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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

FUTURE MELBOURNE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 3: 6 DECEMBER 2016 WRITTEN SUBMISSION: MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

C274 – RMIT UNIVERSITY ADVERTISING SIGN CONTROLS

Urbis acts for RMIT University, the proponent of Planning Scheme Amendment C274 and owner of the subject land.

We support Council's recommendation from management, that the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning for the City of Melbourne to prepare and give notice of Planning Scheme Amendment C274.

RMIT is pursuing this planning scheme amendment, which is detailed in the Explanatory Report, for the following key reasons:

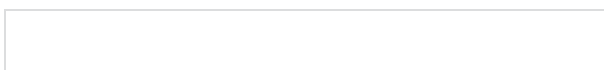
1. Category 2 advertising sign category (Office and Industrial areas) is appropriate in the context of the subject site's location, which is largely surrounded by land located within the Capital City Zone – Schedule 1 and not restricted by any advertising signage category. Furthermore, the surrounding land uses are not considered sensitive.
2. The proposed change in the advertising sign category, from Category 4 to Category 2, does not negate the relevant requirement for planning approvals, which allows Council to assess the merit of any relevant planning permit application.
3. Amendment C274 will not approve works but will allow RMIT to pursue the objective of consistent signage across the City Campus of RMIT University, pursuant to relevant planning permits being issued.



Yours sincerely,

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From: raid3051

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To: CoM Meetings

Subject: Re: Council and Committee meeting submission form

Re CoM FM meeting Dec 6, 2016

RAID@3051 submission for this meeting is attached - as is the RAID submission to VPA re Arden Vision Draft Document.

RAID@3051 member Lorna Hannan aims to be at the Com FM meeting on 6 December to briefly speak to the RAID submission.

If she is able to attend she will introduce herself to meeting attendants at 5.30pm

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Response to City of Melbourne Comments on Draft Arden Vision and Framework.

Ref: COM Document for Future Melbourne Meeting 6 December 2016

Residents About Integrated Development (RAID) @3051Inc

RAID represents the views of the local community in informing, integrated, long-term and sustained planning for urban renewal in North Melbourne and surrounding areas. RAID is focused on working with residents, local government and other community groups to advocate for physical planning and development that is matched by concomitant social infrastructure that addresses the needs of current and future residents of all ages. Since its establishment in 2011 RAID continues to seek and then represent the views of the local community in informing, integrated, long-term and sustained planning for urban renewal in North Melbourne and surrounding areas.

RAID's experience over several years has reinforced the positive contribution that residents can make to policy development and implementation affecting 3051.

RAID is strongly committed to stakeholder engagement.

RAID is committed to its ongoing engagement in the development of Arden Vision and recommended to the VPA;

To support community 'buy-in' convene a long-term consultative committee of local stakeholders to oversee and champion the Framework within the local community. There is an ongoing role for community, including the business community during the development of the Structure Plan, and beyond, that meets regularly. [One such example is the well-executed Royal Park Consultative Committee convened by the City of Melbourne.

RAID appreciated that the VPA has met with RAID for an initial focused 2 hour consultation. RAID was invited to forward a written submission (RAID detailed submission is attached). In our submission to the VPA:

RAID proposed;

Alternative Arden Vision Statement: *Arden will create a new inner-urban suburb. Planning for Arden will focus on the people living there by providing high quality housing options and appropriate facilities to attract and retain a diverse community. This will enable residents, and workers, to become connected within the suburb through the provision of well positioned and designed spaces and places including open space, recreational, educational, social, public health and community facilities to meet individual needs as they emerge. Arden will blend, integrate and add value to its neighbouring established and new precincts and suburbs of North Melbourne, West Melbourne, Kensington and Parkville*

RAID'S RESPONSE TO THE CoM COMMENTS DOCUMENT:

SECTION 1 - Introduction

1 RAID welcomes: “the commitment of the City of Melbourne to an ongoing partnership between the City of Melbourne , VPA and the broader Government Departments and agencies who are working together to deliver this major process of urban change and transformation in the municipality.

RAID RESPONSE: RAID wishes to be a strategic partner in this major urban change that is evolving in our community, and requests CoM advocate for a community reference group to be established.

Section 2 Recommended Changes

Section 2.1

2 RAID notes that CoM is seeking clarification of what is meant by ‘an extended city’. RAID is of the view that our area is not merely an extension but is a separate identity to the central city. North Melbourne (including the precincts of Arden and Macaulay) has its own context. Arden is a strategic location that needs to develop its own potential. We support the CoM request that this is further explored and justified. RAID recommends that **CoM considers if the area Macaulay/Shiel should be annexed from the Arden Precinct as it is already covered by C190**

Section 2.2

3 RAID also considers that the VPA document is a vision that needs to evolve into a comprehensive detailed integrated urban plan.

4 RAID regards the Moonee Ponds Creek as a strategic but constrained asset – constrained by the City Link and the rail line and as a designated road reservation and thus it is not available to be permanently locked in as accessible recreational open space.

RAID RESPONSE:

Given these permanent barriers to access, it is seriously questioned how CoM place such importance on the Moonee Ponds Creek as a recreational resource.

RAID considers it vital that a range of open spaces (passive and active) be easily accessible from the Arden Precinct and permanently locked in at the outset- before any sub-division or land development occurs.

Section 2.3

5 RAID agrees with CoM on the importance of establishing strategic targets that will drive design, planning, community, economic and environmental outcomes.

6 RAID also agrees with CoM comment that the existing fabric of the area including heritage buildings needs to be celebrated and included and that the focus must be on quality design and carefully staged implementation.

Section 2.4

7 RAID supports that Arden will be a benchmark as an urban renewal area embracing the application of Smart City Principles in respect of connected infrastructure and smart technologies to enhance all people centred and economic activity.

Section 2.5

8 RAID supports the CoM statement that the state government land is a major asset and that its use should be strategically thought through and carefully curated. Large tracts of land should not be packaged and sold off at the outset. A phased plan for a diverse community is essential that includes community benefits. RAID strongly recognises the importance of diverse housing options and supports the inclusion of affordable housing.

Section 2.6

9 RAID supports the renewal of the area and considers it vital that a range of economic and small business opportunities be fostered so people of all ages with different skills can both live and work in the Arden precinct.

