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I am one of the objectors to this planning application.

When the revised application went in it stated they would include

- 1. Reduce the patron numbers to 220 patrons at any one-time which in turn reduces the parking requirements to be waived to 66 car parking spaces;
- 2. Prepare a Noise, Patron and Amenity Action Plan associated with the use;
- 4. Reduce the requested hours of trade as follows;
- a. Sunday to Thursday 9am to 11pm;
- b. Friday and Saturday 9am to 12am; and

- c. Good Friday and ANZAC Day 12noon to 11pm.
- 5. Condition that waste collection and disposal only occur between the hours of 9am and 7pm as per the updated Waste Management Plan

I have not be able to get access to the revised application so can only assume one has not been prepared and no changes have been made to the original. That it was only a verbal commitment.

I am concerned that those objecting have had no opportunity to review any changes and additional objections raised by me have not been addressed: Also how can it be heard without giving the objectors time to review the reports that they committed to deliver. In particular

o Noise, Patron and Amenity Action Plan

o updated Waste Management Plan

o blocking Pinkys lane (the only thoroughfare for approx 26 homes)

o serious risk to cyclists as vehicles reverse out onto Rathdowne Street.

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Dear Committee Members,

My entire home is within the 'sensitive zone' around 3 metres away from the rear of the venue. I stand to be significantly negatively impacted by noise and other detriments as a result of this application as it stands.

Having read through the amended application and council's Report to the Future Melbourne Committee, I do not feel that a number of critical issues raised have been addressed.

I am not opposed to the idea of a local food market and improvements to the local amenity of our Carlton community.

However, the use of this building appears to be more of a bar or nightclub, with 16 beer taps already installed right up to the rear industrial roller door.

The building is an industrial building in a commercial zone that is flush with a residential zone, in particular 19 residences only a single laneway apart from the building, which has not been insulated or sound-proofed and is clearly not fit for purpose.

Noise from patrons' voices (up to 220) in an industrial brick warehouse is a significant source of sound not yet considered by the applicant or their acoustic report provider. The acoustic report provided points out that the roof is a sound pathway and inadequate noise barrier.

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ensure effective management of negative impacts to amenity. For these reasons, I ask that the Future Melbourne Committee's decision be deferred until: \* above-mentioned professional reports are completed and independently assessed \* additional conditions are placed on the permit to ensure that serious impacts to residents' amenity are managed, such as noise from various sources and restricted use of Pinkys Lane Yours sincerely, Mona Meighan Please indicate Yes whether you would like to address the Future Melbourne Committee or the Submissions (Section 223) Committee in support of your submission:

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I am also greatly concerned that the presence of commercial size bins will result in vermin in the laneway and in the underground car park. Also no discussion has been opened about the laneway being used as a toilet by drunken patrons. This is a real concern for us who have to drive down the laneway to get to parking at night.

If the application is approved in it's current form then I feel that I will have no choice but proceed to VCAT in order to ensure effective management of negative impacts to amenity.

For these reasons, I ask that the Future Melbourne Committee's decision be deferred until:

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Yours sincerely,

Mary Antoniou

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I regret, because I am overseas, that I am unable to attend the 17 September meeting.

I am not opposed to commercial usage which does not impact adversely on residents.

The cumulative effect of late night drinking venues in our neighbourhood has previously been addressed by VCAT.

It is unreasonable to increase noise in the area and put further pressure on already limited parking.

It is arrogant that the applicants have already installed a large number of bee taps prior to any consideration of the application.

I think the decision should be deferred until all independent reports on community impact have been received and made available to the community affected by it.

I, and others in the affected community are both ratepayers and voters.

#### Anne and Graham Evans

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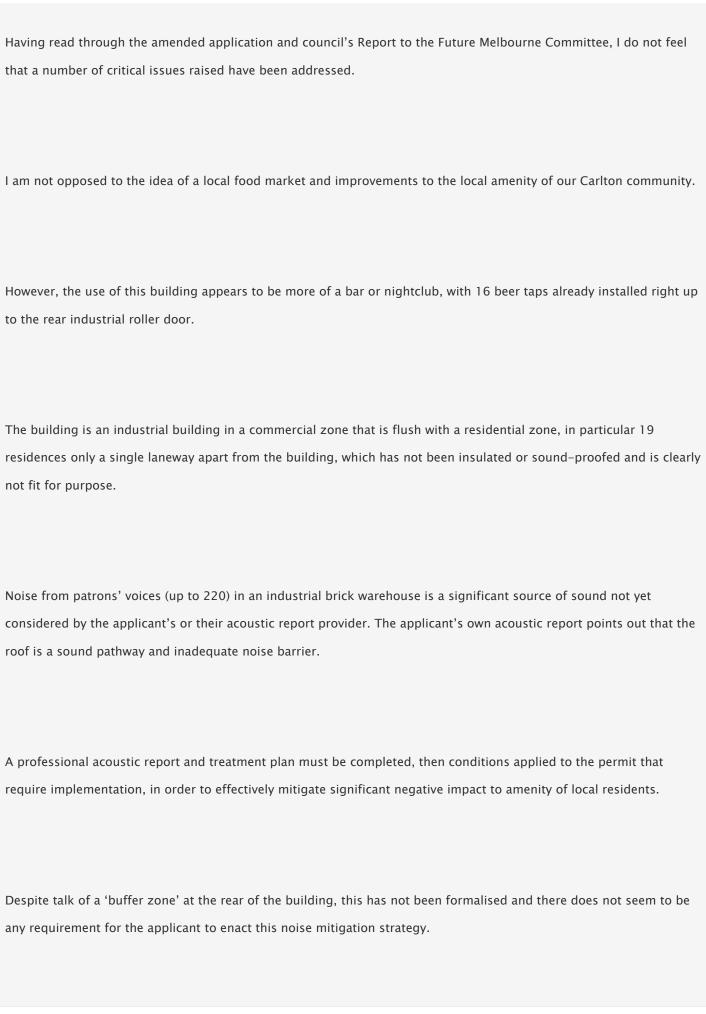
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In addition to the comments below, I submit that the granting of the Permit described above, which appears to be nothing more than a nightclub and drinking barn, will be a disaster for the residential fabric of Carlton, snd particularly for the larger residential block bounded by Elgin St, Drummond St, Victoria St, and Rathdowne St.

