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**Agenda item title: \*** 1.1

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The Southbank Blvd project is not complete.  
The section between City Rd and the river has not been started.  
I also believe we were promised some outdoor artworks  
Dodos St is not complete.

We have put up with inconvenience, noise and disruption to be left with an incomplete project.

It would be nice if Council could keep its promises.

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** It is concerning that council has provided indications that the Southbank Boulevard Transformation project is to be completed prior to the commissioning of all intended works. The completion of this project in full is essential to ensure the success of the project and to realise the full value of investment already committed under the project. It is essential to deliver councils commitment to the arts precinct, local residents annd visitors in linking these spaces to the Promenade and the Yarra River.

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<b>Date of meeting: *</b>	Tuesday 22 November 2022
<b>Agenda item title: *</b>	Southbank Boulevard Transformation Project
<b>Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.</u> Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.</b>	<p>I wish to note my reservation regarding the completion of this project.</p> <p>Reinstate this Project until it is Finished and remind you how important it is to our community that this Project is Finished..</p> <p>Sandra Mayo</p>
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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.</u> Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.	Resident in Kavanagh st concerned about mis information doing the rounds about completion of Southbank Boulevard, so can it be confirmed that council did say the section nearest the river will wait for the new BMW site development? and was Dodds st ever part of the Boulevard development.
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**Agenda item title:** Southbank Boulevard

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How did this ghastly construction ever get planning permission in the first place? I well remember artists impressions of a luxurious "Green Space" being constructed and replacing the wide 2-lane road with a single lane each way with grass areas where families would be enjoying picnics with their kids. What we have is absolutely hideous and a gross waste of my taxpayer's money.

Whoever is responsible for this should be sacked immediately as they are clearly totally incompetent. Indeed, if they worked for me I would fire them!

And how many years has it taken to build something that could easily have been completed in 6-months! The money wasted on this project should have been directed to the Boyde's School which is of far more benefit to our community.

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Item 6.1 Neighbourhood Key Issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Southbank

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20 November 2022

Future Melbourne Committee - Meeting No. 47  
Cliftons Melbourne  
Freshwater Place, Southbank

Dear Members of the FMC,

**Submission Item 6.1 Neighbourhood Key Issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Southbank**

I was very disappointed to learn from Southbank Residents Association that the City of Melbourne has declared the transform Southbank Boulevard project complete.

I served as Secretary for the Southbank Residents Association for 2 years and attended several early meetings regarding the transform Southbank Boulevard project.

Watching from afar now as a resident and loyal SRA member, I'm bitterly disappointed that Council is prematurely celebrating when the project hasn't been completed.

Worse still, Council has failed to communicate the reasons Stage 2 and Stage 6 have yet to be completed. Who decided to yank them from the schedule? When will they be completed?

I call on Council to walk back their claim of completion and get back to work on finishing these long-awaited stages of the project.

I certainly don't appreciate being taken for a fool, and ask members of FMC to reflect on the values of honesty and transparency in all matters.

Sincerely,

**Tracey Allen**



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**Agenda item title: \*** Southbank Boulevard Transformation

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** HI, I would like to express my dismay at the handling of the Southbank Boulevard Transformation. Green space was dug up and replaced with concrete, the project was poorly managed with cost and time overruns. And the overall outcome is a poorer one for Southbank. And I hear that the project is being deemed complete when it is only the first of many stages which is 'complete'. This project requires a full audit into the broken promises to rate payers and the poor management of the project.

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**Agenda item title:** City Road and Southbank Boulevard

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Is the original proposal for Southbank Boulevard going to be completed? Includes art work at Dodds St. and removal of the always feral looking red stairs car park gate?

City Road and Power St. Needs revision. Speed limits needs to be lowered, trucks forbidden, bike lanes installed and pedestrian crossing at all 4 sides of city road/power st. The record breaking waiting time for pedestrians in Kavanagh/power st also needs to be altered and the highly dangerous right turns in the crossing need to be permanently forbidden.

Power St- Sturt street connection needs bike lanes and pedestrain path

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**Agenda item title:** Southbank Boulevard – an insult to residents

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I've been invited to attend a function to celebrate the completion of the Southbank Boulevard Transformation project. Completion? Really? But I know for a fact that the project is not completed! There are two significant stages that are yet to begin – let alone completed. Let me remind you of the two stages just in case some councillors have forgotten or were unaware:

Stage 2: The Dodds Street Upgrade

Stage 6: north of City Road

So how can you hold a celebration? Does this mean you do not intend to complete these two stages? Are Southbank residents supposed to forget about these two stages? After the delays and cost overruns that the council has been responsible for, you're asking us to believe that the project is finished. I say no. No. No. No.

Finish the project and then hold a celebration.

And stop insulting the residents of Southbank. Your so called celebration is nothing but an insult.

Arji Fry

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Southbank

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Southbank Blvd. Don't leave this disaster half finished. Complete the original plans and maybe, just maybe, it will come together. As it stands, it's a major disappointment.

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**Subject:** Response to Neighbourhood Key Issues and City of Melbourne Projects

**Issues:**

1. The Participate Melbourne Program needs to be seen as the starting point for Neighbourhood Development and NOT the end point of the journey. Having a “Portal” is just that. It provides a door to Council and facilitates understanding of the Council and the neighbourhood by all users including the Council. It is an information exchange vehicle, a tool, not an end in itself.
2. The “findings” from the first iteration of interaction with the community is just the first step in creating a process for engagement with the community.
3. It should serve as the precursor to the speedy relocation of services from head office to the neighbourhood.
4. Southbank3006 is concerned that instead of cookie cutter “Neighbourhood Priorities” Southbank needs unique strategies that focus on priority issues to make Southbank a liveable neighbourhood for residents balancing the lifestyle of locals with the economic imperatives of the businesses and facilities that border it.
5. By jumping straight to Neighbourhood Priorities and attempting to retrofit them to Council’s wider strategic Issues framework has the potential to fail to address the unique characteristics of Southbank and the issues that need to be addressed both now and into the future.

*The Dormitory Suburb Problem:*

- i. Southbank is a dormitory suburb where predominately people live here and work elsewhere. It just happens to be a densely populated dormitory. But unlike equivalent dormitories in greenfield developments this area is deprived in terms of community facilities and social development because such facilities have never been a requirement nor space allocated for them. These outcomes dominated the consultation, but they are unstated neighbourhood priority identified by the Council consultation. This needs to be recognised in the work going forward.
- ii. The very structure of the vertical villages on a brownfields area and the lack of social planning by past State and Local governments has left the residents and the Council now trying to play catch up, so we all need to work together with the council to make the vision for the neighbourhood model a reality and change what happens locally into the future.
- iii. A planning process which is “development by development” focussed ignores the social development of the area. This is not the fault of either the developers or the council. It is a systemic failure of a physical planning process for a Brownfield “Capital City Zone” operating without any social context and ignoring the lessons of 50 years of new town developments in Greenfields. So right today there has been minimal investment in social infrastructure and the social development of the community of residents.
- iv. The outcome of this process is that Southbank3006 is the deprived south in the city. What the Participate Process for the Neighbourhood program has exposed is the extent of the issue today.

*The Destination Problem:*

- i. Southbank has become the home to a hospitality industry along its northern border along the Yarra that is targeting the wider Melbourne market as does the arts industry on its eastern boundary. Both are convenient to residents but are not neighbourhood or local in their outlook and their business models do not lend themselves to a neighbourhood focus.
- ii. It is essential the Neighbourhood priorities are developed that recognise this mismatch between destination needs and resident wants and needs.
- iii. The Participate Program touched on this when it identifies responses from people wanting “local”.
- iv. For Southbank3006 we see the development of public art in the Dodds St linear park and a Farmers Markets in the same location as small first steps in achieving localisation. Similarly, the conversion

of the waste land next to the ACCA into a green space targeting residents opens the way for the ACCA to become part of a neighbourhood contemporary art gallery especially with the development of The Fox Contemporary.

*Economy of the Future problem:*

- i. This is perhaps the weakest link in the participate process and the one in which significant input needs to be generated going forward.
- ii. The Economic Development Strategies identified as the Neighbourhood Priorities reflect the problem of retrofitting a community consultation process to a Council Strategic Framework.
- iii. The disappointment is the view that the “Economy of the Future” in Southbank is seen as being one focussed on hospitality and retail on City Road.
- iv. This Economy of the Future is one deserving its own consultation rather than rushing to a solution. The “Economy of the Future” has a bigger vision whether it be Web3, or other knowledge-based industries. Questions need to be posed as to how the facilities developed for Art, Entertainment and Educational uses will integrate with the wider Southbank community in which they sit. Key amongst the questions that need to be tackled are:
  - a. Can Council and the community work to encourage the Arts bodies here to transform from places where things exist to become places where voices are heard especially local, and the importance of the social environment in which they exist is recognised?
  - b. Should Technological change dominate them whether it involves algorithmic creation or digital?
  - c. This is a debate that needs to be had and the Southbank neighbourhood priorities should reflect that debate and not jump to a simplistic and anachronistic solution.

*Transport and Open Space Strategies:*

- i. The Transport Strategies and Open Space Neighbourhood priorities for Southbank 3006 need to embrace both a comprehensive traffic management plan for all of Southbank with a drive to create Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) across Southbank. LTNs encourage people to walk, cycle or use micro or public transport, but still allow the use of cars for residents, deliveries, and emergency services.
- ii. As noted previously by Southbank3006 LTNs can create pocket parks, bringing green open space close to the vertical village, and contribute to bringing people together. As the laneway and Council initiatives to reclaim street space in the CBD as a COVID response demonstrated they can also form the framework for local coffee and dining something that would make localisation a reality for residents.
- iii. We would strongly advocate that the Council repudiates the City Road Master Plan as an outdated concept and cease relying on it as a panacea for Southbank’s economic or traffic management. Using it to underpin the Economy of the Future as a Neighbourhood Priority devalues the entire Participate process.
- iv. What is clear is that the City Road Master Plan will only exacerbate the existing traffic management problems along the full length of City Road/Yarra Bank Highway. Funds can be redirected to lower cost LTNs in Southbank and generating more green open space in neighborhoods across all of Southbank.

*Going Forward – The Neighbourhood priorities that need urgent attention to achieve liveability and localisation:*

1. How do we generate localised services, from Council and other agencies? This is needed to reframe the social development in Southbank, so we are no longer the deprived south of the City. Let’s deal with the legacy Dormitory Suburb issue and make Southbank liveable, and part of the Economy of the Future.
2. Let’s address the Destination issues in the Arts and Hospitality industries and how residents and these bodies coexist.
3. How do Southbank3006 and residents work with Council to make Southbank a centre of low traffic neighbourhoods with the creative use of open space to enable community gardens and pocket parks to meet in?

4. Let's jointly agree to abandon the City Road Masterplan and replace it with strategies to address the traffic management of the entire neighbourhood recognising that City Road is a State Highway and Major Arterial and needs to be made to work.
5. What does the economy of the future look like for Southbank? – it has to be more than coffee shops and afterhours dining? So, let's work together to frame a long-term economic development strategy for all of Southbank recognising the educational and arts bodies located here can provide a foundation for this.

Southbank3006 stands ready to work alongside Council and its officers to facilitate these Neighbourhood priorities.

**David Hamilton**  
**President**  
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## **Trisha Avery - Response to Neighbourhood Key Issues**

We live with high numbers of visitors to our precinct – Southbank has a high Visitor/tourist value. That comes with both a dynamism but also a challenge for locals. As well as the glorious Yarra, we have Melbourne 's renowned and very important (both nationally and state wide) Arts precinct, and of course the development of the multi-billion dollar new NGV and upgrade to the Arts Centre.