Section 2.7

10 RAID regards it as vital that existing and new modes of transport are interconnected (bus, tram, train, metro, car share 'banks') and that the areas around these hubs are safe 24/7.

RAID considers that:

Transport interconnectivity is vital and needs to be incorporated into plans from the outset. ie the 401, 402 bus need to intersect. Macaulay station needs to be urgently upgraded so it is safe to access and there needs to be a shuttle link between the new Arden station, Macaulay station and the 57 tram.
Freight movement through the area needs to be avoided.

11 RAID is not clear on that there is evidence outside the CBD of an oversupply of parking and thus RAID questions if there is any significant oversupply of parking in the existing 3051 precinct or in the proposed Arden, or Macaulay area.

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Submission to Draft Arden Vision Statement and Framework prepared by Residents About Integrated Development (RAID) @ 3051 Inc October 23, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the draft Arden Vision Statement and Framework. The following provides a response from RAID@3051 Inc to the five Strategic Directions within the Framework.

As a general introduction and overview statement from RAID@3051 Inc the following points are advised:

- RAID@3051 Inc is a community group formed in 2011 to respond to the proposed Woolworths development in the residential area bounded by Macaulay Road and Canning St, North Melbourne and continues to represent the views of the local community in informing integrated, long-term and sustained planning for urban renewal in North Melbourne and surrounding areas.
- The uniqueness of inner Melbourne needs a different solution to urban renewal than outer areas of Melbourne to ensure that the liveability of inner Melbourne is enhanced by future development and population growth that respects and builds on the historic fabric both residential and industrial. Additionally pockets of inner Melbourne, such as North Melbourne, service a population with diverse needs and socio-economic spread
- The draft Arden Vision Statement and Framework area borders a number of other precincts. Ensuring that there is connection and collaboration with long-term planning for those areas is critical to respectfully and appropriately accommodate expected population growth targets and achieving the best outcomes for the area.

Finally, while the aspirational focus and nature of the Draft Arden Vision Statement and Framework is acknowledged and applauded, it remains words on paper unless acceptance of the priorities and strategies and action is realised.

An alternative Vision Statement is proposed which shifts the focus from 'what is proposed for the Arden precinct and how it will happen' to **the people – residents and workers - and the environment needed to support a new community within existing communities.**

Alternative Arden Vision Statement:

Arden will create a new inner-urban suburb. Planning for Arden will focus on the people living there by providing high quality housing options and appropriate facilities to attract and retain a diverse community. This will enable residents, and workers, to become connected within the suburb through the provision of well positioned and designed spaces and places including open space, recreational, educational, social, public health and community facilities to meet individual needs as they emerge. Arden will blend, integrate and add value to its neighbouring established and new precincts and suburbs of North Melbourne, West Melbourne, Kensington and Parkville.

Stakeholder consultation

RAID is strongly committed to stakeholder engagement and when approached welcomed the opportunity to be involved in consultation with VPA representatives on the draft Arden Framework. The following contextual response is specifically on process and supplements the input contributed by the broad range of perspectives and professional inputs of community members brought together by RAID on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 in a facilitated meeting attended by representatives of the VPA. Detailed notes were taken at that meeting by VPA and at the conclusion RAID was encouraged to put

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forward a submission to the draft Arden Vision and Framework. In addition RAID will respond to the online survey as will individual RAID and community members.

In preparing a response there are several key points that RAID believes are important observations in engaging community in effective consultation processes:

1. In developing such a Framework there is the need for a broader dialogue and engagement with every level of government and local stakeholders to ensure that the current context and planning for the future context is taken into account.
2. There is the need to underpin and inform the Framework with evidence based relevant research – sourced from local and international examples – that focuses specifically on what was planned and developed so as to assess the efficacy and usability of the outcome. There are examples of planned large-scale developments that people have committed to on a ‘promise’ that did not eventuate.
3. To support community ‘buy-in’ convene a long-term consultative committee of local stakeholders to oversee and champion the Framework within the local community. There is an ongoing role for community, including the business community during the development of the Structure Plan, and beyond, that meets regularly. [One such example is the well executed Royal Park Consultative Committee convened by the City of Melbourne.]
4. Provide the opportunity for input by diverse communities. This will require plain English documents; first language versions of information requiring a response; translators/interpreters to support responses; place-based information sessions; and providing feedback on the responses provided.
5. The Framework needs to reference to the latest planning policy and projections, for example, the City of Melbourne Housing Strategy and the State Government Better Apartment Standards, and Urban Forest initiative. While the organic nature of planning policy is acknowledged it provides some surety that this Framework has been developed within a contemporary policy context.
6. Assumptions as to the current level and sufficiency of community, social and recreational facilities, open space and services such as schools, childcare, aged care and health services is contested particularly when existing services are referred to as capable of servicing new – and significantly greater – populations.
7. This principle also applies to core services – roads, water, sewerage and telecommunications as examples. How will the new Arden precinct be serviced by the current sub standard roads eg. Macaulay and Arden St which are already problematic.
8. Population projections must be accurate and adjustments made to the scope of facilities and services when these increase or demographic profiling identifies high needs groups within the population. This might include low income singles and families, newly arrived migrants, older adults downsizing and families with young children.
9. Specifically in relation to the Draft Arden Vision and Framework (September 2016), the document is confusing in presenting:
 - a. Five strategic directions
 - b. 10 key propositions

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c. Nine design objectives.

While there is an attempt to relate these various components in words, a diagram visually displaying the relationships/inter-relationships between the strategic directions, key propositions and design objectives may assist the community in better understanding and therefore responding to the draft Framework.

Similarly, the statement in the Vision and Framework introduction that this 'starts the conversation' (p. 7) about the precinct is doubtful when the overall picture is presented with 3D modeling and comparison with international examples of urban renewal areas.

10. Specifically in relation to the on line Survey feedback, the questions drawn from the ten Propositions are framed in such a way as to elicit a positive response thereby limiting the value of responses in informing an alternative viewpoint or perspective. While the text boxes provide for a qualitative response it is almost too broad and unfocussed relative the questions. Additionally there is no specific reference to the five strategic directions or nine design objectives for respondents to consider.

Each of the five Strategic Directions has been addressed in the following pages.

We look forward to your consideration of the matters raised in this submission, inclusive of the request for ongoing community input during the development of the Structure Plan, and the consequent infrastructure and service features. To support the effective development of Arden transport infrastructure, educational and public health, child care and aged care facilities need to be priorities of the requisite local, state or federal government departments. The enduring legacy of the Plan needs this level of leadership and sustained commitment.