There is no doubt that the quality of life of the residents, many elderly and long-term, will be irrevocably damaged.

As well as the dramatic increase in parking problens, there will obviously i be ncreased public drunken behaviour, and more than likely damage to residential properties and cars.

The area already has a 'No Go' zone for Melbourne City Council staff due to OH&S reasons, and does not need more.



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Yours sincerely

Janette Smith

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submission in the space

**provided below and submit** Please find attached a written submission for your review.

by no later than 10am on

the day of the scheduled I would also like to state that through this process we have sought to understand,

meeting. We encourage you address and rectify concerns of our neighbours and we believe the permit application

to make your submission as will provide the harmony required for all involved.

early as possible.

Attached is the submission and a supporting Victorian State government discussion

paper on the Artisanal sector.

Thank you for you consideration,

James and Valerie Carlin

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Dear Future Melbourne Committee,

### Subject: FROM – the collective Planning permit application TP-2019-313 137 – 143 Elgin St Carlton

I am writing to seek your support for the above planning permit application for the intended use of the old Elgin Street scrap yards. The vacant building is one of many such neglected buildings in the area, not maintained and has been vandalised with graffiti on many occasions.

My wife Valerie and I have undertaken the lease of the building, with the hope of bringing regional craft Artisan products to the Carlton community. This is a short lease of 54 months as the building and adjacent building is earmarked for residential development by the owner.

15 years ago we moved from Parkville to Tooborac in regional Victoria. We have lovingly restored the Tooborac Hotel (<a href="www.tooborachotel.com.au">www.tooborachotel.com.au</a>) which was closed, having extended it to include a craft microbrewery and retail pie shop, now employing 30 staff.

As a producer of regional craft products within Victoria, we share common challenges with many other small artisan independent producers. These producers include wine makers, small goods producers, chocolates, dairy, meats, baked goods, preserves, pastas, regional and indigenous art and craft producers and many other items you would normally find at a regional farmer's market. The challenges we hope to solve include centralised marketing, showcasing, retailing, awareness and on-line distribution for small regional producers. We attach the Victorian Artisanal Sector roadmap which also identifies these issues more broadly across the state.

Our idea and intended use is a social enterprise that, through a retail providore for these regional independent producers, we will be able to provide a platform for country producers products in the heart of Melbourne. We will be establishing a retail market that showcases these offerings to the local community. We intend to offer retail and online sales, on premise consumption and product launches, regional showcasing and learning events and other unique insights into our regional producers and their products.

We hope that this unique concept will enhance the quality of life of residents in the immediate area adding a vibrant and active retail shopping space with a range of good. Over the last 7 months we have worked openly and transparently with council and residential associations to resolve or address any concerns and objections through the planning permit process. This has resulted in a reduction in numbers from 320 patrons to 220 and a reduction in operating hours from 1:00 AM to 11:00PM. We trust that our understanding of these issues or in some cases misconceptions misconceptions and the subsequent changes to our permit has alleviated these matters and shown what our intentions are with the space.

Details on our concept can be found at www.fromthecollective.com.au.

We believe our concept supports the defined goals of the Future Melbourne 2026 plan in the following ways:

Goal 1: **Being a city that cares for its environment** - by supporting sustainable agriculture and food transport within the state.

