office occupancy peaked at just 46 per cent in April and May this year, demonstrating the long road back to the office after numerous extended lockdowns.

The Economist estimates that a single city-based office job supports up to five jobs in ancillary service sectors such as retail, hospitality, and personal care.⁵ A slow return to office will severely constrict the city's recovery – and that of Victoria.

The Property Council supports the greater adoption of flexible working arrangements and acknowledges that the hybrid working model is here to stay. We also note the wide-ranging benefits of working in the office including increased collaboration and fostering and sharing knowledge and ideas.

The Property Council welcomes the Government's announcement to allow workers to return to office at 80 per cent double-dose vaccination and the lifting of the requirement to wear masks indoors with the exception of high-risk settings at 90 per cent.

We strongly advocate a proactive return to office of employees across the private and public sector. We see an important leadership role for the Victorian Government to play and advocate a minimum three-day-a-week return to office for Victorian public sector workers once we reach 90 per cent double-dose vaccination.

Our members are deeply invested in making office workplaces COVID-safe and are ready for workers to return. Commercial property owners and investors have been the economy's heaviest lifters during the pandemic, with national support to tenants rising to a potential \$14.9 billion to March this year through rent relief schemes, and they are deeply committed to the revitalisation of Melbourne's CBD.

5. The Economist, "The New Economics of Global Cities" published September 11 2021 via <https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/the-new-economics-of-global-cities/21804271>



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3. "Back to Melbourne" Campaign

Revitalising Melbourne's iconic precincts will require more than the gradual easing of restrictions and density quotients. It will require decisive action to get people out of their homes and back into our CBD's once thriving cultural, dining, and entertainment hubs.

This strategy should include both incentives and proactive marketing campaigns, as described below:

Campaigns

- 3.1 Launch a reinvigorated attraction campaign similar to the Property Council and City of Melbourne's "FOMO Fridays" campaign, to encourage office workers to return to the city and re-engage with CBD based businesses covering hospitality, retail and services. This would involve coordinating activations and activities by all major office owners and CBD tenants who would stage subsidised and free events and social activities targeted at attracting workers back into CBD offices;
- 3.2 Develop a multi-platformed marketing and communication campaigns celebrating and promoting Melbourne as the Events Capital, including the City of Melbourne's Christmas campaign, the Boxing Day sales, the Boxing Day Ashes Test, New Year's Eve, the Australian Open, Melbourne Comedy Festival and Australian Grand Prix.
- 3.3 Amplify the "What's on in Melbourne" platform, providing organisers and patrons with enhanced scope for event marketing and engagement, including return to office activations and events.



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Initiatives

- 3.4 Establish an additional separate \$60 million CBD Revitalisation Program similar to that recently announced in NSW with funding open to councils, industry associations and cultural institutions to help encourage people back to the CBD. Funding would support a range of hospitality, retail, cultural, workplace and other activities to be activated in early 2022;
- 3.5 Provide free public transport for a period of three months after Victoria reaches its targeted 90 per cent double dose vaccination rate. This should be accompanied by a state wide campaign highlighting COVID Safety on public transport to further assist in rebuilding confidence in the state's public transport system and encourage people back into the CBD. Following this three month period, off peak fares should be reintroduced for travel across Melbourne and free public transport included in the pre purchase of tickets for major events for example, the Australian Open.
- 3.6 Support and promote the City of Melbourne's initiative to engage with car park operators to provide discounted parking offers at times and locations which optimise the accessibility of city precincts during periods of peak demand and introduce a 12 month freeze on the car park levy for those operators who reduce their pricing;
- 3.7 Expand the City of Melbourne's "Melbourne Money" voucher scheme with additional funding, to reactivate engagement with Melbourne's world class dining and entertainment precincts. The first scheme demonstrated considerable return on investment and strong take up by visitors and patrons;
- 3.8 Support engaging and activity based events to incentivise engagement with the city's open spaces, such as Yoga in the Park, the return of the Night Noodle Markets or similar initiatives; and
- 3.9 Deliver a dedicated grant funding program for building owners to activate office buildings and corporate precincts with funding to go toward free breakfasts and other initiatives to reconnect office workers with their city spaces, and increase business activity for Melbourne's hospitality venues.