One question for you all is how do we integrate large visitor and tourism numbers into a suburb with more than 20,000 residents, without losing liveability or amenity? How do we create low traffic neighbourhoods with hundreds of daily visitors, how do we ensure the 'economy of the future' for Southbank is not just hospitality, but Southbank generated and located business and how do we attract Corporate HQs to the proximity to the CBD?

Pre-Covid the Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) revealed that 41% of the workers in Southbank were employed in Retail and Hospitality most of which will be along the Yarra Promenade so servicing the destination venues and the mainly visitors in that Precinct. Post-Covid this percentage will have grown the changes in work patterns to hybrid working. Therefore, pre covid we had 22,000 full time residents and 25,000 office workers here from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Raises the question, whose needs should have priority?

The evidence from overseas (e.g., Barcelona) is that destination facilities, unless they specifically develop neighbourhood programs, alienate residents and impact on accommodation with housing stock being redirected away from long term residential accommodation into short stay apartments. There appears to be some evidence of that emerging in Southbank with residents increasingly voicing concerns about noise from hospitality and the arts precincts, concerns for safety in the hospitality areas- walking at night...litter, and of course the rise of short-term accommodation in certain high rise apartment buildings and towers.

These development issues are fundamental ones and need to be addressed by the neighbourhood development initiatives of council, engaging with hospitality businesses and the arts administrators and communities to overcome potential fundamental social development issues before they engender a “them” and “us” conflict. We are aware that there may be some belief that Southbank Residents are looking at these issues from a NIMBY perspective, however the growth of the Hospitality Sector and now the Arts Sector and with the new NGV, non-residential growth has outstripped the residential growth... therefore there is a real and current need to pay attention. We at Southbank3006 believe that Council is best positioned to take up all these issues, whether they be community connection safety or short-term accommodation, or noise or litter.

**Trisha Avery**  
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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Town Hall,  
22 November 2022, 5.30pm – Meeting No.47  
Agenda Item FMC 6.1: Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Southbank

The Southbank Residents Association (SRA) thanks council for holding this Future Melbourne Committee meeting in Southbank. This will hopefully encourage our community to come along and see how council operates allowing our community to feel council is more accessible and have a genuine interest in Southbank.

However, SRA would have loved nothing more than to be here at this meeting commending council on their works within Southbank and endorsing their initiatives. Sadly, that isn't to be the case.

City Road upgrade is an integral part of the Southbank plan with City Road west to have been completed by Jun 2021, these works haven't even started or budgeted for and over the years receive very little discussion, despite it being a point of contention raised by SRA at almost every budget response. The status of these works are not even mentioned in the Officer's report for this meeting.

Of greater concern is the very recent announcement by council, and as stipulated in the Officer's report, the completion of the Transform Southbank Boulevard project.

This project had six stages, with Stage 2 – Dodds Street upgrade, and Stage 6 – Connecting the River with City Road, still yet to be completed. How can council declare this project complete without these two stages yet to be completed? Connecting the River was a central feature of this plan. Is this an attempt to, on paper, reduce the current budget blow-out of this project by stripping these items out of the project? It is noted recently in council, council meeting



While we are acutely aware of the proposed upcoming development of a component of that site, in our discussions with the developer, Beulah, they are keen to press ahead with council and develop the stage and work around/within the completed works of this stage. There is much that can be done within stage 6 that can provide community benefit regardless of the upcoming construction works, such as the earmarked removal of the red stairs which creates a barrier with joining Southbank and the activated river precinct, and the proposed dog park. Previously, when this plan was launched at FMC in 2015 and during the community consultation, we raised our concerns with the impact of any future development of Stage 6 with the proposed development on the City Road corner and we were assured the Stage would still proceed despite this.

We are concerned with the vision of this dog park as there is no mention of this in the 'Dog Friendly Neighbourhood' section of the neighbour portal as part of the 'What we're doing' segment. Also, our recent discussion with Jonathan Kambouris, director of City Projects (overseeing this project), was not aware of any plan for the dog park as part of the Southbank Boulevard project since his time with council from 2018. This is a red flag for SRA and the wider community and the intended delivery of this important part of the Southbank Boulevard Transformation project (which is now 'completed').

We would like to commend council on the recently completed play space between Fawkner and Kavanagh Streets as part of Stage 5 of the Southbank Boulevard Transformation. This is a bold and edgy space compliments the artistic connection with which Southbank is renowned for and has been a hit with the local children of all ages. However, this space has deviated significantly from what the community was expecting during the consultation phase which informed the renders and the promulgated plan. In the most part the render have been reasonably accurate depiction of the entire projects finished stages, with the exception of this space which has no resemblance at all. When did this change materialise and why was this not communicated with the community at that time? Since its opening this space has created much controversy within the community, in our opinion mainly from a lack of understanding, and has the community divided on its benefits and the thoughtfulness of council planners. Once council deviated from the original consultation/plan for this space, if council communicated and engaged the community of their alternate plans for this space there was an opportunity to have educated the community, garnered their support, and create a sense of ownership. This was a great opportunity missed.



Earlier this year, after also highlighting councils' failure to communicate with the community, council adopted the initiative to create neighbourhood portals to improve this communication. As can be seen from this submission, despite this portal being created, council have once again failed to communicate with the community on key aspects of council plans to our community.

The community is short on green open space, we know this is well-known within council, but despite the allocation of significant funds within recent budgets, we are seeing little progress on this. It is a travesty council has allowed Southbank to grow to a population of 23,000 and not taken meaningful action to ensure adequate green open space was provisioned for.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Penna", written over a horizontal line.

Tony Penna  
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Agenda item title: \* 6.3 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-112 – 392 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I am one of many residents within Little Collins Street and the surrounds vigorously objecting to a Tavern being allowed in the bottom of a 100% residential building. The immediate buildings right next to 392 Little Collins Street are also residential in nature.

The application proposes a maximum of 80 patrons at any one time and the following hours of operation:

- Monday to Saturday: 9am to midnight.
- Sunday: 10am to 11pm.
- ANZAC Day and Good Friday: 12noon to midnight.

These are not reasonable times for residents to enjoy their surrounds. How can the service of alcohol until midnight every night be a responsible decision for a residential building?

Our objections relate to this being a Tavern in the bottom of a residential building. It is not a restaurant. A Tavern vs a restaurant are very different in nature. The application itself tells you the primary objective of this business is the service of alcohol (with some food). This is very different to a restaurant where the objective is service of food (with some alcohol).

Residents are so disappointed with this recommendation as it has not been thoughtfully considered with it being in the bottom of a residential building and a predominantly residential neighbourhood.

As a result of this outrageous recommendation being formed even after the receipt of 52 formal objections, we have created a petition which is attached with 77 signatories (<https://chnq.it/2Nd7kjPzh5>).

The majority of these signatories are from residents within the building, or the neighbouring residential buildings properties.

Please dont put the burden of anti-social behaviours and noise which comes with a Tavern on residents for the sake of revitalising the CBD after the pandemic. Council does also need to consider residents when you make these decisions.

I would ask you to consider:

- 1) if the location of this tavern is in the right neighbourhood for the CBD?;
- 2) would you want to have a Tavern in the bottom of the building you reside in running until midnight every night ;
- 3) Are you carefully considering residents within the CBD in approving a Tavern in the bottom of a 100% residential building?
- 4) Will residents get the respite from a busy work day and a good night sleep if a Tavern is operating to midnight every night?

It is suggested this business would be better suited to one of the many empty commercial sites within the CBD (which is not in the bottom of a residential building).

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## Reject application number TP-2022-112- 392 Little Collins St Melbourne (proposed Tavern)



[Paul Jones](#) started this petition

A City of Melbourne Officers Report will be recommending to the Future Melbourne Committee to approve a tavern in the basement of a residential building at 392 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

We are calling on the Future Melbourne Committee and the Lord Mayor and Councillors to reject this application.

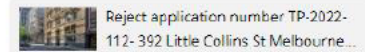
We ask for the following to be considered:

- 1) a business with its main objective being the service of alcohol will operate in the basement of a residential building if approved
- 2) a tavern proposal is much different to a restaurant that has previously operated from the same space. A tavern's main objective is service of alcohol, while a restaurant is service of food.
- 3) this area of Little Collins Street is one of the oldest residential enclaves retained within the Hoddle Grid and Council should be looking to retain this unique neighbourhood that works harmoniously with the surrounding businesses, cafes and restaurants
- 4) the implications this proposed tavern will have with anti-social behaviours that come with the service of alcohol.

77 have signed. Let's get to 100!



At 100 signatures, this petition is more likely to be featured in recommendations!



Reject application number TP-2022-112- 392 Little Collins St Melbourne...

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## Signatories

Name	City	State	Postal Cod	Country	Signed On
Paul Jones	West melbourne			Australia	13/10/2022
Vanessa Gerrans	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Catherine Barber	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Lisa Sayers	Melbourne		3024	Australia	14/10/2022
Matthew Colquhoun	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Bradley Colquhoun	Sydney		2000	Australia	14/10/2022
Alice Diep	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Annette McNally	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Sophia Pavlidis	Melbourne		3003	Australia	14/10/2022
Sue King	Melbourne		91280	Australia	14/10/2022
Shirleen Standfast	Melbourne			Australia	14/10/2022
Michele Williams	Melbourne		3000	Australia	14/10/2022
Jers Sy	Fraser Rise		3336	Australia	14/10/2022
Stacey Ware	Finley		2713	Australia	14/10/2022
Della Poppins	Sydney		2000	Australia	14/10/2022
patrick randall	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/10/2022
David Hawkins	Launceston		7250	Australia	15/10/2022
Mel Vartanian	Pakenham		3810	Australia	15/10/2022
Wendy van Zweden	Melbourne			Australia	15/10/2022
Joanne Campione	Tweed Heads		2485	Australia	16/10/2022
Cherylee Randall	Melbourne		3004	Australia	16/10/2022
Brad Franklin	Melbourne		3000	Australia	19/10/2022
Deanne Butterworth	Melbourne		3000	Australia	21/10/2022
Elisa Turco	Melbourne		3006	Australia	02/11/2022
glenys rowe	Melbourne		3000	Australia	08/11/2022
Suzie Inglis	Melbourne		3000	Australia	08/11/2022
Rafael Camillo	Melbourne		3000	Australia	08/11/2022
Julie Barnes	Melbourne		3000	Australia	08/11/2022
Phillip Charles	Melbourne		3000	Australia	09/11/2022
Connie Duong	Melbourne		3000	Australia	09/11/2022
sarosh khariwala	Melbourne		3000	Australia	13/11/2022
Patricia Boyer	Melbourne		3004	Australia	14/11/2022
Deborah Mehegan	Melbourne		3004	Australia	14/11/2022
Adam Dettrick	Melbourne		3003	Australia	14/11/2022
skye boyer	Melbourne		3280	Australia	14/11/2022
Sonia Audino	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Marc Zen	Melbourne		3053	Australia	15/11/2022
Saviour Vella	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Anthony Giannecchini	Perth		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Jack Russo	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Kai Perrignon	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Alice Zhao	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Carlos Martins	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Ricardo Camiselle	Melbourne		3008	Australia	15/11/2022
Tanya Rudakova	Sydney		2000	Australia	15/11/2022
Sarah Lau	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022
Steven Mancini	Perth		6000	Australia	15/11/2022
Silvana Mancini	Perth		6151	Australia	15/11/2022
marina zen	Perth		6007	Australia	15/11/2022