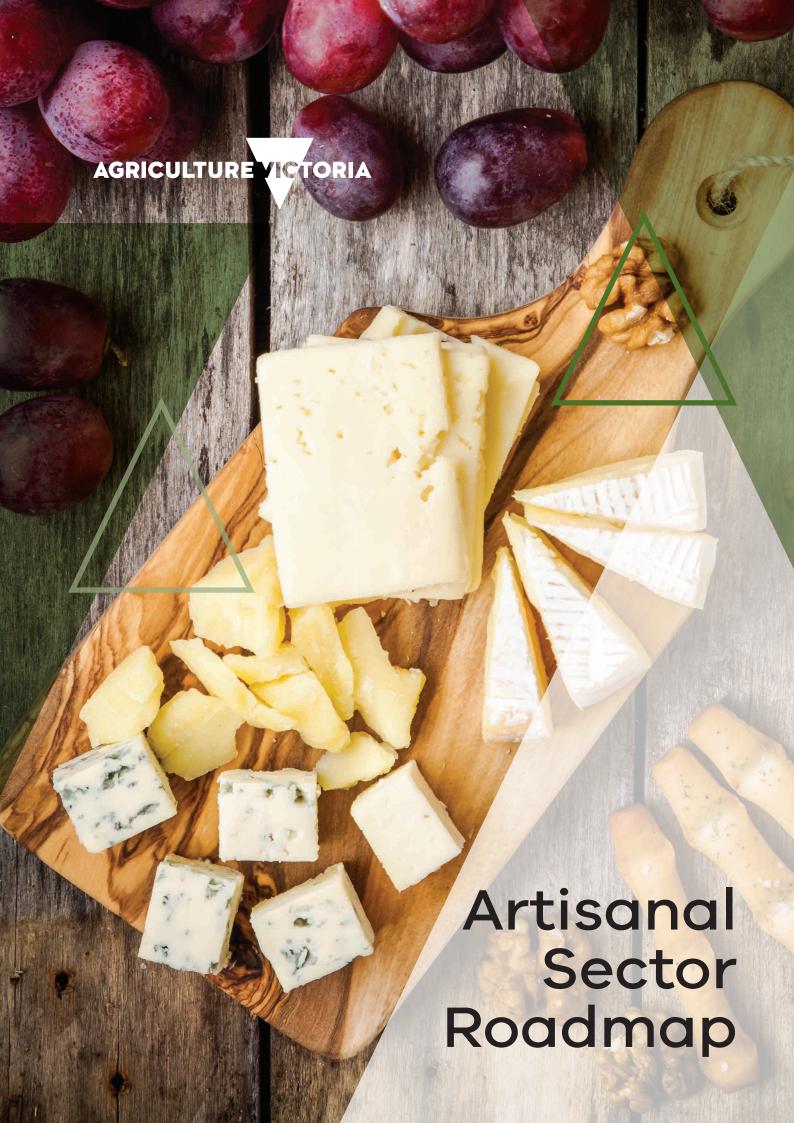
- Goal 2: **Being a city for people** that is providing access to an all-weather family community space that supports learning, interaction and access to quality products in walking distance to the city and public transport.
- Goal 3: **Being a creative city** expands the awareness of and access to a plethora of different experiences, lifestyles and products.
- Goal 4: **Being a Prosperous City** we truly believe that by reviving this area we can increase the prosperity and safety for residents and visitors alike. Our events will add to the rich tapestry of Melbourne whilst promoting awareness of the states regional areas and its offerings more broadly. Our financial and in kind support of rural aid (<a href="www.ruralaid.org.au">www.ruralaid.org.au</a>) additionally supports the sector we are promoting.
- Goal 5: **Being a knowledge city** Our fundamental premise is to provide a platform for rural producers to increase the awareness of their products and offerings. Classes, product launches, regional tours and showcases will broaden the horizon of those that choose to attend.
- Goal 6: A connected city the location is situated within a walking and cycling hub. The main North/South cycling path on Rathdowne Street runs adjacent to the venue, in addition to bus and trams nearby. Bike racks are provided within the venue along with adequate room for prams and shopping carts. The community space allows for people to connect in all weather.
- Goal 7: A deliberative city we hope to be a positive force in the community. An environment that allows neighbors to meet and strengthen their community through interaction and knowledge.
- Goal 8: A city managing change we understand that in the age of the digital nomad people are able to work in many different ways. We believe that by providing a safe community space with free WIFI we can bring groups of people together. Our environment also provides a space for our producers to access their email and work collaboratively. We have adopted collaboration apps for our producers to share ideas and connect.
- Goal 9: A city with an aboriginal focus we are currently working on an initiative to present and rotate art and craft from regional indigenous and non-indigenous Victorian artists. The venue lends itself to display many types of art and crafts.

The goal of our social enterprise is based on our understanding of the current restraints placed on small independent producers such as time, distance, isolation, workload and financial resources. When faced with competing against large national and multi-national producers and retailers the combination of these challenges may seem insurmountable. It is our hope that we will be able to bring a little bit of country to the city and provide benefit to all involved.

Yours	Sincerely,

James and Valerie Carlin

FROM - the collective





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## Minister's foreword

Victoria has a vibrant and valued artisanal sector.

It is a delight to be part of supporting a sector that has innovative, inspiring, and passionate producers dotted around this great state.

Victoria is a major producer of food and fibre commodities, accounting for approximately one quarter of Australia's total agricultural production (by value). We are also a leading centre for food manufacturing, research and development.

The Victorian Government recognised the importance of Victoria's food industry in 2016 with the release of its Food and Fibre Sector Strategy which created a long-term vision for the sector. This Roadmap extends and builds upon Victoria's passion for producing high quality and highly valued food and produce.



Passionate is a word often used to describe artisan producers, rightly so. The connection to customers and customer experience is as central to our artisan producers as the quality of their product. Tradition, sustainability, and a commitment to high quality products are all important elements that connect artisan producers.

Victoria's artisanal sector is characterised by diversity and collaboration. It is appealing because of its variety of produce, there is really something for every taste and every table. There is also a strong commitment to a holistic approach that ensures products are value-added locally and are shared with community, creating the opportunity for tourism.

This Roadmap celebrates and supports Victoria's creative, innovative and valuable artisanal sector. It articulates a vision and explores future opportunities for the sector. It proposes the Victorian Government works closely with the sector, to ensure that this vision is one truly shared by the sector and by government.

The Roadmap provides a framework for a state-wide approach to collectively support and grow Victoria's artisanal sector. It identifies four key actions:

- 1. Promoting the sector's vibrant diversity
- 2. Building sector capabilities
- 3. Facilitating access to government services and support
- 4. Supporting sector-led development.

This Roadmap embraces the existing and encourages the new. I am excited by what lays ahead and I look forward to continuing to enjoy as much of the wonderful produce from Victoria's artisanal sector as I can.

The Hon, Jaala Pulford MP

Minister for Agriculture Minister for Regional Development



# The artisanal sector encompasses ....

... the production of high value produce or premium food on a small scale or by specialised techniques, and with a clearly identified provenance. It creates a connection between the consumer and producer that allows customers to experience the authenticity and story of the product, in a way that provides direct value to both the producer and the consumer.

## A collective vision for the sector

Victoria is celebrated for its diverse, vibrant artisanal sector and is renowned as Australia's key destination for unique regional food experiences and agritourism offerings.

### The vision expanded

Victoria is a place where the artisanal sector can flourish. Artisan producers have access to skills, training and support to build their business, tell their story, strengthen their connection to consumers, and hone their craft. There are reduced barriers to entry and growth, and reliable supply chains for artisan producers. Small-scale businesses are increasingly resilient, while those that aspire to grow, can.

The sector is a distinct and important part of Victoria's diversifying agricultural story. It is strong in value-adding and contributes to the viability of Victoria's agriculture industries. It forms part of Victoria's succession plan for farming and attracts and provides opportunities for young and first-generation farmers, highly skilled individuals, and innovators.