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4. Boost Population Growth

According to the ABS, Victoria is now home to 43,000 fewer people than at the start of the pandemic, making it the only state in the nation to record a drop in population. Prior to COVID, interstate and international travellers contributed more than \$2.6 billion to the Victorian economy through their attendance at major events.⁶

International visitors and migrants contribute the skills and expertise that we need today to build the homes, precincts, and workplaces of tomorrow. Before the pandemic, more than a quarter of all skilled migrants coming to Australia chose to settle in Victoria.

The Property Council strongly recommends that the State Government take actions to secure and boost Victoria's once stable population growth and visitation rates by:

- 4.1 Launching targeted campaigns to attract domestic and interstate visitors to Melbourne based events;
- 4.2 Remaining firm in the Government's commitment to waiving quarantine on arrival requirements for foreign visitors who can produce proof of vaccination with an Australian approved or recognised vaccination (as announced on Friday 22 October and publicly welcomed by the Property Council of Australia); and
- 4.3 Actively increasing Victoria's Skilled Migration Program targeted at sectors with the potential to help revitalise economic activity within the Melbourne CBD.

6. Ernst & Young, The Eventful Year, 2018, (2019).



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5. Higher Education Return

The City of Melbourne has 64,000 fewer international students in Victoria than a year ago.⁷ Research conducted by the Property Council shows that a further year of border closures will see the number of international students in Australia remain 50 per cent below pre-COVID levels until at least 2024.⁸

Almost a third of Australia's international students live, work and study in Melbourne and contribute around \$11.25 billion to Victoria's broader economy.⁹ Victorian rental vacancies created by absent international students are most concentrated in the Melbourne CBD, up 338 per cent on pre-COVID levels. International education itself was Victoria's largest pre-pandemic export, generating \$13.7 billion in export revenue for the state in 2019,¹⁰ the same year the University of Melbourne was awarded Victorian Exporter of the Year at the 2019 Governor of Victoria Export Awards.

A significant proportion of the CBD workforce was comprised of international students pre-pandemic, with employers noting difficulties in filling key roles in the retail and hospitality sectors with the near evaporation of international education as a result of closed borders.

The benefits of our international student community extend beyond economic considerations. The presence of a diverse community of international students from all corners of the world helped to power the cultural development of the CBD and suburbs surrounding higher education institutions such as in Parkville and Carlton. The charm and vibrancy of Melbourne is enhanced by this community, helping the city maintain its position as Australia's cultural capital.

The Property Council applauds the State Government's recent announcement of the International Students Arrival Plan as a positive step toward Victoria's re-engagement with an economically critical cohort.

The Property Council strongly encourages the State Government to expand the nominated quota of 120 international student arrivals per week, uncapping international student arrivals once 90 per cent of Victoria's population is double-vaccinated so we can welcome international and domestic students back to campus in 2022. The recent announcement by New South Wales that fully vaccinated international arrivals will not have to quarantine sends a clear message to international students around the world that NSW will be open for the start of the 2022 academic year.

With seven Melbourne-based universities, and with 51 campuses across the whole state, the Victorian education sector needs to be able to present itself as similarly placed to open by early next year to international students. Victoria needs to do what is required quickly and proactively to reclaim our title as the Education State.



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8. AECI, *Economic Impact of Delaying the Opening of Australia's Border* (2021).

9. Mitchell Institute, *Coronavirus and International Students* (2020).

10. Department of Jobs, Precincts, and Regions, *International Education*, published 9 June 2020 via [international.education / Priority industries and sectors / Jobs, Precincts and Regions](https://www.djpr.vic.gov.au/international-education) (djpr.vic.gov.au)

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6. Increase Development Activity in the CBD and Promote Melbourne to Residents

Greater Melbourne and Regional Victoria's housing prices have continued to increase throughout the pandemic and the state is facing acute pressures on housing supply. The CBD has a role to play in providing affordable and diverse housing options in areas that are very well serviced by infrastructure and services, in one of the world's most liveable cities.

The combination of Government income supplements, low interest rates, and an increase in the proportion of income saved (due to successive lockdowns), has led to demand for housing outstripping supply, resulting in property price growth between December 2019 and December 2023 that exceeds pre-COVID projections by 25 per cent.¹¹

Despite a strong increase in demand, 25,000 fewer dwellings are expected to come to market between now and December 2023 compared with pre-Covid projections.¹² The housing supply crisis is state-wide and presents significant short-term opportunities and long-term challenges for CBD housing.

Melbourne's CBD apartment market is facing exacerbated medium-term pressures both in terms of demand-side fundamentals and a limited supply pipeline.