S Kelly	Melbourne	Australia	15/11/2022
Joseph Ensabella	Melbourne	3004 Australia	15/11/2022
Ashley Blackburn	Hamilton	New Zeala	15/11/2022
Joshua Loughland	Melbourne	3004 Australia	15/11/2022
Tony Zeitoun	Melbourne	3006 Australia	15/11/2022
Maria Ensabella	Melbourne	3004 Australia	15/11/2022
KRISHNAN RANGANATHAN	Melbourne	3000 Australia	15/11/2022
Vassily Zissermann	Melbourne	3000 Australia	16/11/2022
Alan Egan JP (Retired)	Melbourne	3000 Australia	16/11/2022
Loris Molent	Melbourne	3053 Australia	16/11/2022
Melissa O'Dwyer	Melbourne	Australia	16/11/2022
Andrew Gardner	Melbourne	3006 Australia	16/11/2022
Andrew Leach	Melbourne	3000 Australia	17/11/2022
Marc Di Paolo	Gisborne	3437 Australia	17/11/2022
Ingrid Weisfelt	Melbourne	3000 Australia	17/11/2022
Jennifer Zhao	Melbourne	3000 Australia	17/11/2022
Grace Quiason	Melbourne	3181 Australia	17/11/2022
Greg Paul	Melbourne	3004 Australia	18/11/2022
Susan Paul	Melbourne	3004 Australia	18/11/2022
Cameron Paul	Melbourne	3000 Australia	18/11/2022
Liana Lopez	Melbourne	3000 Australia	18/11/2022
John O'Neill	Melbourne	3000 Australia	18/11/2022
Stewart Gartley	Melbourne	3000 Australia	18/11/2022
Ron Ellis	Williamstown	3016 Australia	20/11/2022
Paul MINIFIE	Melbourne	3006 Australia	20/11/2022
Meagan Shanks	Perth	6000 Australia	20/11/2022
Pauline Gerrans	Perth	6000 Australia	20/11/2022
Gabriel Shipton	Melbourne	3004 Australia	20/11/2022



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Paul Jones	Melbourne		3003	Australia	13/10/2022	"A Tavern is not the right business to have in the basement of a residential building"
Lisa Sayers			3024	Australia	14/10/2022	"I support the residents objection"
Sue King	Melbourne		91280	Australia	14/10/2022	"Tavern should not be considered in a residential building."
Shirleen Standfast				Australia	14/10/2022	"I support the resident's objection."
patrick randall	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/10/2022	"Whenever I visit my friends upstairs and stay over I don't want what happens when people leave a pub most nights merrymaking and noisy most times."
Wendy van Zweden				Australia	15/10/2022	"Pubs are busy, noisy places. Residents should have sanitary in their own homes. By choice, the two dont sit side by side."

Deanne Butterworth			3000	Australia	21/10/2022	"TP-2022-112 is an application for a Tavern on the ground floor of a residential apartment building. This apartment building is located directly next to two other apartment buildings- The Excelsior (390 Little Collins) and across Penfold Place the 400 Little Collins Street apartments. On the ground floor of a residential apartment building is not the place for a Tavern to be located. Increased noise from the proposed Tavern will significantly adversely affect many residents on daily basis, dramatically affecting their health and wellbeing, and contribute to sleep deprivation and stress. I believe the application misrepresents the make up of the residential building at 392 Little Collins and the surrounding area in the following ways: 1. The applicant states: "The larger site contains a low-rise multi-level (mixed use) building. The subject site was previously used for a (Korean) Restaurant. The upper levels of the larger site are used for apartment dwellings". To be clear 392 Little Collins Street is an apa"
Suzie Inglis	Melbourne		3000	Australia	08/11/2022	"I believe the Tavern -and the anti-social behaviour it can bring- at the base of a residential building and close proximity to other surrounding heritage buildings will have a detrimental effect on the quiet enjoyment and welfare of residents and visitors to the area."

sarosh khariwala	Melbourne		3000	Australia	13/11/2022	"residents and owners of 377 Lt.collins street have experienced all these changes in little collins street and Mckillop st. It has been a nightmare, rude arrogant drunken patrons, urinating and defecating in our lane and on our building. Graffiti on our apartment walls, late night roller blading and most importantly DRUG USE - This is not ON - Council you are hungry for rates, please remember residents do live in LT.COLLINS street and just can't tolerate this nuisance anymore. Please respect the amenity of the residents and owners of the surrounding properties. This has also led to property values going down, rentals going down as not many want to live in a environment which is filthy, drug infested and noise bound. The Tavern owners would not care less once the tavern is operational. Its all bout the money they generate. COUNCIL STOP THIS FROM GOING AHEAD. - We know it is the CBD but this place can be put to good use for the benefit of ALL - Classic example of the beautiful empty green space next to 377 Lt. c"
skye boyer	Melbourne		3280	Australia	14/11/2022	"A tavern is not a suitable business to operate under a residential building due to the reasons stated above."
Sam Vella	Drysdale		3222	Australia	15/11/2022	"The tavern will cause residents loss of quiet enjoyment as there will patrons smoking in the lane way under residential windows."
Catherine Barber	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022	"Its beggars belief that a Tavern could be installed in the middle building of a 3 building residential row ..."

Sarah Lau	Melbourne		3000	Australia	15/11/2022	"A tavern will affect the quiet living of residents. Residents have to suffer from second hand smoking....Indeed this has already given excuse for my tenant to bargain for lower rent rise despite covid restrictions are lifted. It could possibly impact on future resale value subsequently with a tavern or pub in the building."
Melissa O'Dwyer	Melbourne			Australia	17/11/2022	"This will cause nuisance, noise, loitering, inevitably police visits, loud music and should be illegal as it's a complete change of contract to those living there and shouldn't have to consider moving. This is grossly unjust and infringement of liberties and privacy to those in the building. Absolutely shocked."
Liana Lopez	Melbourne		3000	Australia	18/11/2022	"The tavern will create noise and smoke pollution during weekdays which is not ideal for the residents of the building"
Stewart Gartley	Melbourne		3000	Australia	18/11/2022	"The amenity of residents of Fairfax House and adjacent residential buildings will be impacted by disturbances from a tavern. Noise levels and public nuisance from the previous venue tenant were bad enough, especially for first floor residents, and that was a restaurant rather than a tavern operating until midnight.Desirability and hence the value of properties will also be adversely affected, representing an unreasonable and onerous imposition on owners."

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Name: \*

Matt Gorman

Email address: \*

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Date of meeting: \*

Tuesday 22 November 2022

Agenda item title: \*

Agenda item 6.3

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22 November 2022

Future Melbourne Committee  
Melbourne City Council  
Melbourne 3001

Dear Committee Members

**Future Melbourne Committee Meeting 22 November 2022 Agenda item 6.3**  
**Application for Planning Permit TP-2022-112**  
**392 Little Collins Street Melbourne 3000 (Lot CM2 PS336302)**  
**Use of land for a Tavern**

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to write this submission from the Permit Applicant, summarising the main reasons why the Committee should support the above application by issuing a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit as per the Officer's Recommendation.

- **The proposed Tavern (Bar) is fully supported by Council's Planning Scheme;**

The site is in the Capital City Zone (CCZ1 - Outside the retail core), the Purpose of which includes (with underlining now added, as well as in all cases elsewhere in this letter):

*To enhance the role of Melbourne's central city as the capital of Victoria and as an area of national and international importance.*

*To recognise or provide for the use and development of land for specific purposes as identified in a schedule to this zone.*

The specific purpose referred to in the CCZ1 schedule is:

*To provide for a range of financial, legal, administrative, cultural, recreational, tourist, entertainment and other uses that complement the capital city function of the locality.*

Melbourne Planning Scheme (MPS) Clauses 19.02-3S Cultural facilities, which encourages "a wider range of arts, cultural and entertainment facilities including ... at Metropolitan Activity Centres", and 21.12 Hoddle Grid, which:

*Support[s] entertainment, bars, eating and other evening uses throughout the Hoddle Grid".*

Clause 21.12 Hoddle Grid further:

*Encourage[s] the retention and enhancement of specialised ... entertainment precincts ... particularly ... Little Collins Street.*

- **The proposed Tavern (Bar) is fully compliant with the Council's Licensed Premises Policy;**

Clause 22.22 Policy for Licensed Premises that require a Planning Permit, includes:

*Well managed licensed premises contribute positively to the activity, appearance, character, and image of the area. Small, licensed premises are particularly important to the vitality of the Central City as a 24 hour city.*

...

Taverns, hotels and nightclubs which accommodate less than 100 patrons and which have appropriate noise attenuation will be encouraged throughout the Capital City Zone and Docklands Zone.

Hours of operation of taverns, hotels and nightclubs in the Capital City Zone and Docklands Zone should be limited to 1am.

Outdoor areas, including smoking areas, rooftops and open courtyards, should not be occupied past 1am and in noise sensitive areas alcohol should not be consumed in those areas after 11pm.

The proposed Tavern (Bar) will have less than 100 patrons (in fact a maximum capacity of 80 patrons), close before 1am (in fact 12am at the latest) and have no outdoor trading areas.

And while the serving of food is not a requirement for a Tavern/Bar, food from the onsite kitchen will be provided at all times on any day liquor is sold or consumed (this is relevant to reducing potential intoxication and hunger-related anti-social behaviour).

The site fronts not an obscure back lane but Little Collins Street itself. It is fully contained within a building, and previously contained a licensed Restaurant.

The recommended permit conditions will further minimised amenity impacts.

- **The proposed Tavern (Bar) is fully supported by an Acoustic Report that confirms that noise emissions will be within Environmental Protection Authority limits**

This report by Cogent Acoustics, provides details of Potentially Most-Affected Noise Sensitive Areas and background noise based on measurements, The Acoustic Report, which includes sections entitled, “Mechanical Plant Noise Assessment”, “Patron Noise Assessment”, “Music Noise Assessment” and Deliveries and Private Waste Collections Noise before providing the following Conclusion (on its (its page 12):

*This report has presented an environmental noise assessment for the proposed bar at 392 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.*

*The assessment has been undertaken with regard to the acoustic requirements prescribed by the Melbourne Local Planning Provisions Clause 22.22-3, Victoria Planning Provisions Clause 53.06, Environment Protections Regulation 2021, EPA Publication 1826 – Noise Limit and Assessment Protocol for the Control of Noise from Commercial, Industrial and Trade Premises and Entertainment Venues (EPA Noise Protocol), and the acoustic guidelines of EPA Publication 1254 – Noise Control Guidelines.*

*Subject to implementation of the advice presented in Sections 7 to 10 of this report, it is considered that the proposed bar will satisfy the relevant acoustic legislation and guidelines.*

- **The Objections fail to recognise the site not in a residential context but a Capital City one**

As I wrote in an earlier letter (dated 11 Aug 22) to the Council:

Incidentally - though my 4 March 2022 letter extensively discusses Clause 22.22 in particular - not one single objection even seems to include the word, “policy”. Only one objection seems to actually refer directly to my application letter, and it does not respond to the policy (or zoning) therein.

None of the objectors seems prepared to accept the fact that the specific Purpose of the CCZ1- Outside the Retail Core is (with underlining now added): “To provide for a range of financial, legal, administrative, cultural, recreational, tourist, entertainment and other uses that complement the capital city function of the locality” (note also: the lack of inclusion of the word “residential”).

...

*It seems that most of objectors do not fully accept that they are living in what the Melbourne Planning Scheme designates to be “a 24 hour city”. But the application does not even seek to have the proposed Tavern trading 24 hours per day because it will have a 12am latest closing time<sup>1</sup>.*

While many objections have been lodged, none raise any reasonable grounds of refusal (including that none negate the very solid support for the proposal in the Melbourne Planning

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<sup>1</sup> It seems that a licensed Restaurant occupying the same space could operate 24 hours per day without requiring planning permission

Scheme and/or indeed properly, and in many cases, at all, recognise that the site context is fundamentally non-residential).