The sector grows collectively. There are strong voices of advocacy for the sector and a larger number of successful artisanal businesses, memberbased associations, producer collaborations, and regional food co-operatives throughout Victoria.

Sector growth fosters a collaborative spirit. Growth is achieved through both individual efforts and collaboration between sector leaders, producers, researchers, and state and local government. There are collective strategies for continued growth and support as the sector matures. The artisanal sector benefits from increased connectivity to government and cross-sector services, information and support.



## Victoria's artisanal sector

#### Victoria's artisanal sector is valued and valuable

Victoria's broader agricultural sector is changing. Some farms are becoming more intensive to maximise productivity, while others are seeking to differentiate themselves and market to specific local food or consumer trends<sup>1</sup>. The artisanal sector is both a sub-set of the broader Victorian agricultural sector and an integral part of Victoria's food sector. It is marked by its diversity of producers, business models, and products.

Despite this diversity, producers within the sector share strong common drivers: the importance of fostering a close connection to their customers, and of sharing the story of their produce, farming, and processing practices.

Supporting and growing the sector and its diversity of specialised produce and food offerings will deliver benefits to peri-urban and regional Victoria. The connection to consumer and the importance of provenance also affords unique agritourism opportunities. The artisanal sector unlocks economic opportunities across Victoria, through employment, business diversity and resilience, and the flow-on benefits of enhancing Victoria's exceptional food experiences.

### What does the sector produce?



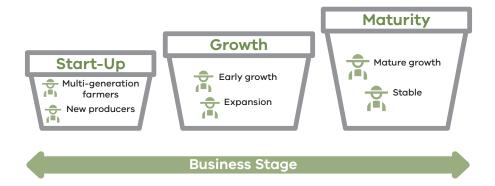
Artisanal produce is diverse. It includes agricultural produce that is differentiated from the broader agricultural sector through farming technique or an early season focus. It includes free range, organic and regenerative methods of production. It extends to specialised produce such as truffles, garlic, mushrooms, micro-herbs, saffron, capers, and edible flowers, as well as unique wool and speciality fibres, textiles and leather.

Victoria's agricultural producers continue to explore ways to value-add along the supply chain, with most producers in the artisanal sector engaged in some form of value-adding. Many businesses in the sector are focussed on opportunities to use high quality agricultural produce as the basis for premium products, such as speciality cheeses. Other examples of value-added artisanal products include jam, cured and smoked meats, and fermented vegetables.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Planning for Sustainable Animal Industries: Victorian Government's response to the Animal Industries Committee's Final Report Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land. Water and Planning and Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. October 2016.



### What sort of people are in the sector and how do their businesses operate?



The artisanal sector in Victoria comprises businesses of varying scales and at different phases of maturity. The diversity of the sector, its producers and their business aspirations is reflected by a range of highly individualised business models. However, these can be broadly classified based on business stage (outlined in the figure above).

Many producers wish to expand or diversify their business in some way. They may be testing customer interest in a new artisanal product or diversifying to offer agritourism experiences such as farm visits or "u-pick" sales. Producers moving between business stages may experience transition difficulties and question whether it is best for them to undertake the extra work associated with growth.

There is a relatively even split within the sector between first time producers and multi-generation farmers, with some returning to establish an artisanal business after growing up on a farm. Some producers are seeking to transition from a traditional agriculture-based business, while others are starting from a business background and wish to produce high value artisanal food. Many producers start from a desire to share their passion with a small number of people and then find a business grows from that initial idea. New producers attracted to the sector often bring diverse skill sets and new ideas about integrating farming and linking to consumers.

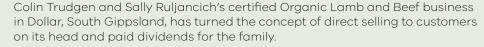
Artisan producers often control their business from paddock-to-plate, or from the raw ingredient to the consumable product bought by the customer. They may also supply through pathways to market that allow greater control over the product and its story. These include selling at farmers' markets, direct to restaurants or customers either online or through farm gate sales, or through websites that combine artisanal offerings from a specific region.

Many artisan producers benefit from being part of a local food co-operative. Some also harness the benefits of a loyal customer base and creation of strong connections to consumers through a community supported agriculture model, pre-selling before production to a limited number of customers.

The sector is set to flourish in Victoria, with many artisan producers describing their current business as either new or growing.

# Case Study

# Forging pathways to market



Colin and Sally originally switched from selling into saleyards to online five years ago, to establish a more direct link with their customers.

They've since progressed from a Facebook and Instagram mail list and delivery system to a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program they began in 2017. The program allowed them to sell their entire year's harvest of lambs and steers within 11 hours of start-up. The CSA program provides Colin and Sally with a regular income from regular customer payments, and more time to focus on creating a deeper connection with their customers.

Sally is passionate about the CSA approach and currently has a 15-year waiting list for her and Colin's CSA shares. She has started the CSA Network Australia and New Zealand with NSW farmer, Joel Orchard, to help other farmers sell this way.

Sally is also the co-founder of the Prom Coast Food Collective, together with fellow farmer Amelia Bright of Amber Creek Farm and Sawmill. Created through an online hub on the Open Food Network, the Collective includes about 20 small-scale ethical organic and regenerative farmers and makers from South Gippsland and Bass Coast shires.

Instead of customers attending a farmers' market, they pre-order and pre-pay online for the Collective's produce and collect their order from a convenient central location at an appointed time. Here they can meet the Collective's suppliers and still experience the farmers' market atmosphere.

The beauty of this system for all, according to Sally, is that it takes the guesswork out of the selling and buying equation. Customers know exactly what they're buying and the quantities, and sellers know exactly what to supply and when.

The Open Food Network is an open access database and e-commerce platform for producers. Prom Coast Food Collective sales are conducted through the Network during the first two weeks of the month, then all producers meet at the Blue Tree Honey Farm in Dumbalk on the third Sunday of each month to hand out their produce to consumers. In addition to this monthly convergence, the Collective is growing, with eight other collection points around Gippsland and Melbourne.