The Property Council welcomed the Government's decision to remove stamp duty charges on off-the-plan purchases of up to \$1 million within the City of Melbourne Local Government Area. This is an effective measure apropos addressing short-term oversupply of apartment stock, making way for new projects to commence. Public awareness and understanding of this important initiative will be substantially enhanced by the Melbourne City Council's 'Live in Melbourne' campaign.

To ensure strong and sustained take-up of these incentives, the Property Council strongly encourages the State Government to further engage in collaborative promotional activity with the City of Melbourne, and to expand or create additional platforms through which prospective apartment purchasers and developer-vendors can be connected to one another, including but not limited to a dedicated page or forum within the 'Live in Melbourne' website.

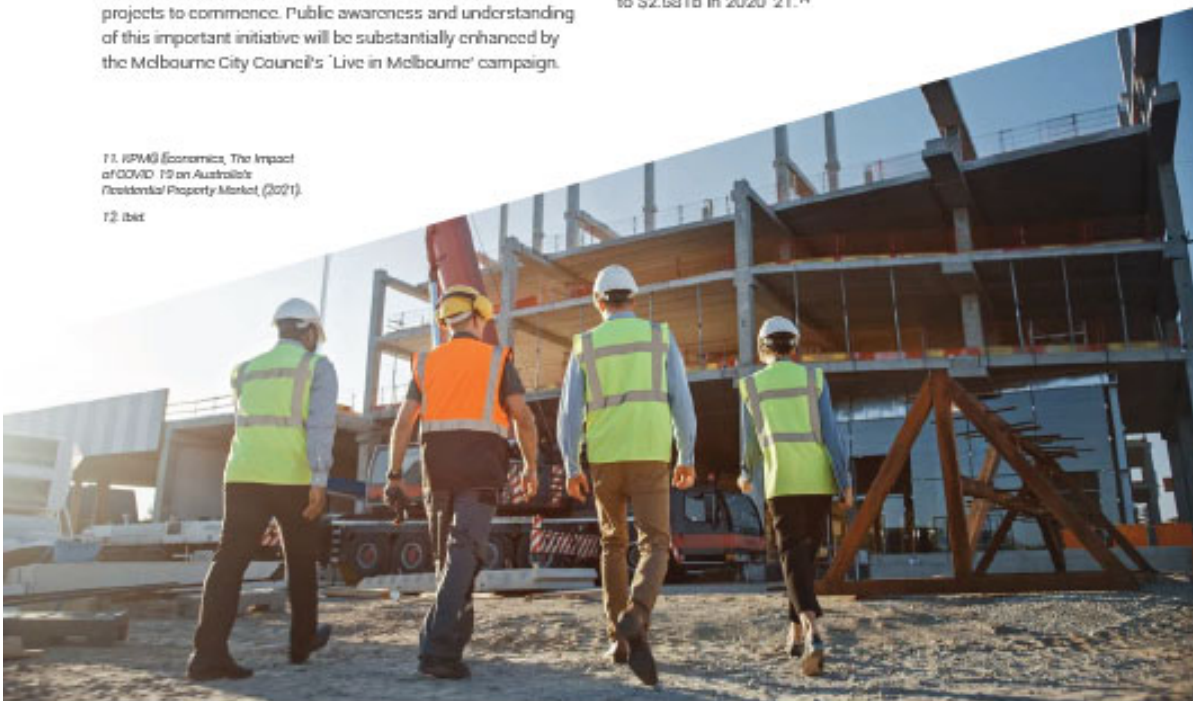
While short-term incentives will assist in stimulating demand for existing apartment stock, the medium-term supply shortage will be exacerbated by Victoria's status as the Australian state with the largest number of property taxes.¹³ This will also be further compounded by the impending introduction of the Windfall Gains Tax on rezoned parcels of land.

The Property Council strongly encourages the State Government to reduce the rate and total number of taxes levied against property in Melbourne and scrap its proposed Windfall Gains Tax as a stimulus measure.

Looking to the medium-term, the building approval pipeline in the City of Melbourne remains subdued, with a 54 per cent decline in the month between July and August 2021. This follows a 50% decline in the total value of building approvals in the City of Melbourne from \$6.359b in 2019-20 to \$2.681b in 2020-21.¹⁴

¹¹ IPWAG (Economics, The Impact of COVID-19 on Australia's Residential Property Market (2021).