While there have been VCAT decisions concerning refusing Bars in the CBD because of resident concerns, they are typically where the Bar would have its entry off a lane and/or an external trading area (neither of which apply in this case)<sup>2</sup>. The decisions also reflect the need for Taverns/Bars to comply fully with the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

- **I have worked with Council's officers from both the Planning Department and the Waste Management Team to ensure that the application is compliant with Council requirements**

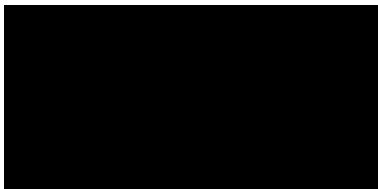
The Council's Planning Department's recommendation that the Committee issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit follows some months of working with both the Council's Planning Department and the Waste Management Team (including three iterations of the Waste Management Plan) to ensure that the application is fully supportable by the Council.

That the Council's Planning Department supports the application is however fundamentally based on the proposed Tavern/Bar's compliance (including in its nature, patron capacity, trading times, internal location, and noise emissions) with the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

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*On the basis of all of the above, I respectfully request that the Committee resolve to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit as per the Officer's Recommendation.*

Yours faithfully



**Matt Gorman BA MUP  
Consultant Town Planner**

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<sup>2</sup> On pages 26-27 of my 4 Mar 22 letter, I discussed relevant VCAT decisions, of which I identified seven. While three of these resulted in Council and/or VCAT refusals to grant a permit for a Tavern in the Melbourne CBD (four others granted permits), as I also wrote:

*... many of the issues in dispute related to the fact that each Tavern involved an open area such as terrace or a rooftop. By contrast, the proposed Tavern will not occupy an open area, which would allow the free emission of noise, but a noise-constrained area inside a building.*



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**Name: \***

Kelly Langford

**Email address: \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone number \***

[REDACTED]

**Date of meeting: \***

Tuesday 8 November 2022

**Your question**

If Council decides to proceed with re-zoning and divestment of 38 Gatehouse Drive, what is the zoning proposed to be changed to?

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**Name: \*** Kelly Langford

**Email address: \***

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**Phone number \***

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 8 November 2022

**Agenda item title:** Proposed property divestment – 38 Gatehouse Drive

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

In 2011 after the Federal Government maternity reforms allowed women access to private midwives to improve outcomes of maternity care, Jan Ireland and Kelly Langford found a centrally located, Melbourne City Council owned building to open Victoria's first private midwifery centre– 38 Gatehouse Drive, Kensington. This property had been vacant for over three years, and had most recently been used by Melbourne City Council's MCHN service while another venue was being renovated.

The two entrepreneurs saw a shell of a building that was fit for purpose; a place where families could come and have easy access with on-site parking, see a known Midwife for an antenatal checkup and a women's health physiotherapist for a pelvic floor check, a psychologist/counsellor for their mental wellbeing, do a childbirth education class and have a safe place to have small children with an enclosed back yard. You may ask why is it important that we stay in this building? Over more than a decade, we have made significant investments in this building and this local community.

Midwives And Mothers Australia has now been an integral part of the Kensington and City of Melbourne community for over a decade providing holistic services that are focused on the mental health and wellbeing of the family in the perinatal period. In our view, this recommendation from Management has not adequately responded to the feedback received via the consultation process. Your community values services that improve their wellbeing. They value MAMA. The feedback you published supports MAMA. Our change.org petition received close to 2300

signatures in support of MAMA staying at 38 Gatehouse Drive. We implore the council to reconsider the proposal to divest this property from their portfolio.

Please indicate whether you would like to verbally address the Future Melbourne in support of your submission: \*

Yes

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**Name: \***

Kelly Langford

**Email address: \***

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**Phone number \***

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**Date of meeting: \***

Tuesday 22 November 2022

**Your question**

Considering through the public consultation process that the respondents voiced concern over 'the properties being sold to developers', what will 38 Gatehouse Drive be rezoned as should the property department's recommendation be taken by council to rezone prior to divestment?

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**Name: \***

Janet Ireland

**Email address: \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone number \***

[REDACTED]

**Date of meeting: \***

Tuesday 8 November 2022

**Your question**

A theme identified in the community consultation was retention of MAMA services. Of the 816 submissions received, how many of these were advocating for retention of MAMA services at 38 Gatehouse Drive?

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**Name: \*** Janet Ireland

**Email address: \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone number \***

[REDACTED]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 8 November 2022

**Agenda item title:** Proposal to divest property – 38 Gatehouse Drive

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MAMA opened its doors at 38 Gatehouse drive, Kensington in 2011 with a simple mission statement; to improve the mental health outcomes for women and families in the perinatal period. We do this, day in day out from 38 Gatehouse Drive, Kensington. Despite our minimal revenue, we have always and to this day continue to offer free services that support our mission statement including Counselling and Breastfeeding support services. When the council announced that the building might be sold, our bookings (for birth which of course we take months in advance) went down by 50%. Uncertainty around the time of having a baby is NOT what makes people safe and does not improve mental health.

Midwives And Mothers Australia has now been an integral part of the Kensington and City of Melbourne community for over a decade providing holistic services that are focused on the mental health and wellbeing of the family in the perinatal period. As the Melbourne City Council pointed out, whilst we are a 'privately run, for profit business', we had only just recuperated the money we spent to retrofit 38 gatehouse Drive when COVID hit. This is because we have always placed accessibility of our services over profitability. As front line workers we have kept our business running and have bulk billed clients who would not have otherwise been able to afford our support. We continued to do face to face visits thorough out the pandemic, as pregnancy birth and postnatal care, if ceased, would have detrimental physical and emotional maternal and neonatal outcomes. We have kept all of our 32 part

and full time staff employed, plus subcontractors.

We disagree with the statement made by Melbourne City Council that MAMA does not align with existing service provision (MCHN services). In fact, whilst our service provision overlaps that of the MCHN in the six weeks postpartum, this is where the similarities end; the services complement each other and neither service can provide what the other service provides. MAMA midwives provide primary care for women from early pregnancy, throughout labour and birth to 6 weeks postnatal in a model of care called 'continuity of care', which is regarded worldwide as the 'gold standard' model of maternity care for best outcomes for mother and baby. MCHN's have two booked visits in the six weeks postpartum which are focused on the growth, development and safe environment of the newborn. MAMA midwives routinely provide over ten postnatal visits in this time with a final visit at the six week mother and baby check. Our care is focused in a large part on the mother's emotional and physical wellbeing. MCHN's then continue growth and development checks of the baby/child for the four years after our care ceases.

We urge the council to reconsider keeping 38 Gatehouse Drive in their property portfolio, and allow the expansion of these vital community services.

**Please indicate**      Yes  
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**Melbourne in**  
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**If yes, please**      I wish to make my submission in person  
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**Name: \*** Ben Porteous

**Email address: \*** [REDACTED]

**Phone number \*** [REDACTED]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 22 November 2022

**Agenda item title: \*** Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-19 501-527 King Street, West Melbourne

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# 501-525 KING STREET WEST MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Meeting - 22 November 2022  
TP-2019-22

# PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS

- West Melbourne Structure Plan
- Laneway Activation
- Environmentally Sustainable Design
- Overshadowing



WEST MELBOURNE STRUCTURE PLAN

# CONSISTENT WITH THE VISION FOR WEST MELBOURNE

*...retain and increase **employment** and facilitate an increase in jobs in West Melbourne.*

*...support the development of West Melbourne as a vibrant, **mixed use** inner city neighbourhood with a genuine mix of retail, commercial, education and residential uses and affordable housing.*

# DIVERSITY OF USES



## Retail and Hospitality

- 3100sqm of floor area
- Variety of flexible areas and layouts



## Children's Play Space

- 1200sqm dedicated play space



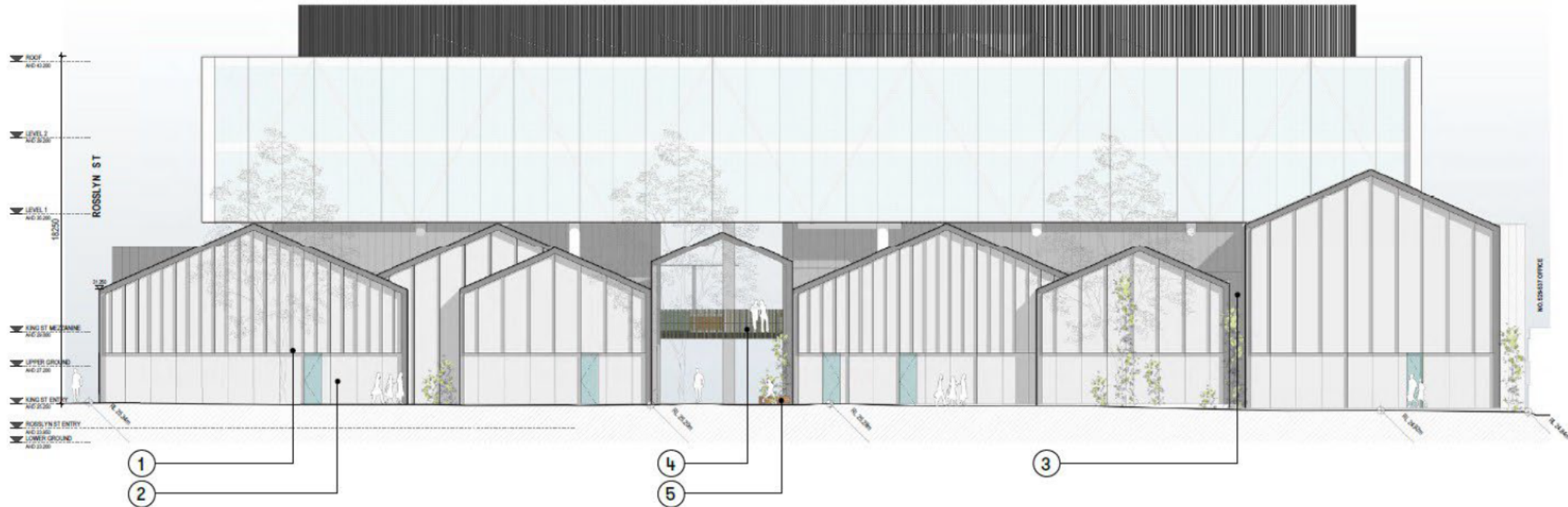
## Office

- 3200sqm of floor area over two levels
- Open plan to allow flexibility

## WEST MELBOURNE STRUCTURE PLAN

# CONSISTENT WITH BUILT FORM CONTROLS

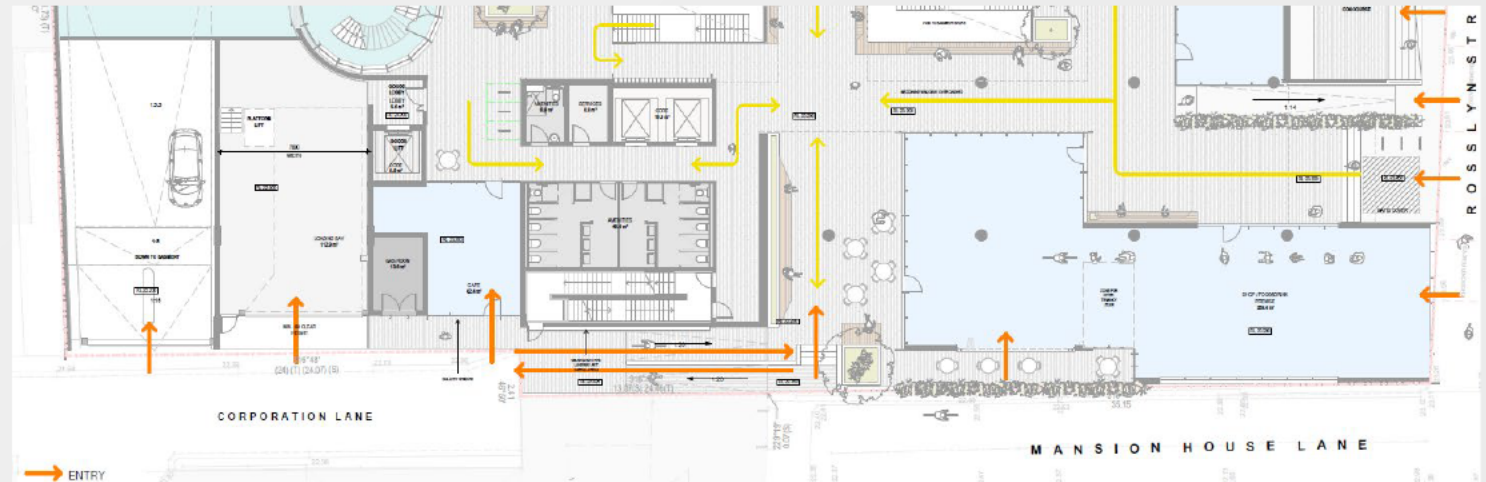
	Planning Policy (DDO72)	Design Response
Floor Area Ratio	Maximum 5:1	3.01:1
Building Height	Maximum 8 storeys	5 storeys
Streetwall	Maximum 3-8 storeys	2-3 storey presentation



# LANEWAY ACTIVATION

## *DDO72 – Maximise the quality and activation of laneways*

- Retail/F&B tenancies with glazing, open dining areas and entries to activate Mansion House Lane and Corporation Lane
- Access to building via Mansion House Lane
- Through site pedestrian connection to link Mansion House Lane and Corporation Lane.