Your response to specific matters raised in this submission and subsequent feedback on how these matters are to be addressed and / or incorporated is welcomed. RAID looks forward to continued involvement as the Arden Vision and Framework further develops.

Prepared by Residents About Integrated Development (RAID) @ 3051 Inc.

October 23, 2016

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RESIDENTS ABOUT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT @ 3051 INC**DIRECTION 1: URBAN TRANSFORMATION**

RAID welcomes the development of the Melbourne Metro tunnel as a vital, and long overdue, piece of public transport infrastructure which will be critical for managing the expected population growth in coming decades.

RAID maintains that the development of the Arden precinct must learn from the mistakes of previous inner city development areas, in particular the mishandling of Docklands, Fishermans Bend and South bank, where the developers have been allowed to maximize their private gain to the detriment of public good, resulting in dead and drab urban environments.

RAID recognises that the Arden Precinct planning provides a unique opportunity to develop a model inner urban precinct due to the fact that much of the land within the precinct is within State Government or Local Council ownership. In particular RAID contends that the state government must set aside spaces for public benefit- parks, squares, schools etc. before rezoning, and thereby increasing the value of land. Similarly excessive height of new buildings should be rejected in favour of maximizing amenity for both public and private users.

Generally, RAID supports the economic objectives as set out in the Draft Arden Vision Statement and Framework, but adds the following:

- The Arden precinct should foster diverse types of employment including providing spaces with low rent or rent control for small artisan and artist based enterprises,
- Arden should provide for a culturally and economically diverse community: it should not be yet another example of inner city gentrification.
- Provision should be made for the retention of some industry and blue collar jobs. Consideration should be given to the retention or relocation nearby of the concrete batching plant, the asphalt plant and to the retention of hardware outlets such as Bowens, as well as of some auto repair shops. These all provide essential services for the local area and would cause serious economic problems and create unwanted additional vehicle dependence to outer suburbs if they were done away with entirely.

PRINCIPLES OF URBAN TRANSFORMATION

RAID generally supports the principals outlined under this heading, but adds the following:

- The importance of integration of the Arden precinct with the surrounding areas, in particular E-Gate to the south and North and West Melbourne to the East and North, and the Moonee Ponds Creek and Kensington to the west.
- Provision of much needed social infrastructure for the projected future population and for reasonably expected growth beyond the current mid-term projections: open space, sporting facilities, schools (primary and secondary), kindergartens, youth recreation and employment opportunities, aged care and social support.
- Provision of much needed cultural infrastructure: clubs, pubs, music venues and so forth.
- Valuing, retention and enhancement of the existing built and natural environment and the indigenous and industrial history of the area.

CAPITALIZING ON GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

RAID supports this as a goal. RAID suggests that all levels of Governments will need to be involved in providing crucial infrastructure (transport, power and communications, schools, childcare, sports facilities, social centres and community hubs etc.) that will enable the Arden community to flourish.

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- RAID recognises that there will be a strong demand for housing in the Arden precinct, but does not support “the higher is better” model of urban development seen in recent years.
- RAID generally supports integrated development, where residential is mixed with retail, commercial and civic functions and is preferred to residential only buildings or areas (which generally return a higher profit for developers). This needs to be written into the planning guidelines and implemented.
- RAID supports the inclusion of well integrated affordable and accessible public and low cost housing in to the precinct in order to maintain a culturally and economically diverse community. This can either be done through stand alone public and community housing, or through the mandatory integration of quality public and community housing units into new residential developments.
- Mandatory minimum standards for all dwellings should be implemented (see RAID’s submission on Apartment Standards). Community capacity is built by residents committing to live long term in an area, and residents are more likely to be short term if living in sub-standard dwellings.

GUIDELINES FOR BUILT FORM:

Getting the built form right is crucial to the optimum outcome for the Arden precinct. To that end RAID suggests that:

- A standing panel of leading architects and urban designers be formed to judge design quality outcomes, especially for pivotal buildings in order to ensure that the built environment of the Arden-Macaulay area is of the highest quality.
- High density does not mean high rise! The preferred model of development should be medium rise (i.e. 4 to 6 stories) with activated street frontages. This is optimum for balancing the needs of increased density, access to light and air and for maximizing social interaction and street life.
- Developments of four to six stories avoid or minimize adverse outcomes such as excessive overshadowing, wind tunnel effects, excessive capital outlays, social alienation and disjointed streetscapes. In addition a degree of uniformity of building height as well as façade treatment and selection of materials helps to create a sense of unity and community and is to be encouraged.
- Development in excess 6 stories (i.e. more than 20 meters tall) should be the confined to limited areas or rejected out of hand, in particular when in close proximity to existing low rise residential areas and sensitive areas such as parks, squares and other public facilities, where excessive height can lead to overwhelming visual dominance, overshadowing and adverse wind effects.
- RAID supports a mandatory 30 meter height limit in the central Arden area. Areas of taller buildings must avoid sensitive areas, in particular immediately adjacent existing land proposed as public open space. If a target of 100 dwellings per hectare is proposed heights in excess of 20 meters would seem to be unnecessary.
- The Arden Macaulay Structure Plan (AMSP) indicates that the heritage values of the area will be respected. RAID commends this and supports the integration of the new with the old. Docklands and other failed recent large scale developments did not place due value on historic buildings, plantings and streetscapes and this has been part of the reason for their perceived sterility.

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A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT PRECINCT

- RAID supports the ambition to create the Arden precinct as an exemplar of the highest standards of environmental design and management, implying higher standards than are set out in the current building code.
- All buildings, and indeed the entire precinct, should be zero carbon or carbon negative and restorative of the natural environment.
- This needs to be written into the planning guidelines.
- This is achievable.

OPPORTUNITY ON A GLOBAL SCALE

- RAID supports urban renewal and urban consolidation when done well. The term “Opportunity On Global Scale” is vague and ill-defined. RAID takes the term to mean that world’s best practice will be followed in the development of the Arden precinct - and gives its full support if that is the case.

RESIDENTS ABOUT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT @ 3051 INC**DIRECTION 2: PLACES FOR PEOPLE**

The principles outlined in the draft are consistent with good community building. This submission seeks to flesh out the general guidelines.