¹² ibid



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Research conducted by the Property Council further indicates that without changes in Government policy, the apartment building industry will shed 30,000 direct jobs and produce \$6.9 billion less in dwelling assets over the next four years.¹³ This has a disproportionate impact on Melbourne's CBD and surrounding areas – where the stability of the property market heavily depends on the apartment construction sector.

On a more positive note, there is significant development activity underway or soon to be underway in the emerging Build to Rent (BTR) residential sector. According to EY, Victoria currently accounts for more than 60 per cent of the total number of current and planned BTR projects in the country.¹⁴ With the State Government providing the full details of its tax concessions for the sector (currently in Parliament at the time of finalising this submission), further BTR development is now primed to be unlocked – the central city is perfectly placed to be the base for this further investment and boost to quality housing supply, with long term renters poised to live, work and play in the city for years to come.

To help kickstart the revitalisation of the property sector, increase development activity in the CBD and increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing options, the Property Council specifically recommends that the State Government:

- G.1 Reduce the overall tax burden on new housing;
- G.2 Extend existing approved planning permits to account for lost months during the pandemic to 30 June 2023;
- G.3 Fast track planning approvals for significant projects in the City of Melbourne;
- G.4 Implement density bonus schemes and relief from restrictive size standards – especially in the apartment construction sector;
- G.5 Extend off the plan apartment stamp duty concessions as a key measure in the 2022 State Budget;
- G.6 Fast track the approval of investment in Build to Rent projects in Melbourne's CBD.

¹³ Grant Thornton Australia, *Australia now has generally the highest state property taxes in Australia*, published 21 May 2021 via <https://www.grantthornton.com.au/client-alerts/2021/victoria-now-has-generally-the-highest-state-property-taxes-in-australia/>

¹⁴ Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building Approvals Australia*, via <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/building-and-construction/building-approvals-australia>

¹⁵ Ernst & Young, *Institutional Build to Rent: Unpacking the Business Model and Unravelling the Opportunities*, (2021).

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7. Create High Quality Jobs and Investment

There are 75,000 fewer jobs based in Melbourne than there were prior to the onset of COVID.¹⁶ Without concerted action, employment within Melbourne based organisations will remain below 2019 levels for until 2025.¹⁷ Immediate actions to stimulate demand for and interest in CBD based office working spaces can be undertaken.

The Property Council proposes that the State Government, in the short term:

- 7.1 Delivers an overarching CBD Tenant Attraction Strategy where through firms with no existing physical presence within the State of Victoria are incentivised to establish CBD based operations through measures including but not limited to Land Tax and Pay Roll Tax relief. The granting of these incentives should be subject to a given firm meeting investment value thresholds – which should be jointly determined by the state Government, the City of Melbourne, and core industry stakeholders, incentivise and reward the relocation of corporate headquarters to Melbourne’s premium office locations¹⁸, and

- 7.2 Provide interest free loans to small businesses which establish themselves in the CBD.

Strong consideration must also be given to incentivising the established corporate leaders and emerging start ups in Australia’s burgeoning A.I. and fintech sectors to relocate to Melbourne’s CBD, allowing our city to realise its potential as the ‘Silicon Valley’ of the Asia Pacific.



17. Deloitte Access Economics, City of Melbourne Medium Term Economic Outlook July 2021, (2021).

18. Property Council of Australia (Victoria Division), The Property Council of Australia (Victoria Division) 2021-2022 Victorian Pre-Budget Submission, (2021).



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8. Precincts and Planning

The development of precincts in and around the CBD is a unique competitive advantage for Victoria and have enormous potential to deliver social and economic dividends to Melbournians present and future.

The Property Council welcomes the State Government's development of the Fisherman's Bend Framework and the Arden Structure Plan. As well as encouraging the expedited development of these precincts, the Property Council encourages the Government to:

- 8.1 Expand and fast track planning permit approvals for key urban renewal precincts in and around the City of Melbourne;
- 8.2 Deliver a scheme of planning incentives for Build to Rent projects – in addition to favourable tax settings welcomed by the Property Council;
- 8.3 Rapidly bring surplus land opportunities to market and identify a pipeline of government land that could be activated for development;
- 8.4 Classify the CBD as a Priority Precinct; and
- 8.5 Create a centralised Precincts Authority to oversee precinct planning and development.