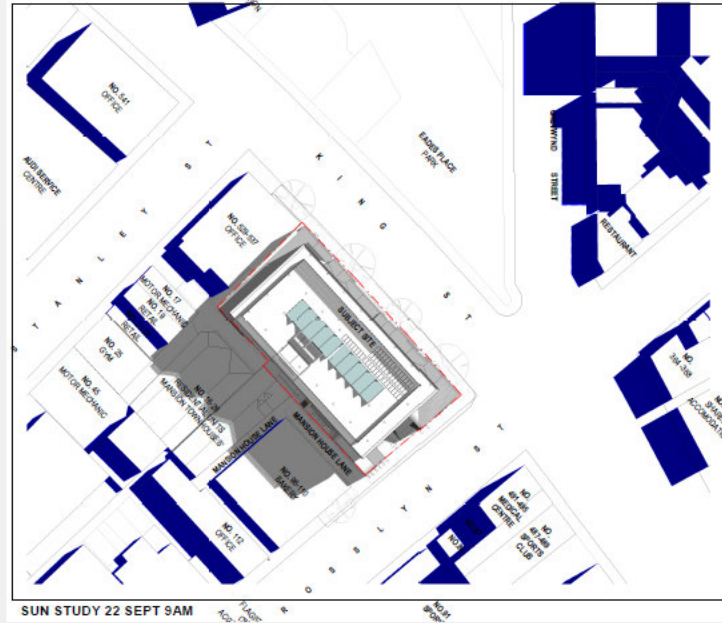
# ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- 5 star Green Star rating and 5 star NABERS rating.
- Electric first development
- PV System – 21kW solar panel system generating an estimate of 26,180 kWh/year
- 118 bicycle spaces and end of trip facilities
- Collection of rainwater – 40kL rainwater tank for flushing and irrigation



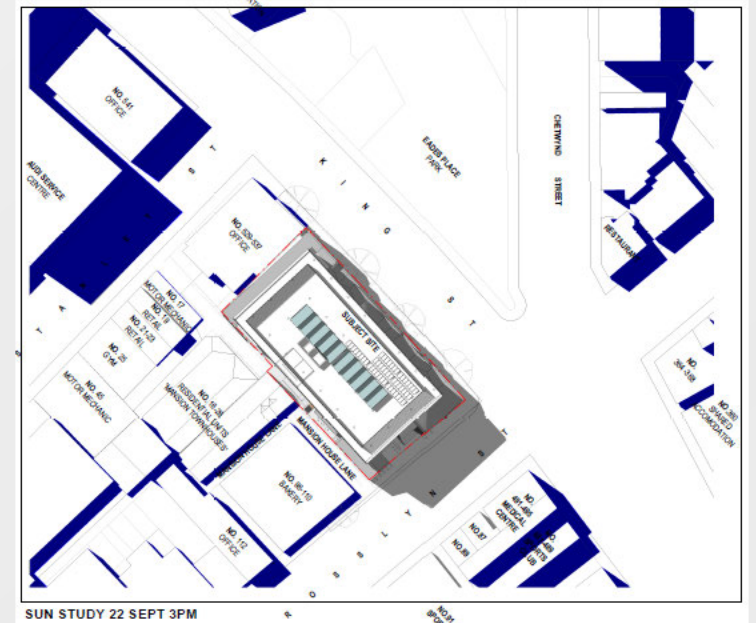


# OVERSHADOWING



No overshadowing of any secluded private open spaces

No overshadowing of Eades Park





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Tuesday 22 November 2022

**Agenda item title: \***

Hayball Presentation for Planning Permit Application: TP-2019-22

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Holder East Pty Ltd  
22 November 2022

Project No  
2488

# KING STREET

501 - 525 King Street, West Melbourne

FMC Presentation



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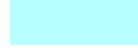

## Vision


- Mixed use program to provide generous retail, commercial, food and beverage, health and wellness to West Melbourne
- A landmark place for friends and family to gather
- A precinct to support emerging residential developments
- A new and significant retail location for West Melbourne

# Location Site Locality Plan



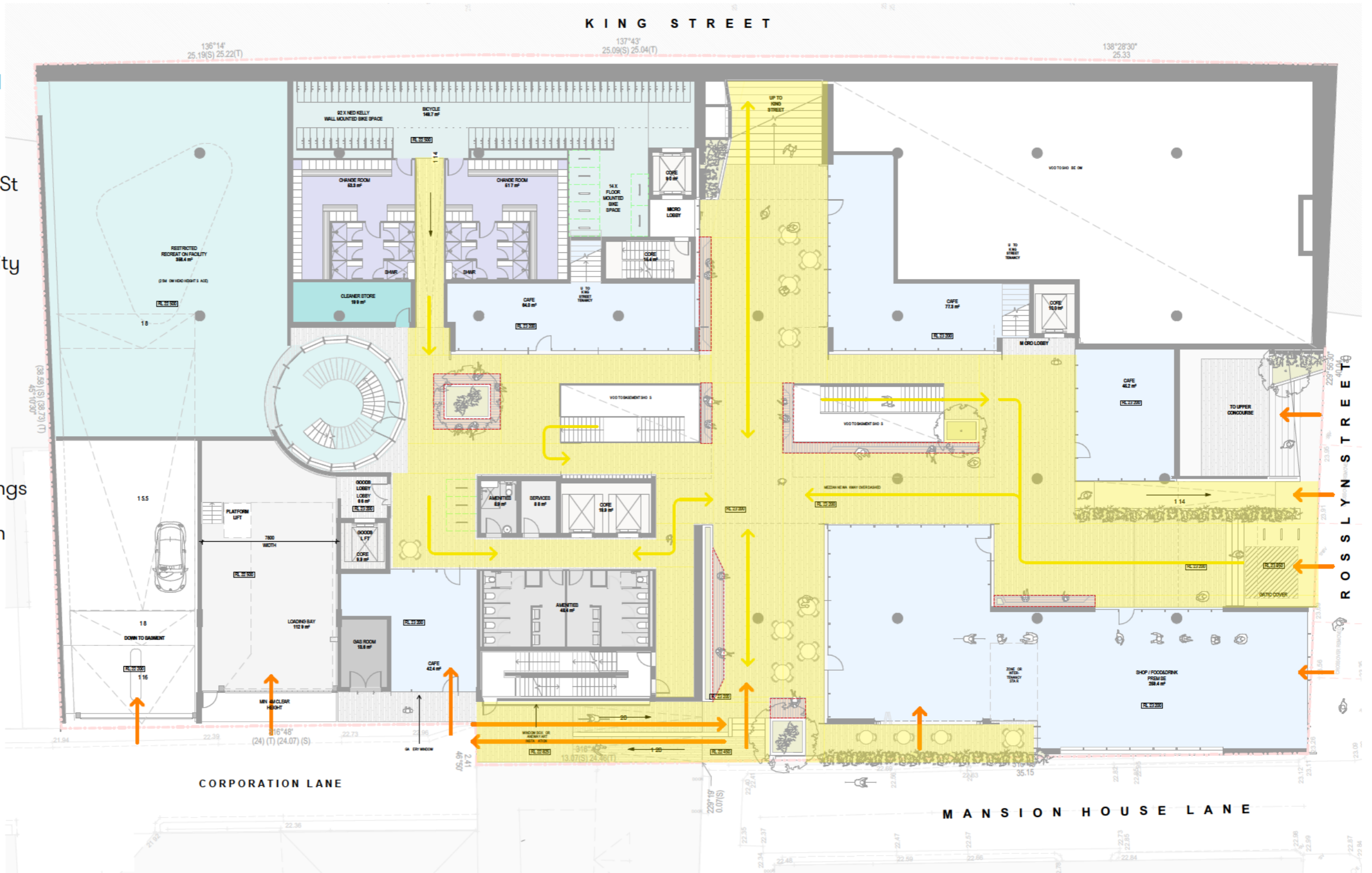
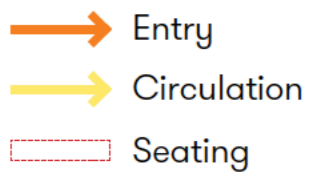
## Legend

-  Overall Site Boundary
-  Playground Areas
-  Future Open Space/Greening
-  Food & Beverage Precinct
-  Civic & Cultural
-  Mixed Use
-  School
-  Retail

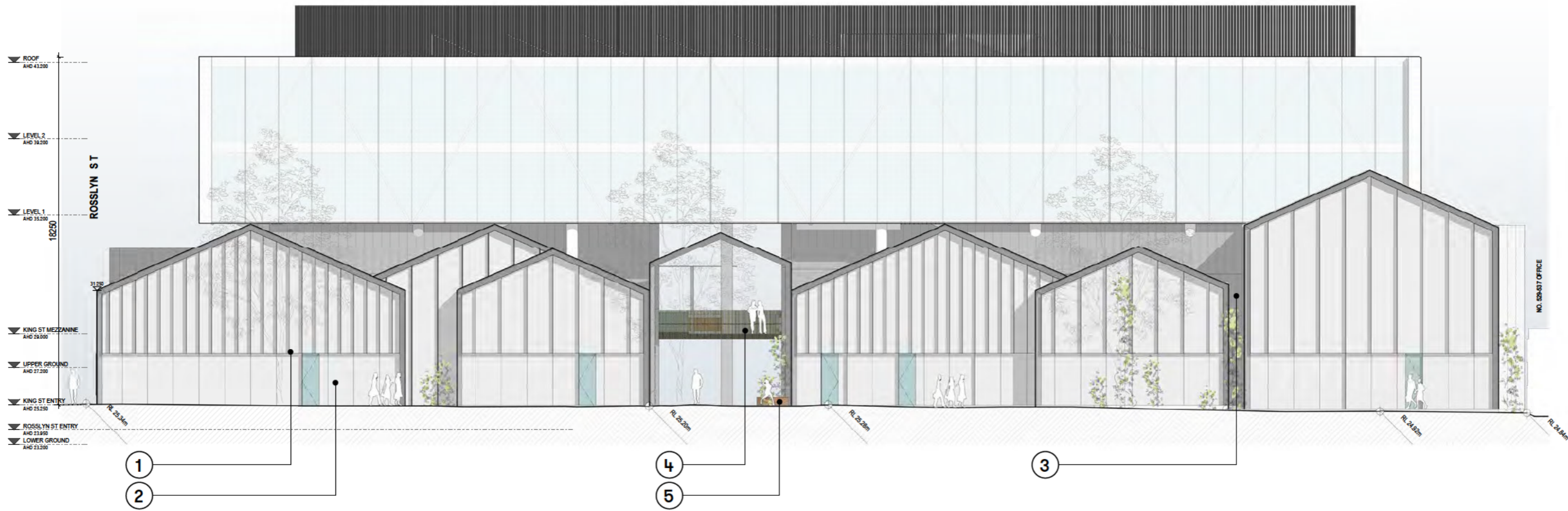
 Not to Scale

# Ground Floor Plan Pedestrian Experience

- Through block link and internal laneways
- Main entry at Rosslyn St
- Pedestrian permeability and visibility
- Atrium to promote solar access and way finding clarity
- Buildings within buildings to break down scale and promote fine grain massing response
- Seating areas