"The model is definitely working for us. We have control over our supply, know we provide what our customers want, and are able to spend weekends with our family and on the farm," Sally says.

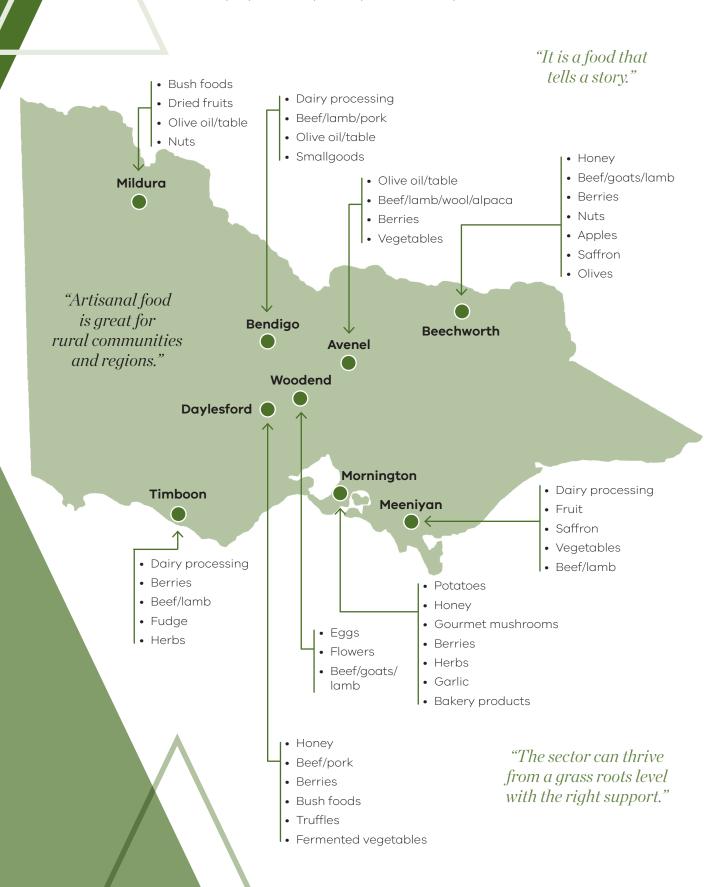
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#### Where is the sector?

Artisan producers are found throughout Victoria. The map below provides just a snapshot of the many types of artisanal food and fibre produced by the people who helped shape this Roadmap.





## Opportunities and challenges

To understand the current state of Victoria's artisanal sector, the Victorian Government spoke with hundreds of artisan producers and food businesses. Nine regional meetings attended by more than 200 producers were held across the state in June and July 2018. Victorian artisan producers and food businesses were also surveyed in August 2018, in a state-wide online survey in which more than 350 people participated.

The artisanal sector in Victoria has many opportunities for growth, both as a sector and within individual businesses. Victoria's artisan producers have enthusiastically identified opportunities that are important or unique to the sector. Producers have also highlighted challenges, and these can be reimagined as opportunities.

#### **Opportunities**

A state-wide approach to **promoting the story of Victoria's artisan producers** would raise the profile of the sector and create increased agritourism appeal for regional Victoria.

Artisan producers can also capitalise on growing consumer interest in the story behind produce, such as how it is grown and the tradition or skill used to transform it into different foods.

Community supported agriculture is ideally suited for artisan producers and enables growth and spreading business risk through pre-selling before production.

Artisan producers have a strong willingness to grow together and share experiences through sector networks and co-operative structures. Small-scale producers can create economies of scale and improved supply chain control through **collaboration**.

Vertical integration allows small-scale artisan producers to gain control of the whole value chain through to their customers.

Control across the product cycle enables artisan producers to value-add, and close connection to consumers allows producers to directly respond to consumer demand.

Artisanal agricultural production can have important roles in educating consumers about farming and in fostering local food systems.

Research and development partnerships across disciplines such as science, marketing, technology, and climate change could support the long-term vision for the sector.



### Challenges which can be converted into opportunities

Some regulatory requirements can appear to be overly burdensome to small-scale artisan producers. **Scale-appropriate, risk-based regulation** and support for artisan producers to be aware of their regulatory requirements could help grow the sector. Core food safety requirements will always remain, to ensure the safety of consumers. When producers are supported to understand and meet these requirements, this can be viewed as an opportunity to take advantage of consumer confidence in Victorian food.

Sector-led consideration of market differentiation for artisanal produce could help address the concerns raised about the lack of a consistent **branding and identity** strategy for the artisanal sector.

As smaller businesses, many artisan producers experience growth constraints because of insufficient capital needed for facilities such as small-scale commercial kitchens or boning rooms. **Shared facilities** would benefit the sector and individual businesses.

Some artisan producers face difficulties in obtaining serviceable **finance and funding**. Grants programs often exclude artisan producers due to the small scale of their enterprise ("micro" businesses). There are opportunities to educate the finance sector, design the artisanal grants program to support the range of artisanal businesses, and explore non-conventional funding sources.

Artisan producers frequently control the whole supply chain for their produce and often lack time to build **business capabilities or specialist skills** needed to further develop their business, customer base, or their craft. Providing information and support via artisanal networks and online resources will help artisan producers work on their business as well as in it.

Government agencies have **information and support** relevant to artisan producers, but there is no simple way of accessing that support. Providing a portal to link artisan producers to government services would help inform them about biosecurity, food safety, planning requirements and available support services.

Some artisan producers would like to learn from others in their sector and find ways to work together. Expanded opportunities to **network and collaborate** with other artisanal businesses would create a stronger, growing sector.

Attracting and retaining a **high-quality labour force** can be challenging. Support for **specialty skills and training** could help attract younger and first-generation farmers and producers to the sector.

Access to **infrastructure and supply chain logistics** can be difficult for small-scale, specialised enterprises. Artisan producers could identify key areas for focus, such as advocating for their needs to be considered in planning infrastructure improvements.