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9. Industry Partnership

Deliberate and urgent action to revitalise Melbourne's CBD is critical to the long term success of the Victorian economy and property sector. We see a vital need to bring State Government, the City of Melbourne and the property industry together to work in partnership on reinvigorating the CBD and accelerating the return of workers, students, residents and visitors to our great city.

We propose that a **CBD Recovery and Revitalisation Industry Partnership Group** be established in collaboration with the City of Melbourne and the Property Council and other peak bodies. Members would be appointed to advise Government on the practical steps to revitalise the CBD. This working group should be supported by proactive government policy that provides further stimulus, removes red tape and is geared at increasing Melbourne's attractiveness to new jobs and future investment.



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Dear Justin

Consultation on the City of Melbourne's Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2022-23

Committee for Melbourne (the Committee) welcomes the opportunity to contribute a submission to the City of Melbourne's consultation on its Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2022-23.

The Committee has an agenda that aligns strongly with the direction of the City of Melbourne's plans.

Whilst the Committee is not in a position to provide a detailed comment on the spending allocation in the draft budget, the Committee would like to endorse some of the particular programs of work in the city of Melbourne's Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2022-23 and provide support and ongoing advocacy for those initiatives where possible (some examples of projects that the Committee supports are highlighted below).

About the Committee

The Committee is an apolitical, not-for-profit, member-based organisation that brings together over 140 organisations from Greater Melbourne's business, academic and civic sectors whose common purpose is to shape a better future for Melbourne.

As an independent organisation, the Committee represents no single interest group or political position but seeks to challenge conventional thinking and to develop innovative ideas to continue to enhance Melbourne's position as an economically prosperous and highly liveable global city.

The primary purpose of the Committee is to Shape Melbourne's Future. This can be through collaboration, networking of leading Melburnians and through some city-shaping projects. Since its foundations, the Committee with its members, has been a major driving force behind significant specific projects such as:

- the Docklands redevelopment,
- privatisation of Melbourne Airport,
- progressing medical technology through the BioMelbourne Network, and
- the best practice principles for an independent infrastructure prioritisation entity, which were adopted by Infrastructure Victoria.

The Committee is therefore well placed to bring its advocacy and networking skills, to support some of the City of Melbourne's projects such as Greenline and Invest Melbourne (see below).

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The Committee's agenda

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an extremely challenging environment for Greater Melbourne across all sectors including the visitor economy, health, skills and investment attraction. With continuing lockdowns to deal with the health pandemic, pressure has been imposed across our economy and upon Greater Melbourne's reputation.

That is why, on 15 February 2022, the Committee launched the *Benchmarking Melbourne* report, which examines Melbourne's performance against 19 global peer cities, providing a framework to discuss our city's strengths, as well as opportunities for improvement.

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report (the report) was independently produced report by the Business of Cities, and commissioned by JLL and the Committee.

Melbourne performs strongly for its image, influence, and world class cultural and sporting events. Melbourne also excels in education, attracting talent and skills, access to healthcare and being a safe and friendly place to visit, do business, study, and raise a family.

The report also unpacks areas that can be improved, providing an additional set of lenses we can view Melbourne and gain a clearer picture of what is needed for our city as we emerge and plan beyond the pandemic.

The report measures the city's performance against three key pillars that make a great city:

1. Future Economy;
2. Infrastructure & Sustainability; and
3. Liveability & Urban Optimisation.

The Committee comments on the City of Melbourne's Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2022-23, in the context of the findings from the *Benchmarking Melbourne* Report.

1. Future Economy

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report ranks Melbourne 14th out of 20 global peer cities for leading edge innovation, reflecting that there are opportunities for Melbourne to learn from its peers about commercialisation and investment in innovation. The report highlights that Melbourne's strengths include its fast-growing ecosystem, its start-ups' potential to scale up (as illustrated by our biotech ecosystem), and the quality and reputation of its knowledge and research assets.

Opportunities for Melbourne to improve include:

- attracting venture capital to spur scaling of start-ups and to grow the technology and innovation sectors including biotech industry;
- growing more globally recognised specialisms and gaining visibility for its strengths;
- the productivity of its knowledge assets and translation of ideas into patents and products, and;
- digital and tech uptake of businesses.

That is why the Committee is supportive of City of Melbourne's initiatives to attract investment and commercialisation opportunities for Melbourne, such as the **establishment of Invest Melbourne**. The Committee is encouraged that there is an MOU and referral arrangement with DJPR (Investment Division) and Invest Victoria – as collaboration is an important component of the ability to ensure commercialisation and innovation is successful.