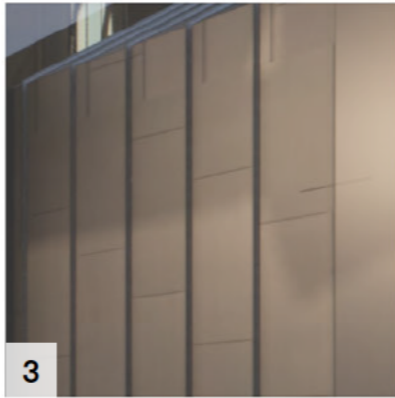
# North East Elevation King Street Entry



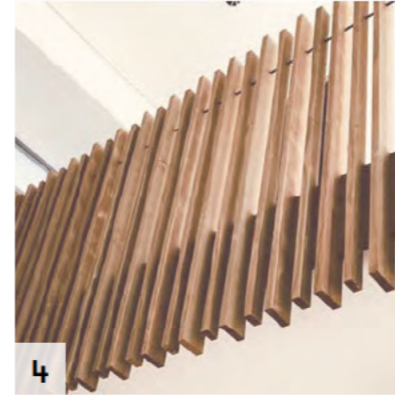
1 Steel window frame and shroud



2 Clear glazing



3 Standing seam roof and wall cladding



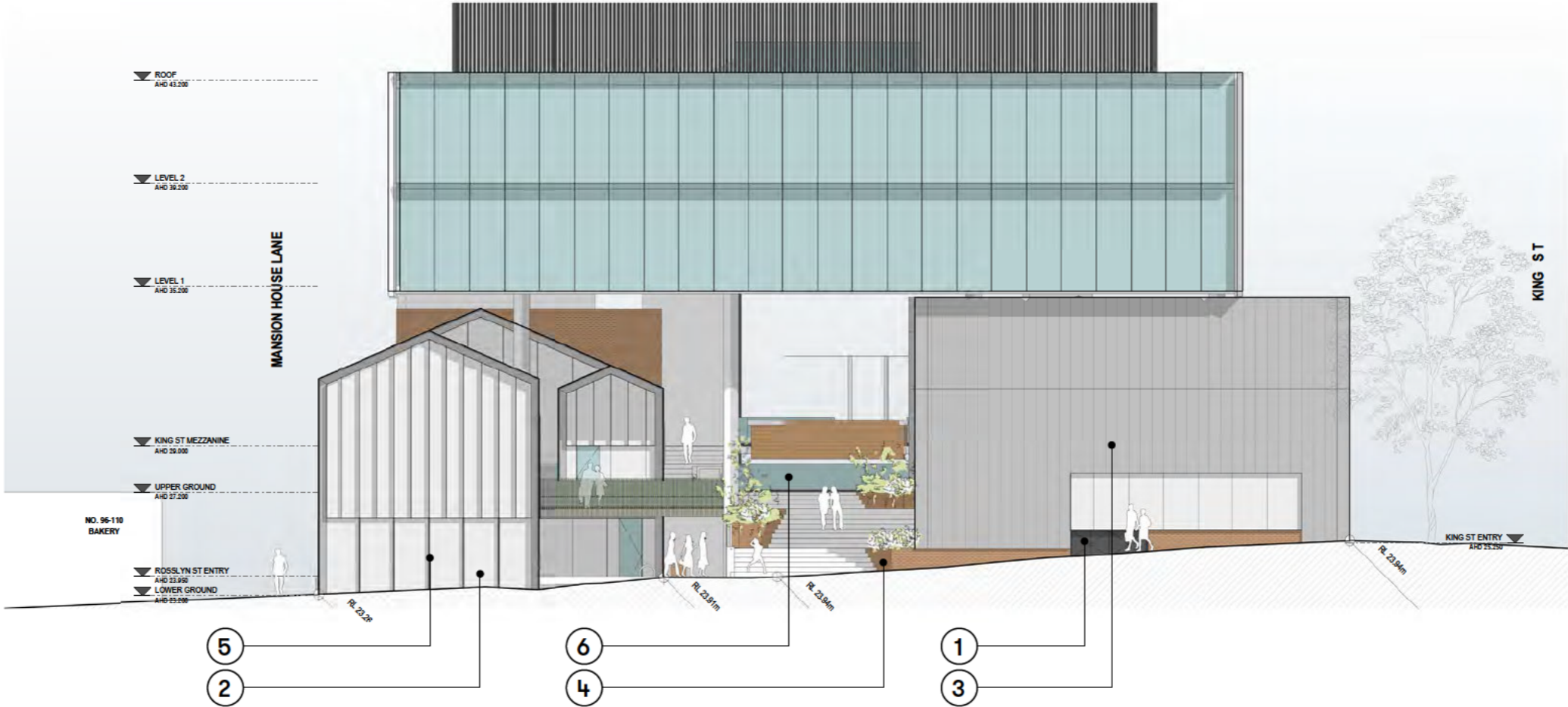
4 Steel framed glass balustrades with timber battens



5 Brickwork natural red



# South East Elevation Rosslyn Street Entry



1 Steel window frame and shroud



2 Clear glazing



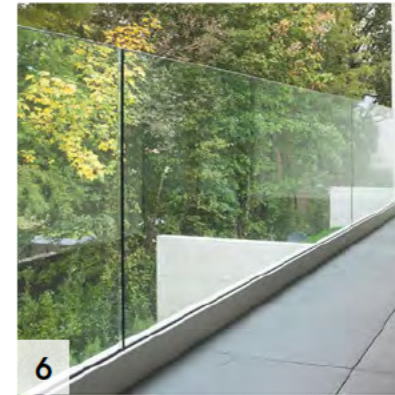
3 Standing seam roof and wall cladding



4 Brickwork natural red



5 Aluminium window mullions and frames, fins and louvres



6 Glass balustrades

# Rosslyn Street Entry Close Up Render



# Rosslyn Street Entry



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Item 6.4

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

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## **1. Access between Corporation Lane and Mansion House Lane**

I support this application provided that the new link connecting Mansion House Lane and Corporation Lane 1224 ("CL1224") across the subject site be kept open for pedestrian access at all times.

For as long as the connection between the lanes is in private hands there is a risk that the owner will install gates.

Whilst gates are not indicated on the plans there is an ambiguity arising from drawings TP05.01 and TP05.03.

The former ("Lower Ground Day Access Plan") shows that pedestrians can move between the lanes during the day, whereas the latter ("Lower Ground Night Access Plan") does not. This may be an oversight or it may be interpreted that access between the two lanes is not permitted out of hours.

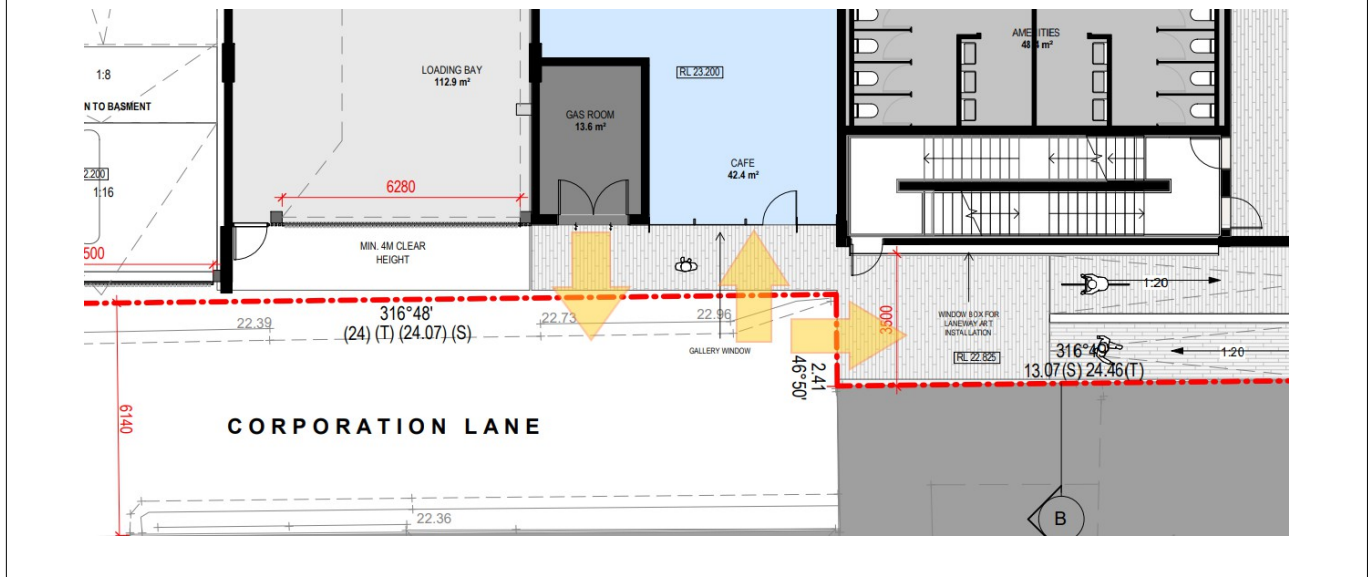
My preference is that the connection between the two lanes be vested in the city as a public road.

The City has not pursued this as a permit condition so I therefore respectfully request that Councillors satisfy themselves that the permit conditions are robust enough to ensure that pedestrian access between CL1224 and Mansion House Lane is maintained at all times.

## 2. Transition from the subject site to CL1224

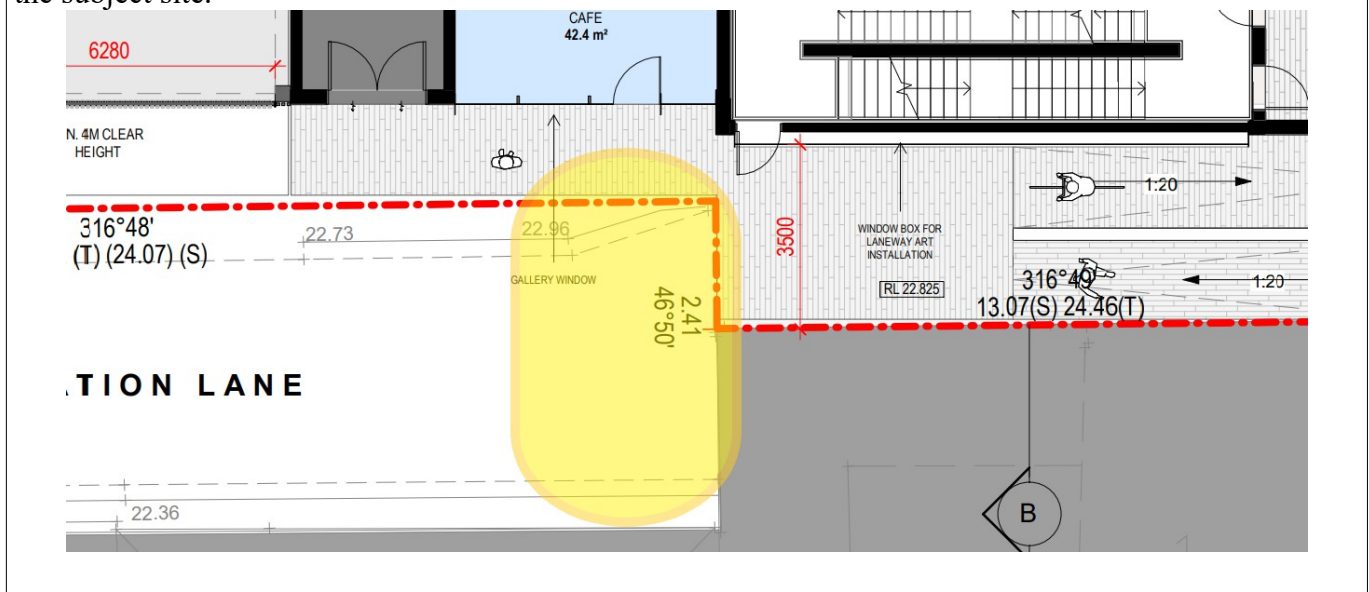
The plans do not clearly bring out the change in level between CL1224 and the subject site. In front of the cafe, and heading towards Mansion House Lane, there is a step down from the lane to the subject site. Due to the gradient of CL1224 there is a step down from the subject site to CL1224 in the vicinity of the Gas Room (refer Figure 2.1).