The commitment to social diversity needs to be sustained for the long term future. This new community will not develop as a creative one, contributing to the economic and cultural life of the greater city if over time it becomes an exclusive monoculture of affluent people of a certain age. Since much of the land is in public ownership, this provides more opportunity for a greater mix of social housing in private developments, of co-operative ventures such as the firm Breathe have initiated in Brunswick and beyond, of housing with sufficient bedrooms for families, of housing with communal facilities including kitchen and dining for people at risk of social isolation such as elderly singles, people with mental illness and other disabilities. Such communal housing could also benefit young unattached people who might be drawn to work in the local knowledge industries. Sufficient housing needs to be provided for short-term visiting international workers, who may bring families with them for academic sabbaticals and exchanges. Expensive housing in Melbourne is a major disincentive for international academic and creative visitors.

There will need to be multiple child-care facilities in the ground floors of residential and work buildings and in addition to primary schools, an engineering-trades-IT VCE college linked with University High School and/or RMIT could provide opportunities for work experience, apprenticeships and skills development. Castlemaine College has recently opened such a facility. These facilities could be in a high-rise building but the needs for children and students to access dedicated open space is a high priority. Open space which is not directly adjacent to such facilities, or has to be shared with public open space during school hours is not suitable.

There is a need also for 'social business' or affordable studios and shared working spaces for start-ups, artisans, artists and small entrepreneurs. The encouragement of artisan industries, again perhaps in partnership with RMIT and VU, would add immense vitality to the community, especially if they have shopfront facilities. And there needs to be affordable public venues for meetings, performances, clubs, adult and after-school education, and group activities.

The reliance of the strategy on existing assets is seriously questioned, when many are already at capacity. The statement 'the area already has significant sports and other assets' is simply untrue. The North Melbourne Recreation Reserve is predominantly utilised by the North Melbourne Football Club, and the community use of the gym and swimming pool would be said to already be at capacity. The sport and recreation needs of residents and workers in Arden and Macaulay will not be met by reliance on existing inadequate facilities.

Child care and Government schools in North Melbourne are currently over capacity. New childcare options and new schools for both primary and secondary students are required to be planned, and adequate land set aside for construction at the appropriate time. One additional primary school is already required to serve the existing population.

It is important to get schools provision in the area right. RAID would welcome the VPA convening a special forum for discussion between the Education Department, the VPA, Council and the community to discuss models of schools for the future.

The whole of North and West Melbourne needs a new community health centre to cater for all ages, both on the grounds of social justice and improving health, in particular child and mental health, but also

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to bridge the widening social divide between the public housing community and self-funded residents. Multi-disciplinary community health centres are an extremely cost effective means of delivering primary health care and preventative medicine.

If this community is to work as planned, it needs to remain diverse in all ways and recognise the value of diversity to a creative economy.

RAID agrees that streets need to be carefully designed for people. Provision of 30 metre wide streets to match the existing street network of North Melbourne should be supplemented with a laneway network.

Streets should not be wind tunnels or overshadowed. Air should flow freely between buildings. The ability for solar access during the colder months of the year is also important for street life. The heights and setbacks of buildings mentioned earlier need to be carefully built into the planning controls to deliver this outcome. Solar access to public open spaces must be measured at the winter solstice, not the equinox.

RESIDENTS ABOUT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT @ 3051 INC**DIRECTION 3: A DIVERSE PUBLIC REALM**

Many of the statements made under the heading of A Diverse Public realm are welcomed by RAID as principles and opportunities. However, it is the detail of how, or even if, these aspirations can be delivered by a planning framework by either the government, local council or private developers which is of utmost importance to the community.

The principle of the identity of Arden being a 'creative precinct' is strongly supported by RAID. The creative precinct can only be delivered by a diverse resident population.

Just as the North Melbourne Town Hall clock tower is a beacon and landmark for navigation within the neighbourhood, the historic industrial Western Milling silos represent a significant landmark within the Arden precinct. The draft Arden Framework 3D modelling appears to imply that these will be replaced by a significant development. RAID considers that if, in the long term, the use of the silos alters, that the prominence and importance to the industrial history of the area should be protected and their setting enhanced by planning to locate some community infrastructure in the vicinity. One example of how this has been achieved is the Substation art precinct in Newport (access at <http://thesubstation.org.au/about-us/the-substation/>). The Smithfield Chimney in Dublin is an example of utilising a redundant structure to create an observation deck and additional floor space at high level.

RAID is concerned that the categorisation of the precinct as a 'new central city destination' creates expectations that environments such as those being created in the existing CBD are to be expected. Excessively tall buildings creating windswept shaded streets are not the vision which RAID would support in the Arden precinct.

Further clarity should be provided to the community in relation to the section described as 'restricted public open space', where access is said to 'vary depending on the level of restriction that the primary purpose imposes'.

It is vital that the provision of open spaces is established at the outset and delivered by the State Government, as there is a danger that if left to the private developer, the spaces may fail to be provided, be diminished from that originally promised, or fail to be maintained and enhanced through their life cycle.

The following points are of particular interest to RAID:

1. North and West Melbourne is known not to have adequate access to significant open space. The Arden precinct, mainly in the ownership of State Government and the Council, provides an excellent opportunity to provide significant open spaces for the community. The provision of a number of equipped playgrounds is essential for the development of healthy active children. At present there is only one publically accessible playground –ie Gardiner Reserve.
2. Residents and workers of the Arden precinct will be accommodated in high density housing and workplaces, placing an even higher demand on open space with residents unlikely to have more than a small balcony, and few opportunities for grass and trees.
3. That some best practice metrics are applied to analyse and determine provision of open space for the numbers of residents and workers anticipated to be housed in the Arden precinct, and that a minimum square metre per person be identified and planning put in place to achieve publicly owned open space in response. As a guideline metrics such as the following need to

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be established - no more than 300 metres to walk to open space and nature, and at least 5 square metres per resident of public open space provided.