The Committee also supports the **development of globally competitive innovation ecosystems** (Draft Annual Plan 2022-23, Major initiative 9, p 23) which includes co-ordinated support with start-up ecosystem agencies (including StartupVic and LaunchVic). It is important that efforts in technology, innovation and commercialisation are aligned and co-ordinated and the Committee would be pleased to continue working on how to further enhance and align those activities across Greater Melbourne.

The Committee is further supportive of the initiatives under the City of Melbourne's **Economic Development Strategy**, which includes areas such as international students and public transport to Fisherman's Bend. The development of skills in various sectors such as science and technology, health, logistics and manufacturing will be important to build on the existing strengths in education and research that Melbourne has to offer.

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2. Infrastructure & Sustainability

Infrastructure

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report ranks Melbourne 12th out of 20 peer cities for whole city connectivity. This means that we need to ensure there is an integrated plan for city connectivity – across a variety of modes of transport – and also ensuring that the city gets the most out of transport plans by considering economic and land-use planning. Additional opportunities exist to improve the quality of Melbourne's logistics infrastructure to maintain our global gateway capability. Opportunities also includes aligning end-to-end transport solutions with infrastructure investments to ensure greater connectivity across the whole of Greater Melbourne.

That is why the Committee is supportive of the City of Melbourne's advocacy in its draft Annual Plan 2022-23, for high-quality public and active transport in urban renewal areas including **Melbourne Metro 2, tram to Fisherman's Bend and tram to connect the Arden Precinct**, and other development initiatives such as a focus on **Docklands (particularly Central Pier)**.

The Committee looks forward to working with the City of Melbourne on city-shaping infrastructure initiatives that will benefit the economy and community of Greater Melbourne into the future.

Climate Action

The Committee has a strong agenda on sustainability initiatives. The Committee is therefore very supportive of the City of Melbourne's efforts on climate action across a range of fronts highlighted in the Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Report 2022-23. The Committee looks forward to supporting and working with the city to ensure that climate action can be achieved.

3. Liveability & Urban Optimisation

Experience economy

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report rates Melbourne 3rd out of 20 peer cities for its experience economy offerings – which reflects Melbourne's incredibly strong fundamentals in sporting, arts & culture, events and experiences across Melbourne. These fundamentals need to be continually supported, and that is why the Committee supports the City of Melbourne's investment in experiences that will continue to attract and retain people to live and work in Melbourne – such as the **investment of \$25 million in events, festivals and activations**.

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report however, does highlight that people across Greater Melbourne may be experiencing a 'Tale of Two Cities'. There is some concern about whether all Melburnians are participating in the wonderful offerings that Melbourne provides and whether there is an integrated plan for supporting the experience economy across Greater Melbourne.

Therefore, the Committee supports efforts by the City of Melbourne to democratised the participation of people in the offerings of the CBD, and the **investment in the Greenline of \$140 million over four years** (Draft Annual Budget 2022-23) **as well as delivery of public arts projects and green spaces** (Draft Annual Plan 2022-23, Major Initiative 15, p 30 and Major initiative 16, p 31), are examples of important projects delivering services and experiences for the broader community.

Social and affordable housing

The *Benchmarking Melbourne* report highlights that Melbourne is the world's 6th most unaffordable English-speaking metropolis for buying a home. The Committee has developed recommendations towards a social and affordable housing strategy (including in relation to key worker housing) in April 2021. The Committee also made a submission to the City of Melbourne's affordable housing strategy in 2020.

The Committee is therefore very **supportive of the City of Melbourne's efforts on affordable housing including the establishment of 'Homes Melbourne'**. The Committee looks forward to working further with the City of Melbourne on social and affordable housing strategies.

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*Brand Melbourne*

Melbourne is well known on the World stage and domestically and should continue to support its marketing and image. Melbourne's has a good reputation as a place to study and become employable, perceived friendliness and openness as a place to work or start up a business.

The Committee supports the initiatives in the draft Annual Plan 2022-23, such as the **marketing and promotion of the city as a great place to live** (Major initiative 6, p 20). The Committee would like to work with the City of Melbourne on branding opportunities including on areas like investment opportunities, business opportunities and liveability opportunities.

Melbourne is, and will continue to be, the most attractive city in Australia to live, work, visit and do business.