### Case Study

## Small-scale and multi-faceted



Danny started farming in 2013 after finishing an English and psychology degree in Melbourne. He leased 2.5 hectares and a house, bought a small flock of laying hens and ducks and a couple of poddy calves, and planted out fruit trees and seasonal vegetables.

The farm is already financially viable, with Danny value-adding by transforming the free range eggs from his chooks into Portuguese custard tarts and brownies, which he sells direct to customers at farmers' markets.

"I started selling to markets in 2014 and then ran a crowd-funding campaign to build a food van that is on track to be ready later this year," he said.

"The van includes a kitchen, which will give me greater mobility and sales flexibility."

Danny's business is "paddock-to-plate". He's involved in every step of the process from feeding the chooks to collecting the eggs, making the custard and the pastry and then selling the finished products directly to customers.

"I love food and quickly realised that to get the very best tasting food, you pretty much either have to know the farmer or be a farmer yourself," he said.

"I especially love how you literally get to eat the fruits of your labours."

"My aim is to buy nine hectares later this year and build an on-farm restaurant that will mainly use produce grown here and from the local area, as well as providing seasonal vegetables, eggs and meat to the local community."

Another of Danny's goals is to operate as an "incubator farm", offering employment and pathways for young people looking to enter the agricultural industry.

"I'm passionate about helping other young farmers overcome the barriers to having or accessing land, the regulatory burdens for small-scale farms and financial viability," he said.

"I am a strong believer in regenerative agriculture playing a huge role in mitigating climate change, that is, putting carbon back into the soil and using more resilient practices such as rotational grazing, cover-cropping and agro-forestry."

www.dannysfarm.com.au

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## **Actions**

1. Promote the artisanal sector as a vibrant and valued part of Victoria's agricultural landscape and regional flavour.

Develop and promote "regional stories" that showcase the sector's diversity and regional offerings.

Identify and promote artisanal businesses that are unique to Victoria or are a competitive strength for the state.

Promote Victoria's artisanal sector profile at food and trade events, and support industry-led ancillary activities and events for artisan producers through such events.

Support and encourage local food events that increase the profile of Victoria's regional food offerings and tourism.

Explore opportunities to support local supply chains through government procurement of artisan food.

Work with local councils and planning partners to extend support for the artisanal sector.

Collaboratively support and encourage artisan producers wishing to develop farm gate or retail opportunities, so visitors can directly experience the artisan narrative and purchase product from the source.

Use other existing business network channels to promote the artisanal sector.

 Build sector capabilities by facilitating access to equipment, tailored business skills, and specialised skills and training for artisan producers.

Deliver a program of small grants for individual businesses for business development, business skills and equipment expenditure. Grants will have a streamlined application process and eligibility for "micro" businesses and peri-urban producers.

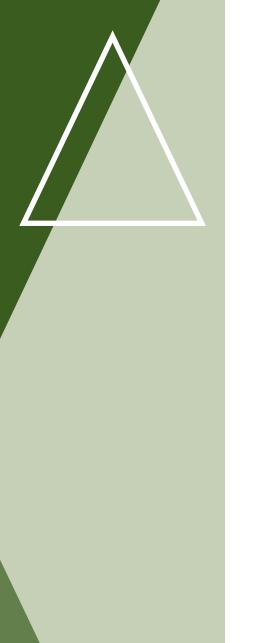
Work with industry partners, local council and local food groups to deliver tailored regional business mentoring and business training for artisan producers.

Support local co-operatives, food activators and producer groups to initiate and deliver workshops, networking, and business events tailored to their region and their producers.

Identify ways government can support industry-led initiatives to provide specialised skills and training opportunities for artisan producers.

Explore supply chain failures such as abattoir access for small-scale livestock producers.

Support procurement of shared equipment or shared infrastructure.



3. Facilitate access to government support and services and enhance regulatory capabilities.

Create an online portal to deliver a streamlined, single point of contact for artisan producers to navigate regulatory requirements and access government information, services and tailored industry support.

Deliver support for businesses to improve capabilities in food safety, land use planning, export pathways and other business-related regulatory requirements.

Develop strategies to address regulatory burden for small-scale artisan producers through scale- and risk-appropriate regulation.

4. Support sector-led development of collaboration, community education, and co-ordinated leadership and advocacy for Victoria's artisan producers.

Work with the sector to develop networking and information-sharing opportunities and cross-sector collaborations.

Deliver grants for activities such as collaborative producer projects and on-farm education initiatives.

Support local food activators in communities.

Work with the sector to determine how government can help the sector to develop strong, co-ordinated leadership and advocacy.

Continue to work with the sector to determine other ways government can help the sector to lead these initiatives.



### **Next steps**

The Victorian Government will work with sector participants to design a plan for how the key actions will be implemented. The implementation plan will articulate the roles and responsibilities of government and the sector to achieve the actions set out in the Roadmap.

Working with the sector will ensure next steps are practical and foster collective ownership of the Roadmap among sector leaders, producers, and government.

#### Be involved

Visit the Victorian Government's online portal for the artisanal sector at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/artisanag

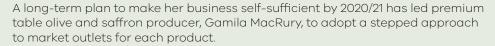
Stay up-to-date with the Artisanal Sector Roadmap and the Artisanal Sector Program by registering at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/artisanag

Get in touch at artisan.ag@ecodev.vic.gov.au

This Roadmap complements the Victorian Government Wine Industry Development Strategy, which provides support and direction for the wine industry. Wine growers are supported through the Victorian Government's Wine Growth Fund. Victorian wine producers can find out more at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/horticulture/wine-and-grapes/wine-industry-development-strategy

### Case Study

### An eye to the future with premium olives



Her "bread and butter" earner is table olives, which she currently sells into farmers' markets, mainly in Melbourne. However, her plan is to gradually connect with boutique retail outlets, then approach food service outlets as her yields grow.