Figure 2.1 Highlight arrows showing relative height difference between the subject site and Corporation Lane CL1224



There are a number of different resolutions to this which may be considered by City Infrastructure and the applicant at the design detail stage. My strong preference would be for the lane to be lowered in the proximity of the subject site, rather than a further gradient introduced on the subject site to interface with the lane. This would provide for a larger contiguous area at the same level, afford a better transition and allow for part of the lane to be used for outdoor dining.

Figure 2.2. Yellow highlight showing portion of CL1224 that could be lowered to better integrate with the subject site.



I respectfully request that Councillors satisfy themselves that the permit conditions are sufficient to allow such an alteration and that such an option is not precluded from consideration.

### **3. Naming Corporation Lane 1224**

CL1224 is a public road under the management of the City of Melbourne. This lane needs to be named to:

- Allow building occupants to describe the location of the carpark entrance, loading bay and gas room;
- Assign a street address to the premises proposed to be used as a cafe;
- Support wayfinding.

There is a demonstrable public benefit in having this lane named. I would encourage and support the City of Melbourne to work with the Applicant to concurrently name both the lane and the pedestrian walk that connects CL1224 and Mansion House Lane.

### **4. Acknowledgement**

I wish to thank and acknowledge Ben Porteous of Urbis for making himself available to discuss the above matters.



**Privacy acknowledgement:** I have read and acknowledge how Council will use and disclose my personal information.

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**Name: \*** Kelvin Thomson

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 22 November 2022

**Agenda item title:** 6.7 Governance Rules Amendment – Consideration of Community Feedback

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I wish to support amendments to the Governance Rules concerning community consultation, which provide appropriate opportunities for community comment on issues before Council. In particular I wish to support an amendment to Rule 8.1 of Chapter 2 to specify BUSINESS days. The present situation expects the public to be on duty at all times and not take holidays, especially from their computer. Recently Agenda Items were circulated on a Public Holiday, which was followed by another Public Holiday, and then by a weekend. People who took the opportunity to travel, or to simply take a break from their computer, would not have received notice of the items till the Monday, which is not in keeping with the spirit of community consultation. I also support adding to Rule 8.3, re reports to Future Melbourne Committee and to Council Meetings, "matters in relation to places on the State Heritage Register, National Heritage List and World Heritage List". Such places have undergone an extensive process before being listed, and given their heritage significance, require managing with particular care and deliberation.

Yours sincerely, Kelvin Thomson, Convenor, Planning Democracy.

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21 November 2022

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**RE: Future Melbourne Committee 22 November 2022:**

## **6.7 Governance Rules Amendment – Consideration of Community Feedback**

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/Pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-Meeting-22-November-2022.aspx>

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Councillors, Acting CEO Alison Leighton, officers, City of Melbourne,

Thank you for supporting early release of Future Melbourne Committee and Council Meeting documentation/reports/Agenda items to the public.

It is very important, long-overdue and critical to effective community participation in decision-making at Council and to the health and well-being of the public.

A particular thank-you to Councillors Rohan Leppert and Philip Le Liu, who have proposed and seconded amendment to the Governance Rules, Amending Rule 8 (Availability of Council meeting documentation) of Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules, along with the strong support of many other Councillors and management staff, and this is a continuation of that **process, planned for the final proposal to be resolved at and by no later than the 13 December 2022 Council meeting.**

Whilst there are important, supported changes proposed, some issues or changes needed are:

1. Does this need to be amended to specify it applies to **reports to the Future Melbourne Committee and to Council meetings?**
2. **Please add to 8.3, re REPORTS TO FMC and COUNCIL Meetings: matters in relation to places on the State Heritage register, National Heritage list and World Heritage list**

These have undergone an extensive process for years before being raised to be heritage listed or registered, and it has been agreed they are lifted to a higher status of high and outstanding cultural heritage significance, and need particular attention and protection for the public into posterity. All Victorians, all Australians or all citizens of the World are stakeholders (they are so important).

Although Councillor Leppert has stated that “Matters re state, national and world heritage that are not planning applications (all planning matters are proposed to be subjected to the one notice period being 5 days prior release to the public) will generally fall in the longer notice period class, because they will be tied to planning scheme amendments, or ‘strategies, plans, masterplans’, further amendment to include in

the longer release period all Agenda items relating to places on the State Heritage register, National Heritage list and World Heritage list is needed.

Recent important examples at Council provide evidence illustrating this need:

- **City of Melbourne Council meeting – 27 September 2022 : not circulated '5 days prior':** needs to be rectified

The Minister's advisor 26/9 and then with the Minister herself seemed to clearly agree that the notification of the reports/Agenda for the Council meeting 27 September 2022 should not have been sent on the Public Holiday 22 September 2022, as it was (it was circulated to me and others by email at 2.17 pm on the Thursday Public Holiday 22/9/22).

Councillor Leppert also stated "**of course, Melbourne like all councils will circulate papers the business day before the public holiday if the deadline falls on a public holiday.**"

But this did not happen. There was not this compliance with governance. The Agenda and reports were circulated at 2.17pm on the Public Holiday 22 September, the declared Public Holiday for ALL AUSTRALIANS for the Queen's Mourning, and this was followed by the declared Victoria State Public Holiday for football, followed by a weekend. Many people did and would of course think, as advised by the Premier and the Prime Minister, that they had holidays on these days and would not look at their emails or expect City of Melbourne to give them work on those days, or to count the Public Holidays and subsequent weekend within the '5 days prior'.

In effect, we were denied participation, it was dis-abled, dis-allowed, diminished. This was reported to Council on 26 September 2022 and no reply was received, no notification of voiding that Agenda item 6.6, relating to Melbourne's only World Heritage listed place and with lengthy reports, and re-scheduling it, providing the 5 days prior to the public. There was not fair and reasonable time to send it to members of community and heritage groups or others etc ...

**It is particularly important that Agenda Item 6.6 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show proposed new licence - 2024 – 2029, PDF 18.84 MB (large document), be withdrawn and re-scheduled, as notice was not provided '5 days prior', as required**

- The Resolution for Agenda item 6.6, 27/9/22 should be cancelled/annulled/revoked and the agenda item scheduled for another meeting, this time giving the public *5 days prior* (and not circulating it on a Public Holiday).

See below the City of Melbourne Council meeting and documentation circulated to the public on a public holiday.

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Now Available: Documentation in relation to the Council meeting - 27 September 2022

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**CoM Meetings** [com.meetings@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:com.meetings@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

**Thu, 22 Sept at 2:17 pm**

**Please be advised that documentation in relation to the Council meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 5.30pm is now available via Council's website.**

## City of Melbourne Council meeting – 27 September 2022

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- **Fawkner Park**: Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements; court, skate and path paving in the core of the park, replacing a famed grassy, treed area; paving and fencing all along the northern, Toorak Road border.

These matters would normally be within the CMP, Master Plan process, done with the public, and Council promises to contact those living within 500 metres of the proposed works prior to finalising plans and that was meant to occur but did not, and it should have gone to the Parks & Gardens Committee first and been planned in conjunction with my groups and the Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group, the National Trust, Protectors of Public Lands (Vic), the Royal Historical Society etc ... but Council failed to consult any of these community groups in the planning stages, prior to submitting for a council resolution of their unilateral plan, and without doing a CMP for Fawkner Park, which was added to the Victoria Heritage Register in 2016, and the up-dated Master Plan which was formally documented to be due/done in 2016 but is STILL OUTSTANDING, NOT COMMENCED, let alone completed. Council has since done waves of significant, place-changing works throughout lockdown, without a current Master Plan (and without a CMP at all!) including place – changing works not detailed or not included in the 2006 Master Plan, instead of allowing public participation and doing the CMP-MP with the public, residents, stakeholders. The issue is City of Melbourne has proceeded with waves of major, place-changing development works, done outside of the processes meant to be done for this Heritage place, and that is, without the promised but not provided community/public participation in forming plans, for this valued Park, of formal cultural heritage significance to the local community and all Victorians.

**The National Trust recommended in February 2019 that “an up-dated conservation management plan be prepared for Fawkner Park to direct any future change at the place”, and that was ignored and continues to be ignored.** (NTAV, 28/2/2019, see on-line)

The public and local community were excluded and taken by surprise with extensive plans (and then works) done by Council without a CMP and current Master Plan, without public participation in developing plans (before Resolution), and this occurred although the May 2006 Master Plan states in the introduction, on page 2, that *"Fawkner Park is among City of Melbourne's finest parks and gardens and is highly valued by the community. It is characterised by long tree-lined avenues with open grassy spaces that are always being enjoyed by Melburnians"*, and at the end, on page 29, states *"REVIEW OF THE PLAN. .. the specific recommendations of master plans are generally considered to be relevant for about ten years after adoption by Council. Therefore, it is proposed that Fawkner Park Master Plan be reviewed in 2016."*

Despite repeated pleading by community, residents and heritage groups since 2019, David Callow, Council officer, replied to LM Sally Capp at a FMC meeting at St Martin's theatre in mid-2022 when asked when the (first ever) CMP and up-dated, (now over six years overdue) Master Plan for Fawkner Park will commence, and if Council could cease doing works in Fawkner Park until they are completed, he stated that he has no plans to do them, that it will be 'years' and that he/CoM plans to continue doing works in Fawkner Park!

This example thus shows the public needs certainty and cannot trust the timely, proper inclusion and participation of the community, residents, the public in decision-making and plans and Master Plans, so ALL matters relating to heritage listed parks and sites should have the longer release period, as Council has not reliably been respecting community participation and the best practice strategic management processes at Council, but has been doing major re-development works in Fawkner Park outside of that, significant works that have never appeared or been detailed in a Master Plan, and democratic public participation and processes pre-plan and in the planning stages, before resolution at FMC, continue to be missing for this Park. Thus, the public has been systemically excluded from our beloved Fawkner Park from 2016, and particularly from 2019. At one stage, in early Lockdown, I contacted Councillor Leppert about surprising, horrendous major works that started being done all along the north border of Fawkner Park: removing swathes of grass park and paving it with (ugly, unsightly) bitumen, unnecessarily, and adding obtrusive, unnecessary wooden fencing all along the north border. This impacted views and vistas from homes and for the public along the north and Toorak Road, diminishing the place and our asset. Councillor Leppert, though Portfolio lead for parks and heritage and Chair of the Parks & Gardens Committee had not seen or heard of these major works, neither had Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group or any of the other major community groups, they were not detailed in an old or current Master Plan and they were a complete surprise to the public and residents. We discovered they were being implemented unilaterally by David Callow at Council, and he said he had plans he was implementing but would not share them. Completely outrageously, at the same time, CoM had a plan formally stating along the eastern border of Fawkner Park by Pasley street/Pasley Street North that there would be no fencing to protect the views from homes!! What about the views from homes along the north border?! Locals and the public were completely excluded (except for a small number of homes in Pasley Street North perhaps, there are 10 or so residential buildings there...?) All should be included, informed, participate in forming plans, before resolution at CoM and before works are done.