The Committee is very supportive of many of the programs of work of the City of Melbourne in its Draft Budget 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2022-23 (some examples of which are outlined above).

The Committee looks forward to working with the City of Melbourne to further the development of those initiatives as well as other ongoing opportunities to work together to shape Melbourne's future.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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Attached:

- *Benchmarking Melbourne* report 2022
- *Delivering Affordable Housing* report, April 2021

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ABOUT VTIC

ABOUT VTIC The Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) is the dedicated peak body and leading advocate for Victoria's tourism and events industry. Our purpose is to influence and shape the state's vibrant visitor economy.

As Victoria's peak industry body representing the interest of our state's vital visitor economy, VTIC is the leading advocate singularly committed to championing the issues and challenges facing Victoria's tourism and events industry. With a diverse membership of over 1,000 businesses across the state, VTIC provides opportunities for members to connect and keep informed on the latest research, policy development and impacts affecting the Victorian visitor economy.

VTIC works to develop and support a professional, profitable, and sustainable visitor economy. By improving the business environment, we make it easier for our industry to deliver high quality experiences, products, and services to all visitors to Victoria.

VTIC's role is to provide leadership for the tourism and events industry and support our members through:

- Policy development, advocacy, and representation
- Industry development initiatives
- Business development and support services.

VTIC's key objectives are to:

- Be recognised as Victoria's leading advocate, policy influencer, and representative for the tourism and events industry
- Grow a diverse and strong membership base that represents all sectors of the industry
- Support members through valued and relevant business and industry development services
- Operate as a financially sustainable and well-governed organisation with a best-practice work environment.

Our response to the Draft Budget

The City of Melbourne plays a crucial role in the recovery of the State's visitor economy industry and VTIC welcomes the significant investments being proposed to support iconic events, activations and experience developments across the CBD.

The proposal to create an Experience Melbourne division is welcomed by VTIC and an important aspect of the Greater Melbourne Visitor Economy discussion.

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We do flag, however, that there will need to be careful engagement across Greater Melbourne, as there will be a level of confusion and concern as to how this will affect the broader metro Melbourne region. VTIC is keen to be part of this project to support the industry needs and engagement process that might be required.

In reading the budget details we note there is not a defined Visitor Servicing line in the budget and, as we plan towards the Commonwealth Games in 2026, we highlight the need for clear attention to this critical area. During the hosting of the Commonwealth Games in 2006, visitor servicing in the Melbourne CBD was a critical component of ensuring the experience of our guests in Melbourne for the event was the very best it could be. This critical connection point becomes even more vital as the Games in 2026 will be disbursed across such a wide region of the state. This will require a 'gateway visitor servicing' strategy, for which planning needs to start now.

It is acknowledged this line item could well be contained within the budget elsewhere, but encourage clarity on this as the capital city destination.

The Queen Victoria Market is one of the high touch points for the visitors to the city, and we look forward to continued engagement with City of Melbourne as to how this asset is celebrated for our visitors from international and interstate markets. VTIC is also keen to work with the City of Melbourne to facilitate engagement with the wider visitor economy operators to drive economic outcomes for across the CBD.

The Greenline project is one of the most significant infrastructure/experience developments to be considered for Melbourne in some time. VTIC completely supports this project and sees it as a crucial initiative to engage and inspire visitors to explore our city and immerse themselves in all the best we have to offer.

Again, VTIC looks forward to engaging closely with the City of Melbourne on this project to maximise the widest participation of the Melbourne visitor economy operators in bringing this concept to life.

As a key member of the Visitor Economy community, we encourage focus on the support of creative industries and sustainable placemaking, with open spaces and clean environments an important starting point for activation of the tourism and events sector.

City Precinct groups, International Student City exploration support, the Micro-Mobility, and City Transport/Circulation plans are all important elements that keep the VTIC membership connected to City of Melbourne.

Regarding the \$1 million budget allocated to Invest Melbourne, which we understand to be a diversified portfolio, we flag here the importance of ensuring that some portion of these funds can support investment in much-needed attractions and experiences that underpin the city's visitor economy. While investing in technology is important, particularly for visitor servicing, we need to consider the broader aspects of what's required to create engaging experiences for our visitors.

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Fee waiving for permits is a deeply appreciated initiative and important for the recovery of many businesses across the city. Support in how to best use the established parklets in down-time is an additional area we see as generating vibrancy across the various precincts. This concept creates a legacy for what has proven to be an attractive addition to the city streetscape as a consequence of Covid restrictions.