Gamila's saffron crop is requiring a different approach. With Australian saffron prices approaching those for imported saffron due to the current market, she is focusing on market education around the true culinary value of saffron and how to use it to best effect. Her aim is to embed her saffron in the premium product market where it can command a high price.

Gamila bought her 5.5-hectare property near Beechworth almost nine years ago with no specific business opportunity in mind. Her plan was to fit the enterprise to the climate and topography of the land.

establishing direct consumer retail and approaching customised food businesses to sell her produce. "The property and climate suited both crops," she said. "I took the opportunity to

She quickly settled on planting table olives and saffron, with a focus on

than olives for oils because I felt that market was saturated."

Gamila planted a 600-tree grove with a mix of 11 varieties, knowing it would take about seven years for the trees to start bearing a harvestable quantity of fruit

and 10 years to reach a full crop of 10kg-15kg/tree. All olives are processed on site.

move into the table olive space, growing several types. I chose table olives rather

Now at year nine, Gamila is still ramping up production. In 2017 she picked 700kg but was hoping for a two tonne (T) crop to allow her to reduce her off-farm work. This year saw her almost reach that goal, picking 1.9T, and she anticipates reaching 2.5 T in 2019.

Gamila has graduated her marketing strategy to align with this gradual increase in tonnage harvested. She is just now releasing her 2017 stock, deliberately targeting only farmers' markets – nearly all in Melbourne.

"I have a couple of products in the Richmond Hill Larder and my olives are now stocked in one of Melbourne's Arts Centre bars, after the centre contacted me when I won medals for my olives at the Australian Food Awards," she said. "For the time being I'll still be cautious about retail or food service – that's because I don't want to overpromise and undersupply."

Gamila thinks her olives will be the staple crop for her long-term, with saffron providing the "cream" on top. This is because she can estimate her cash flow 18 months in advance with the olives, while the saffron harvest is unpredictable even up to the last week before picking.

"I'll start local, with long-term plans for 50% to go into in-venue consumption and catering companies, 25% into retail gourmet and boutique shops and 25% direct to consumers either through e-commerce or direct through farmers' markets."





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# Objections to Planning Permit No. TP-2019-313 Key Issue - Noise

- Industrial building not fit for purpose the applicant's own report stated that the roof and roller door provided little if any sound proofing. This backs 3-4 metres onto residences.
- Unreliable Acoustic Report The report did not consider noise from patrons' voices (up to 220) in an industrial warehouse as significant source of sound so this was not considered by the applicant's or their acoustic report provider.
- Failing to cooperate with neighboring residents The suggestion by the Collective to have patron 7 metres 'buffer zone' at the rear of the building appears to be a complete disregarded. Their plans indicate the bar taps and food truck will be in that back area. This causes concern as to the genuine concern for neighboring residence. The only sound barrier is a garage door between 220 alcohol fueled patrons and residents' bedrooms.

# Objections to Planning Permit No. TP-2019-313 Summary

- We feel that applicants have provided objectors with incomplete information, e.g. Waste Management Plan, Acoustic Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan.
- Verbal negotiations with the applicant have been later ignored. We will require all agreements in writing.
- We are not opposed to the development, but we need the information and assurances that the issues raised have been properly addressed before development proceeds.
- We propose that the approval decision be deferred until all of those reports and plans have been presented and reviewed by independent experts.
- Alternatively we would like to appeal, with the expectation of having appropriate conditions placed on the development before it proceeds.

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### Permit No. TP-2019-313 objection

- We put forward the following concerns:
- NOISE
- PINKYS LANE USE
- PARKING
- Whilst I bring these issues to your attention, I would like to highlight one key issue – NOISE. If measures are not put in place to minimize the noise then it will affect my day-to-day quality of life. As a neighboring resident I am willing to compromise but the current conditions will be unlivable.

## **Key Issue - Noise**

- Their acoustic report completely ignores the issue of 220 people 3.5 meters from residents bedrooms and just dismisses the music as background noise.
- Their own acoustic report states that the roof and back roller door do not provide any form of sound proofing and need to be improved yet the permit does not place any requirements on improving the sound proofing. I believe the report/permit does not appropriately reflect the impact this will have on residences in this building.
- During discussion with the Carlton Residents Association and residents, the applicants committed to having a 7 meter setback from Pinky's lane to minimize the impact on the neighbours. However, it is not included or even mentioned in the proposal or report. Their plans have beer taps and tables directly adjacent to Pinky's lane – the complete opposite of what was discussed.
- The building itself is an industrial building, which as is, is not appropriate for use. It is a large echo chamber without any form of sound suppression and as their own report states the roller door and roof provide little to no barrier to the sound. From my own experience the roof simply resonates and amplifies some of the sound.
- NEXT STEPS: Verbal negotiations with the applicant have been later ignored. We will require all agreements in writing. The acoustic and traffic reports appear fabricated or inaccurate so we request an impartial/independent review.

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After reading through the amended application and council's Report to the Future Melbourne Committee, it appears to me that a number of critical issues raised have not been addressed.

In principal I am not opposed to the idea of a country to city food market and welcome any improvements to the local amenity of the Carlton community.

The use of this building, however appears to be more of a bar or nightclub, with 15 beer taps already installed right up to the rear industrial roller door.

The premise in question is an industrial building in a commercial zone that backs onto a residential zone. 19 residences, in particular are only a single laneway removed from the building, which has not been sound-proofed or insulated and is therefore clearly not fit for purpose.

Noise from patrons' voices (up to 220) in an industrial brick warehouse is a significant source of sound not yet considered by the applicant's or their acoustic report provider. The applicant's own acoustic report points out that the roof and the roller door are a sound pathway and form an inadequate noise barrier.

A professional acoustic report and treatment plan must be completed, then conditions applied to the permit that require implementation, in order to effectively mitigate significant negative impact to amenity of local residents.