4. The interconnection between building height and design to the impacts on public open spaces is fully examined when establishing allowable development parameters and urban design principles so that the impacts of wind and lack of solar access do not degrade public open spaces, and provide a balance of shelter and shade.
5. Provision of plazas and paved civic spaces will be important for the area and need to be integrated with essential community focal points such as a library and a multi-purpose community centre. Care must be taken to ensure that grass and trees are maximised through the precinct.
6. Safety of people within the public realm must be a key consideration, with urban design strategies, planning controls, a public art strategy all being key to delivering active street frontages at all times of the day and night, from home to school and the stations from work to home etc. Ensuring that the lower floors of multi level buildings are not dedicated to above ground carparking will be a key consideration noting the poor ground conditions likely in the area. Overlooking the street by residents and balconies is a key method of passive surveillance of the street network.
7. The statement 'Publicly owned land that is freely accessible to the community and primarily for outdoor recreation and leisure' is supported.
8. Open space provided for schools must be designed to enable sections of this space to allow community access outside of normal school hours. Such dual use spaces should be equitably maintained and progressively improved by contributions from both local government and state government.
9. Open space for schools will be dedicated to school use during school hours, particularly for primary schools where security is an important consideration. The amount of open space provided for the community shall be calculated to be best practice without the utilisation of the school open space, which shall become a bonus out of hours.
10. The longevity and extent of reliance on arrangements which are described as 'privately owned but publicly accessible open space' needs to be clarified.
11. It is noted that the Framework contains aspirations of use and connections to the Moonee Ponds Creek. RAID notes that the boundaries of the precinct with the Creek are limited, and in much of the precinct the railway lines create a barrier between people and the Creek.
12. For a meaningful integration of Arden precinct with the Creek, throughways and vistas will be important to draw pedestrians along it. Concern is expressed that the draft Framework appears to show a row of tall buildings along the western edge of the precinct, which shuts down the possibility of the integration of the wider part of the precinct with the Creek.
13. City Link overhead roadway is responsible for air pollution, noise and shading, creating a hostile environment for passive open space throughout much of the year. With the area subject to flooding, the opportunities to transform the Moonee Ponds Creek into quality open space is seriously questioned.

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14. Most parts of the Arden precinct are not within what can be considered as easy walking distance of Royal Park which sits outside of the precinct. It should be clarified how State Government would intend to implement improvements within the public realm outside of the precinct to 'enhance pedestrian and cycling infrastructure' to 'existing Assets'.
15. There are existing open spaces within the Arden precinct which are already at capacity and could not be relied upon for 'counting' as open space for increased numbers of residents and workers. Arden Oval, utilised by the North Melbourne Football Club, and Clayton Reserve, fenced as a dog park, are two such examples. It is understood that the Football Club would not anticipate the oval being degraded by more intensive uses and remain as an AFL training ground; and the dog park is so highly utilised that the surface continuously needs to be rejuvenated, taking sections of the park out of use while works are underway.

DIRECTION 4: A WATER SENSITIVE APPROACH

RAID acknowledges the various infrastructure development, maintenance and mitigating strategies identified within the 'Water sensitive design concepts' diagram (Fig. 16); and recognises that water management from all perspectives is critical in an area where there is already a significant amount of land subject to inundation overlay. The potential compounding impact of climate change and consequent sea level rises and changed rainfall makes water management a priority area for action to protect and provide for both current and future generations. The greater the population, the greater the need for water management.

In the current context, RAID is of the view that action is required to:

- respect the old water ways
- install permeable asphalt as street surfaces
- plant rather than artificially cover surfaces
- use indigenous plants of all sizes
- make use of rain water and cut down on storm water by 'harvesting' water locally
- recognise and mitigate against flooding in the Arden and broader precincts given the known risk of flooding from the Moonee Ponds Creek and underground water paths.

The Moonee Ponds Creek is the core waterway and natural boundary for the Arden precinct. The community group (Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek Inc. <http://mooneepondscreek.org.au/about-us/>) have the stated mission of working to protect and enhance the Moonee Ponds Creek and its environs and will be an interested stakeholder in the Arden Framework about this specific matter.

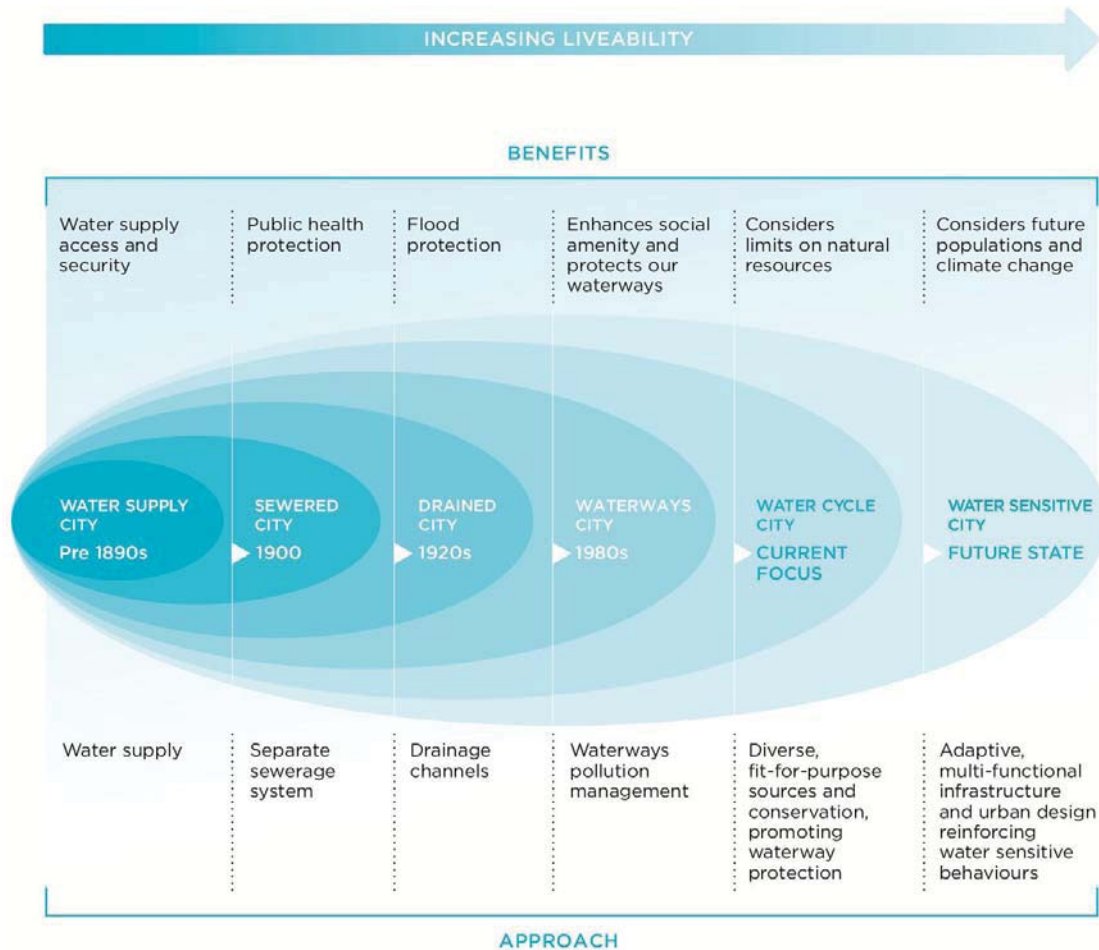
RAID supports their mission to develop the Creek and its immediate environment so that it can best support the native flora and fauna, to create a wildlife corridor and to provide a valuable natural resource for the local community to enjoy.