VTIC and its member community welcome the impressive budget proposal put forward by the City of Melbourne and we look forward to continued engagement and consultation on where the visitor economy can contribute to the future recovery and vibrancy of our capital city.

Regards,

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Attachment 5 - List of recommended changes to the draft Budget 2022–23

The following is a list of proposed changes to the draft Budget 2022–23

#	Existing Reference	Change	Rationale
1	Budget feedback item #16 refers to Transport Strategy and traffic changes associated with the implementation of bikes lanes etc	Will be contribute in Budget for additional signage relating to cars and bike lanes	City of Melbourne understands the need to maintain safety and appropriate signage for all modes of transport in our municipality
2	<p>Budget feedback item #46 refers to the Salvation Army Youth Street The question asked is</p> <p>“We are wondering if it would be possible for The City of Melbourne to make a contribution towards the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams in the City of Melbourne on Friday and Saturday nights? We believe that this program would once again help to ensure the safety of young people who are accessing the City of Melbourne for entertainment purposes. Assistant Commissioner Brett Curran from Victoria Police has also indicated his willingness to support the reestablishment of the Youth Street Teams program.”</p>	Council will support \$100k to support the reestablishment of the Youth Street teams	City of Melbourne wants to be a leading organisation with this service. This request supports Major Initiative 50, Project Night Justice and overall perceptions of safety.
3	Rates – VGV General Rates final audit	<p>Make a change to Rates with respect to VGV final General Valuation Audit (see below)</p> <p>General Rates The Valuer General Victoria (VGV) have finalised the CoM 2022 General Valuation audit. They made an amendment to one assessment. The net annual value (NAV) was reduced by \$3,209,500 resulting in a reduction to non-residential general rates of \$135,264. The Valuer General Victoria will be reporting to the Minister for Planning that the City of Melbourne's 2022</p>	No change recommended to be made to the draft Budget 2022–23 other than for disclosure purposes

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1	21B1433N	City Road Masterplan	New	Proposed works in the undercroft do not meet the criteria to be funded through the Public Open Space (POS) Reserve as previously proposed. An offset is proposed to be transferring Council Funding from eligible projects which in turn will be partially funded via the POS Reserve.	2,000,000		(2,000,000)	0	7,000,000		(7,000,000)	0				0				0	9,000,000	0	(9,000,000)	0	
	22B1409R	Parks Renewal Program	Renewal		(1,000,000)		1,000,000	0	(1,000,000)		1,000,000	0				0					0	(2,000,000)	0	2,000,000	0
	22B1422R	Parks Tree Planting and Replacement Program	Renewal		(400,000)		400,000	0	(400,000)		400,000	0				0					0	(800,000)	0	800,000	0
	21B2514N	Greenline	New					0	(6,200,000)		6,200,000	0				0					0	(6,200,000)	0	6,200,000	0
2	20B0901N	Make Room	Maintenance	It has been established the proposed fit out works will be owned by Unison as per lease arrangement for up to 20 years. As a result the Make Room project has been reclassified as a capital grant.	(356,065)	(8,000,000)		(8,356,065)				0				0					(356,065)	(8,000,000)	0	(8,356,065)	
	22B2801M	Make Room Refurbishment	Capital Grant			7,000,000		7,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000	0				0				0	0	8,000,000	0	8,000,000
3	21B4426N	Community Sports Pavilion Upgrade (Ryder Pavilion)	Upgrade	As a result of the securing State funding of \$800,000 secured via the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, this project is proposed to be brought forward by one year. A condition of this funding is works commence in 2022-23. The balance of the project \$3,700,000 is now funded via Council Funding. This has been offset by reducing Council Funding in Greenline for Year 2 and replacing funding via the POS Reserve.		800,000		800,000	3,700,000	(1,200,000)		2,500,000		(3,300,000)		(3,300,000)					0	3,700,000	(3,700,000)	0	0
	21B2514N	Greenline	New					0	(3,700,000)		3,700,000	0				0					0	(3,700,000)	0	3,700,000	0
Proposed amendments					243,935	(200,000)	(600,000)	(556,065)	(600,000)	(200,000)	4,300,000	3,500,000	0	(3,300,000)	0	(3,300,000)	0	0	0	0	0	(356,065)	(3,700,000)	3,700,000	(356,065)