**Costly exclusions of the public put our valued heritage parks and sites at risk:**

Council has confirmed that, in addition to the considerable staff, legal, barrister, contractors and other costs they incurred over years in relation to their unilateral plans for the “Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements”, which in contractor reports was often called ‘*Re-development of Fawkner Park*’, and which included constructing a court and skate area in the core grassy, tree-lined area of the park, removing one of the park’s characteristic, previously magnificent, grassy, tree-lined spaces (visible throughout the park), contrary to its previous (including in the 2006 Master Plan) ‘*sports on grass* policy’, except for an existing court on the periphery (eastern edge) by the South Yarra Primary School and the tennis courts on the north west corner, and no construction, and it was one of the previously richest bird areas in the park (lost and removed by Council now). Additionally, the works are a shocking precedent that puts the entire grass and trees, green park at risk, and have created an extensive new area of poor drainage, a major new problem around the new paved hardcourt areas, where none existed before.

It was resolved at the 24 September 2019 Council meeting report that costs to oppose Heritage Victoria’s refusal to allow the court/path/skate/paving away grass park area in the core of the park were suggested would be \$90,000, (apparently later said to be based on Council hiring 3 external expert witnesses). But ‘the ultimate cost was in the order of **\$125,000** due to calling an additional expert witness.’

Note that the issue is not whether we should start constructing hard surface sports courts in Fawkner Park, which in the last Master Plan was forbidden, it is the wrong processes, absence of timely required documents and exclusion of the community and the public in decision-making, at Council and that is very serious. This shameful exclusion of proper heritage management at City of Melbourne and disallowance of resident and public participation in decisions and plans formed at Council, having been done outside of a current CMP-MP-‘*mail to those within 500 metres*’, and not mentioned or detailed in the old Master Plan, promised but here it is illustrated the worst kind of failure in honouring and delivering established systems and processes for public participation in practice, means trust is lost and **the community needs certainty, time to participate.**

Hence please specify all matters in relation to these heritage parks and sites will have longer release.

- **Outstanding Review, Report and Reform of how City of Melbourne manages heritage parks and sites**

The resolved Motion 1 September 2020, Cr Leppert: **Council projects on land on the Victorian Heritage Register**, specified “...*that a review of internal processes and protocols in relation to planning for works on land on the Victorian Heritage Register is timely.*”

Requests that management conduct a review of the internal processes and protocols across all work areas that manage the planning and delivery of building and works to places on the Victorian Heritage Register and report the outcomes of this review to councillors by September 2021,” see last page of this pdf

This includes ‘temporary’ infrastructure, fencing, lighting and works such as for events; CMP-MP documents, embedded community participation. Thus, the failure to complete this 1/9/2020 Resolution in a timely manner - it is now over one year and two months late, having fallen due on 1 September 2021 - yet Council is continuing with decisions on Heritage places and events in their spaces without having completed the Review, Report, Reform, and that is poor management

practice and wrong priorities. It puts our heritage places, parks and gardens at risk. This resolution emerged and was unanimous; it arose from Council errors and omissions in Fawkner Park and other heritage parks and sites. **We urge you to prioritise completing the Heritage Review, Report and Reforms now.**

It is requested that works in our heritage parks and sites halts while this Review, Report and Reform, which is to improve processes, management and provide for effective public participation in the planning stages, is completed.

The public, the community, stakeholders and rate-payers need certainty that such costly errors and omissions will not occur again. Hence **please amend to specify longer release for matters in relation to Heritage parks and sites.**

3 this needs to specify that (the '11 days prior', '5 days prior' or 12 days prior') **does not include Public Holidays.**

The Minister's office advised it should not include Public Holidays as they are awarded to the public nationally (and that is declared by the Prime Minister), **for ALL AUSTRALIANS**, and, State Public Holidays are declared by the Premier, **for all Victorians**. i.e. City of Melbourne must not consider Public Holidays a work day for the public, which it does by counting a Public Holiday in the 'days before' count and circulating the Agenda and reports to the public on a Public Holiday. (unless, of course, Council first seeks legislative change nationally and in Victoria to exempt the public from Public Holiday allowance at City of Melbourne...!). i.e. to deny the public Public Holidays (if they want to effectively participate at CoM). It is WORK.

4. **8.1 should specify BUSINESS DAYS** i.e. '6 business days' and '5 business days'.

· Why not have it **6 business days for all** (council officers/staff and the public)?  
Often council staff have been working on the matter for a year or so, but it is new to the public.

· Your rules for staff are something else, but requiring the public to work on weekends, which is done when weekends are always included in the '5 days prior', and often there are additionally one or two public holidays within the five days as well, or not considering our submissions and communications with our members and other residents 'work' is wrong and a dangerous concept.

We have understood and agreed change is needed and long over-due. City of Melbourne can show leadership on this important governance matter, thinking outside of the parameters that they have operated under previously. We look forward to the above changes being included in the final draft.

This is not about administrative convenience for Council, but about allowing the public fair and reasonable time for effective participation. It is about respecting public submissions and the conduct of community groups as 'work', about enabling enough time, as required for inclusion, about acknowledging the reality that when the '5 days prior' includes a weekend, and quite often one or two public holidays, repeatedly, this impacts on the health and well-being of the public, particularly those who try to persist to participate and have a voice.



NOTE: **The Participate Melbourne Survey:** issues: privacy etc

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/new-act-local-government>

**Feedback:** many were turned off submitting due to the lack of privacy, intrusive questions (age, sex, do you live in the CoM? Where you live, if you are disabled ... Have you submitted to Council before? ... Also, it was to an anonymous, call-centre type email address (to no name); there was no assurance of privacy and protection for your personal email address - increasingly important and valued since the PID theft from OPTUS, MEDIBANK and the Dept. of Defence recently. Also, you could not see and complete the whole survey as a document (many felt that it was not perceived as a professional survey) some comments were that it made it seem '*micky mouse*', risky and that with all the personal questions you could not avoid, it seemed worryingly like a marketing tool for CoM). Many residents and public contacted Council after the sweeping of all Council emails, including public submissions and communications, to a company formed to seek re-election at the last Council election. We requested that the **CEO ensue that IT protection for public data/information/email addresses was increased so we could feel secure**. Now that Justin Hanney has left, **maybe Acting CEO Alison Leighton could follow up and complete this**.

Thank you,

Best regards,

B. McNicholas

Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs

Convenor, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care, Heritage & Lighting events, expert panels and projects

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## Resolutions of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2020

### Agenda item 7.1

#### Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Council projects on land on the Victorian Heritage Register

##### Resolved:

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
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  - 1.2. Notes that the City of Melbourne's requirement to seek permits and exemptions in accordance with the *Heritage Act 2017* has increased considerably as a result of these additions, given the extent of projects for works required and proposed to be carried out in accordance with Council plans and policy.
  - 1.3. Expresses the view that the City of Melbourne can improve how it goes about applying for Heritage permits and Heritage permit exemptions, and that a review of internal processes and protocols in relation to planning for works on land on the Victorian Heritage Register is timely.
  - 1.4. Requests that management conduct a review of the internal processes and protocols across all work areas that manage the planning and delivery of building and works to places on the Victorian Heritage Register and report the outcomes of this review to councillors by September 2021, including by reporting to this Committee or the Council any proposed changes to Council policy that require formal resolution. In conducting the review, management is requested to consider the matters raised in the notice."

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### Background

The four large tracts of public parkland (and boulevard) added to the Victorian Heritage Register within the last seven years, for which the City of Melbourne carries some or total Committee of Management control, are:

Domain Parklands	Added July 2013	#H2304
Royal Park	Added October 2014	#H2337
Fawkner Park	Added September 2016	#H2361
St Kilda Rd	Added September 2016	#H2359

Together these lands constitute a significant proportion of the municipality, which include a large number of Council owned and managed structures, trees, infrastructure and objects.

As part of the City of Melbourne's project and service delivery programs multiple teams are involved in the preparation of Heritage permit applications and requests for permit exemptions. Responsibility for the implementation of Conservation Management Plans is also dispersed throughout the organisation.

It has become evident that at times this decentralised approach has led to difficulties in understanding and adequately planning for meeting relevant Heritage legislative requirements in a timely, consistent, informed and prepared manner.

**This motion therefore commissions a review, seeking to improve the way all work areas can be equipped with the information and processes necessary to accurately predict and plan for Heritage legislative requirements, and be aware of good management practices for land and properties with high levels of Heritage protection.**

A review of policies and processes should consider:

1. How work areas can be better equipped to know how to factor in *Heritage Act 2017* permission into project planning, and know when and how to identify where permit requirements, or permit exemption opportunities, exist.
2. **The current decentralised approach to making Heritage permit and exemption applications, and whether one work area or officer should have oversight of applications made, or at least be in a position to provide advice and expertise to the relevant work area making the application.**
3. The often highly political nature of heritage permit applications, and the need to be able to clearly and publicly demonstrate how any application aligns with Council policy, plans or resolutions and not only rely on the materials advertised with the Heritage permit, as well as **the need to ensure that councillors as public representatives are aware of and briefed on Heritage permit applications prior to their lodgement and the public advertising process.**
4. The lack of a consistent formal approach to the collection, secure storage and access to Conservation Management Plans (CMPs), noting that the current informal approach is that the relevant work area keeps the CMP for the building or land in their portfolio, and that this had led to the existence of some CMPs falling out of knowledge of other parts of the organisation. Some CMPs have also not been lodged with Heritage Victoria. CMPs have been commissioned over the years at great cost and are important in their guidance to Council in how works on heritage properties should be undertaken, and these documents should be internally and publicly accessible and guide decisions.
5. The ideal timeline and forward plan for the commissioning and completion of Conservation Management Plans for land and buildings on the Victorian Heritage Register managed by the City of Melbourne, where CMPs do not yet exist.
6. Heritage Victoria's advice.

**Mover: Cr Rohan Leppert**

**Seconded: Cr Nicholas Reece**

**Privacy acknowledgement: \***

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

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6.7 Governance Rules Amendment

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Future Melbourne Committee meeting 22 November

Submission re Agenda Item 6.7: Governance Rules Amendment (i.e. earlier release of Reports to the Public)

This agenda item presents an opportunity for rectification of long-standing unfair, unreasonable procedures that have impacted the community and its (actual, effective) participation at City of Melbourne in a negative, exclusionary way.

Friends of Queen Victoria Market Inc have found the short release time of 2.5 days (excluding weekends) to write submissions to agenda items that concern the future of Vic Market particularly unfair. Due to the market's State and National Heritage listing and thus its importance to the Australian community, we and the public have found the short timeframe unreasonable.

We believe there are some welcome and significant improvements embedded in this agenda item but there still some serious issues that need addressing. These include the following:

1. Specify reports to the Future Melbourne committee **and** to Council meetings
2. Add to 8.3 – matters in relation to places on the State Heritage register, National Heritage List and World Heritage List. The significance of these sites demands special mention.
3. this needs to specify that (the '**11 days prior**', '**5 days prior**' or '**12 days prior**') **does not include Public Holidays** in accordance with the national and state government allowance for all Australians
4. 8.1 should specify **BUSINESS DAYS** i.e. '6 business days' and "5 business days'. Submissions are often long complicated work to read, analyse, consult on, write etc. Expecting the public to work on weekends is unreasonable.

Thank you.

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