Further comment on issues and limitations with connecting the Arden precinct with the Moonee Ponds Creek is addressed in points 11, 12, 13 in Direction 3: A Diverse Public Realm.

One other source strategy identified in the draft Arden Vision and Framework is the City of Melbourne's Total Watermark catchment strategy (2013). The following diagram taken from the strategy (p. 3) identifies the core components to of water management to increase liveability.

An update report on the strategy - Total Watermark Update 2014 (access at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/total-watermark-update-2014.pdf>). identified targets against a range of objectives for 2018 and 2030. Monitoring these targets is important given that the population projections for the Arden precinct – and other areas within the City of Melbourne - have increased significantly from those projected even 2 – 3 years ago. Take for example, the Shiel/Haines St developments and the escalation of population well above predictions and the proposed residential and worker population of Arden.

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RAID notes the recent release by the Victorian Government of its new Water for Victoria (October, 2016) report and Water Plan designed to set the strategic direction for water management across the state. Consultation and input from stakeholders included local government - it is assumed that the City of Melbourne was a key stakeholder in this process. The report Water for Victoria – Engagement Summary Report accessible at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/water/water-for-victoria> provides a summation of the purpose of the community engagement; key stakeholders involved in the engagement; how the engagement occurred; what was learnt under a series of themes; what recommendations evolved; and the next steps. RAID considers this to be a useful prototype for feedback to stakeholders on the draft Arden Framework consultation.

Given the currency of the Water for Victoria report and its direct relevance to the topic of 'A Water Sensitive Approach', RAID supports this as a current and appropriate reference point when considering water in the context of the draft Arden Framework.

The Water for Victoria report on the process for consulting to achieve the outcome of the Water Plan identified water as being 'essential to supporting resilient and liveable cities and towns that are prosperous, meet the needs of their communities and support the wellbeing of their residents. Waterways are centres of activity for people from all walks of life. Healthy waterways also provide important habitat for plants and animals. Victoria's population is predicted to almost double by 2051, reaching 10 million people. The state's major urban centres – Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong – are also expected to almost double. The urban water sector must make significant

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investments and also strengthen linkages with urban planning to meet the needs of a growing population. The urban water sector has long focused on providing safe and secure drinking water, sewerage services and flood management.

There are propositions in the report which recommend that:

- there are a range of water sources to support resilient and liveable cities and towns
- there are place-based solutions developed with input from communities to deliver:
 - safe and secure supplies
 - wastewater management
 - flood resilience
 - healthy urban waterways
 - healthy urban landscapes
- integrated water management is implemented with water corporations working in partnership with local government, and others as needed
- communities are engaged and empowered to help achieve water management outcomes together.

All these propositions resonate with what RAID views as important and are broadly consistent with the City of Melbourne's Total Watermark strategy – despite there being no reference to it in the Water for Victoria report.

5. SUSTAINABLE MOVEMENT

RAID supports existing plans to prioritise pedestrians, discourage non-residential car use and the development of existing and future walking and cycling infrastructure - but also recommends prioritising the initiatives and design solutions below as the most efficient and effective means to achieve these goals:

1. Provide economic incentives to attract small to medium businesses which do not require car and truck based deliveries and whose customers will not require car parking.
2. Apply the principles of the City of Melbourne's 'Last Kilometer Freight Plan' - impose restrictions on all unnecessary use of vans and light trucks while encouraging the use of e-cargo bikes for all freight deliveries within the precinct.
3. Develop dedicated Active Transport Corridors (pedestrians, bicycles, e-bikes, e-cargo bikes) that connect the Moonee Ponds Creek bike path/Capital City trail through to: Arden Metro > North Melbourne Recreation Centre > North Melbourne Primary School > University High School and the University/Medical Precinct. Such a corridor would not be designed for the needs of recreational/sport cyclists but rather as a shared pedestrian/low speed Active Transport Route for the safe utility of pedestrians, light freight, primary, high schools and uni students and patients and staff of the medical precinct.
4. The Arden development could also implement a similar dedicated transport corridor using small electric shuttle vehicles which does a wider loop taking in:

Macaulay Station > the Medical Precinct > University of Melbourne > Queen Victoria Market > North Melbourne Station > Arden Metro.
5. The provision of a secure multi level Active Transport Facility featuring bicycle and e-bike parking and maintenance infrastructure. Such a facility should be integrated into Arden Metro allowing people to take advantage of multi-modal travel while ensuring the security of their bicycles and avoiding the cluttering of streets with bicycles. The current Melbourne Bike Share network could also be based at such a facility.
6. Allocate street space for car share companies on the outer edges of the Arden precinct.
7. Apply Shared Space design principles to all intersections - minimising traffic lights and signage and prioritising pedestrian mobility.
8. Transport interconnectivity is vital and needs to be incorporated into plans from the outset. ie the 401, 402 bus need to intersect. Macaulay station needs to be urgently upgraded so it is safe to access and there needs to be a shuttle link between the new Arden station, Macaulay station and the 57 tram.
9. Transport needs to be accessible to people of varying ages and abilities and needs to allow space for prams, for shopping trolleys for market shoppers and trains need to allow for bicycles.
10. While RAID is strongly in favour of increased use of bicycles and public transport, there needs to be provision for charging electric cars. There needs to be adequate provision for use of electric and hybrid cars as not all can use bicycles or always use public transport (elderly people and parents with infants require frequent access to share cars).

Please find attached submission for Future Melbourne agenda item 6.2 Arden draft vision. Could you confirm by email that you have received it.

I would also like to address the committee about it, with the submission shown on the projector.

Regards

Geoff Leach

Arden Sidings Alternative Vision Chain of Ponds Park (CoPP) “North and West Melbourne Improvement League”

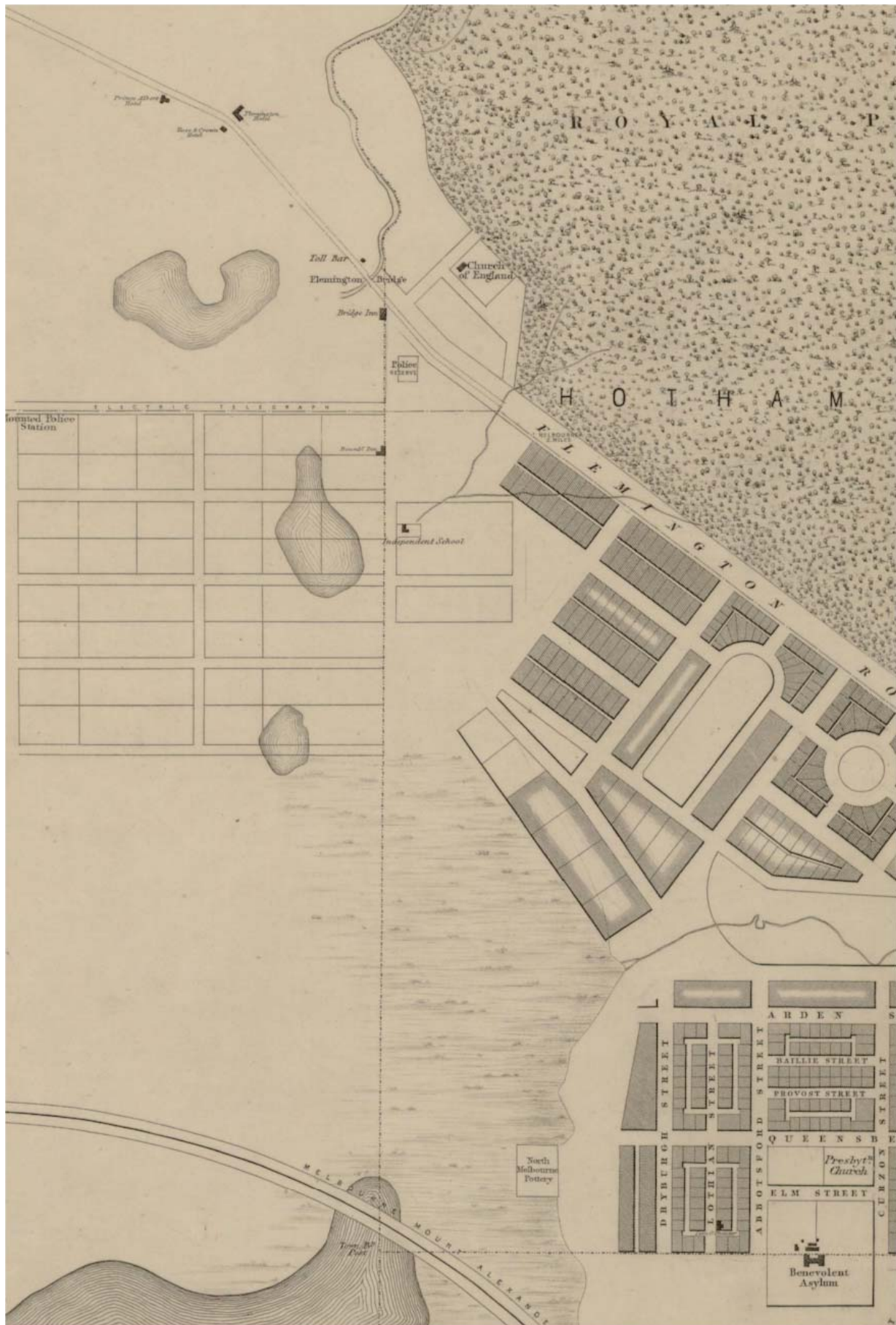
An alternative vision for the Arden Sidings area to intense development is for much needed parkland, open space, wetlands, gardens, recreational space and a school (or two) for the existing and dramatically increasing number of residents in North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Kensington. This area could be called Chain of Ponds Park, in recognition of the original name of Moonee Ponds Creek, which finished in a “chain of ponds”. Or perhaps be called Hodgkinson Park (see below).

There has already been considerable development the last decade or so in North and West Melbourne and Kensington, to demand these community facilities. Further major development is already occurring due to Arden Macaulay, e.g. Shiel St, Vaughan Terrace where approaching 1000 apartments are approved with many under construction. And the northern section of Arden Macaulay to the west of Boundary Rd intends to also dramatically increase population with intense development.

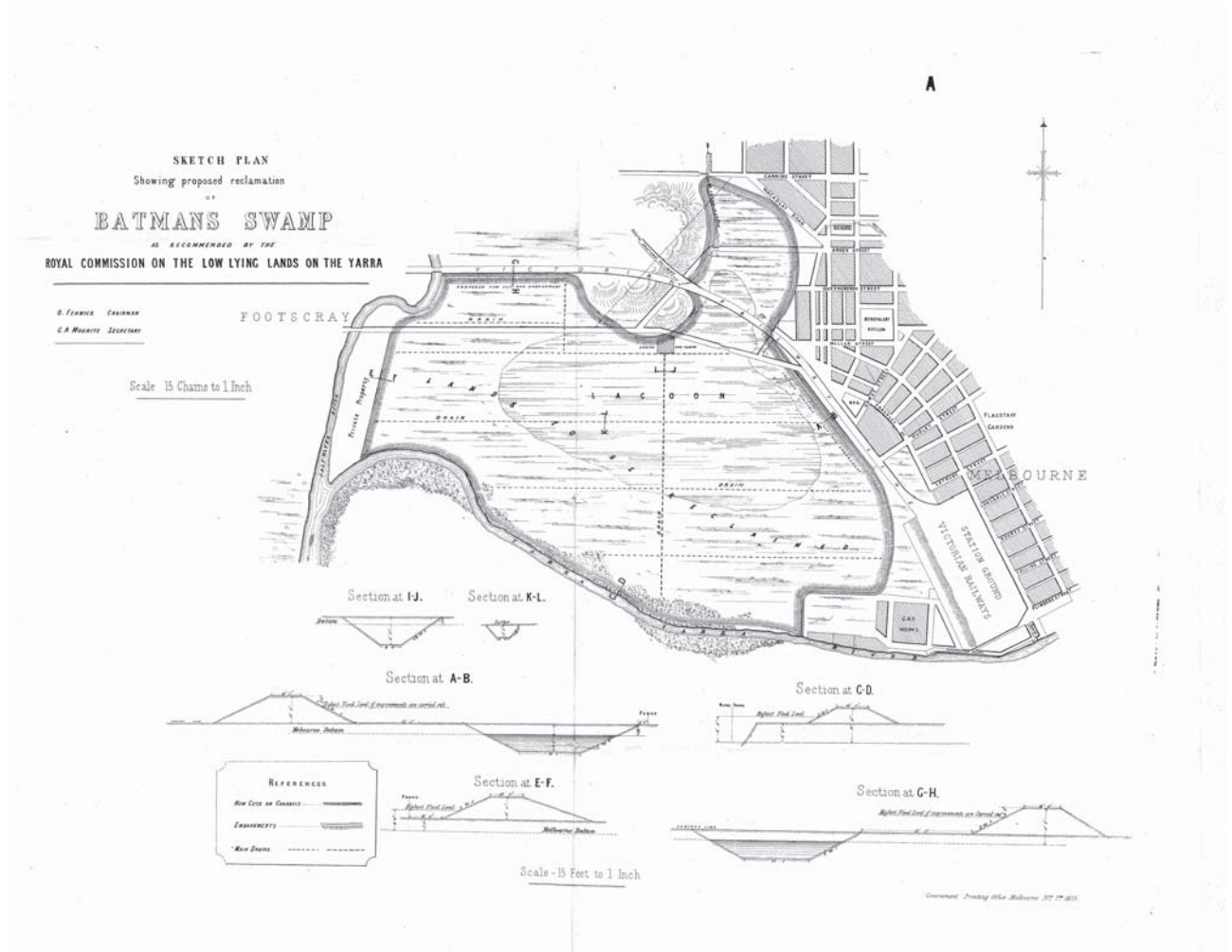
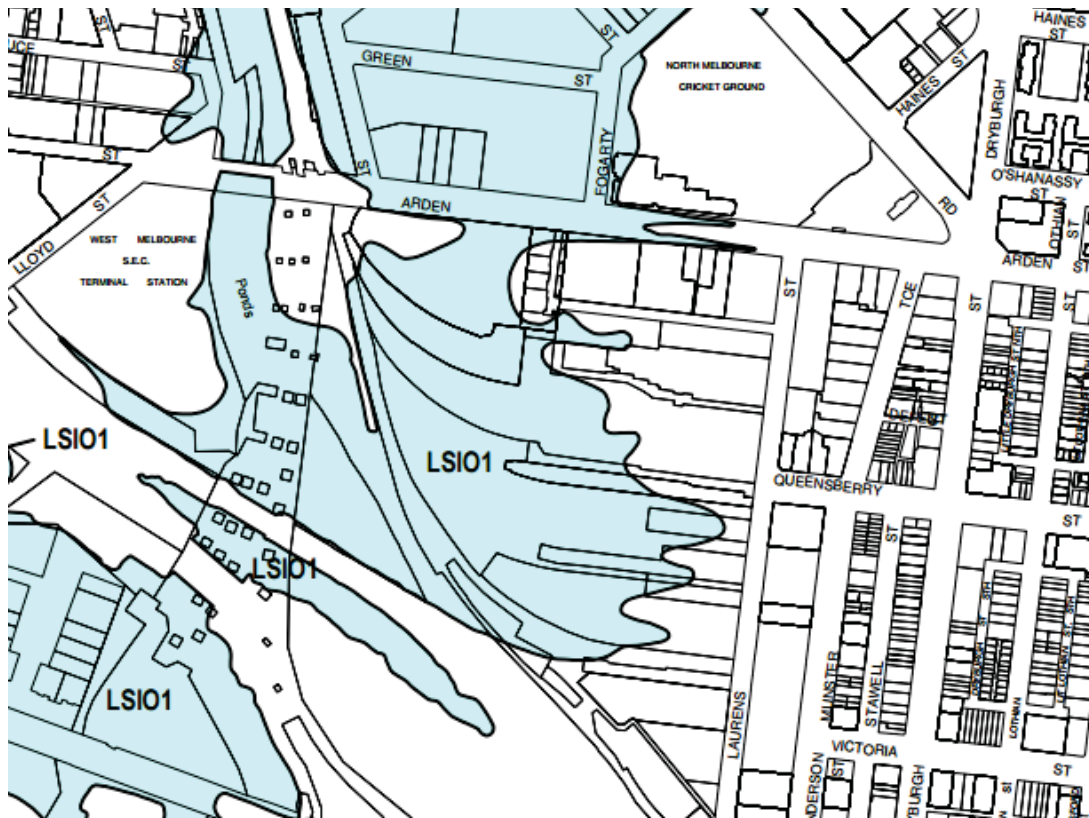
Chain of Ponds Park (CoPP) (illustrative)



Kearney's 1855 map showing 'chain of ponds' and West Melbourne swamp to south.



Arden Sidings area is still subject to flooding (Figure 9-3 Melbourne Metro EES)



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C. Hodgkinson, Esq., a Member of the Commission, examined.

979. Can you give us any further evidence as to the improvement of the West Melbourne swamp

Yes ; I have written a memorandum, which I will read with the permission of the Commission.-

[The witness read the same, which is as follows:-]

... In the portion of ground denoted by green tint on drawing, and intended for a public park for West Melbourne, part of the existing lagoon would be deepened, so as to create a small permanent lake, and the earth derived there from would be used for raising the adjacent swampy surface. ...



Clement Hodgkinson, Victorian Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 1861 to 1874 (wikipedia)

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The Kensington Association would like the Council to ensure that the plans for the Arden Precinct include public open space (more than is on the current plan), low rise interface with the existing residents and the provision of suitable infrastructure such as schools. The Association is also concerned that the long period of construction needs to be organised to provide a safe and secure environment for existing or nearby residents who do not want to be living in a dust bowl.

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