Despite talk of a 'buffer zone' at the rear of the building, this has not been formalised and there does not seem to be any requirement for the applicant to enact this noise mitigation strategy.

Pinkys Lane is a single-lane dead-end laneway that is the main entry point to approximately 26 residences. There is no other entry/exit point for these residences' vehicles.

Delivery and possibly waste management trucks would block Pinkys Lane access. If the laneway is blocked when residents are leaving or returning home (usually during peak), one of the vehicles will have no option but to reverse into Rathdowne Street (this is already happening due to the applicant's blocking of the laneway). This is extremely dangerous both for the residents and even more so for cyclists, which often race down the hill and are almost impossible see.

If trucks enter the lane there is no way for them to turn around, they must reverse into Rathdowne Street across a bike lane with limited visibility, again risking injury to cyclists and pedestrians or traffic accidents.

No mention has been made of delivery vehicles and this must be adequately addressed prior to granting of a permit.

The notion that there will be no impact to parking in the area is preposterous. Therefore, a professional independent survey needs to be undertaken in order understand the actual impact to parking in the local vicinity. The current information with respect to parking lacks credibly and reflects badly on the veracity of the permit application as a whole.

If the application is approved in its current form then I feel that I will have no choice but proceed to VCAT in order to ensure effective management of negative impacts to amenity.

For these reasons, I ask that the Future Melbourne Committee's decision be deferred until:

- The above-mentioned professional reports are completed and independently assessed
- Appropriate conditions are place on the permit to manage serious impacts to residents' amenity, such as noise

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Having read through the amended application and council's Report to the Future Melbourne Committee, I do not feel that a number of critical issues raised have been addressed.

I am not opposed to the idea of a local food market and improvements to the local amenity of our Carlton community.

However, the use of this building appears to be more of a bar or nightclub, with 16 beer taps already installed right up to the rear industrial roller door and no on site parking provided.

I find it impossible to believe that there will be no impact to parking and ask that a professional survey and subsequent report be completed in order to understand the actual impact to parking in the local vicinity. Current information provided is grossly inadequate.

The waiver of car-parking for 220 patrons will certainly impact on our residential amenities and off-street car parking needs. Most residents in Macarthur Place do not have private car parking and rely on on-street parking for which they pay a fee. I have no hesitation in saying that parking on weekends is simply not available for residents now as there are hundreds of visitors attending eateries and functions in Lygon Street who park in our street. We are already competing with all these visitors. It is all very well having a policy of patrons using public transport but this is not what happens in reality. Inevitably there are dozens of people who arrive by motor car and require parking.

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above-mentioned professional reports are completed and independently assessed appropriate conditions are placed on the permit to manage serious impacts to residents' amenity, such as residents' on street parking in Macarthur Place.

Yours sincerely,

Lillian Nativ

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Thank you for providing me this opportunity to raise my concerns with respect to this proposal.

I am a long term and proud carlton resident.

I believe this proposal, as it stands, is inappropriate.

I live in the apartment block directly behind the proposed site and my daughters bedrooms is (according to their own report) 3.5 meters from the site. The concept of 220 people drinking alcohol 3.5 meters from my daughter's bedroom window and other residents until 11pm, 7 nights a week, I find ludicrous and alarming.

The planning schemes requirement for application states they must provide a report on:

The likely effects, if any, on adjoining land, including noise levels, traffic, the hours of delivery and despatch of goods and materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.

I do not believe they have done the analysis or provided an adequate report on the impact on the neighbours.

Their acoustic report completely ignores the issue of 220 people being served and drinking alcohol 3.5 meters from residents bedrooms and just dismisses the music as background noise.

Their own acoustic report states that the roof and back roller door do not provide any form of sound proofing and need to be improved yet the permit does not place any requirements on improving the sound proofing.

During discussion with the Carlton Residents Association and (I believe) with the town planners, the applicants committed to having a 7 meter setback from Pinky's lane to minimize the impact on the neighbours. However, it is not included or even mentioned in the proposal or report. Their plans have beer taps and tables directly adjacent to Pinky's lane (i.e., 3.5 meters from our bedrooms).

I received email correspondence from the town planners assuring me that all waste management and deliveries would be via Elgin St. The deliveries are not mentioned in the report or application. The permit should place the same restrictions on deliveries, (i.e only from Elgin st). Deliveries through Pinky's lane will be major traffic, noise and safety issue.

The report recommends not allowing the opening of the rear roller door during operating hours. That door is industrial and extremely noisy so I believe it should be restricted from opening during the night. We have been woken by that door at 8am every weekday for the last 10 years. If it operates during the night it will be a huge disruption to all the neighbours.

The building itself is an industrial building, which as is, is not fit for purpose. It is a large echo chamber without any form of sound suppression and as their own report states the roller door and roof provide little to no barrier to the sound. From my own experience the roof simply resonates and amplifies some of the sound.

The applicant states that they plan to have a providore showcasing local produce. Yet their current advertising (see The Good Food Guide) highlights 16 beer taps and they are currently attempting to attract uni students with cheap meals. In their revised application they claim the objectors don't understand their proposed use and that it is not a beer barn. I hope that is the case but I feel the permit should be such that they are restricted to what they are claiming as their plans rather than approving a beer barn and hoping they keep their word. Also if approved as a beer barn the licence can be sold on and their commitments mean nothing.

Although I understand there is little that can be done in Carlton regarding parking I feel the applicants parking report is totally absurd. To claim that on Saturday evenings Elgin St has between 30 and 60% unused on street parking is beyond absurd. I have lived here for 11 years and have never seen 26 out of 42 parking spots on Elgin St free on a Saturday night. This misrepresentation really concerns me and doesn't give me confidence in their other reports.

Personally I do not object to the concept but feel that the decision should be deferred until a proper assessment of the impact on neighbours, in particular noise, has been performed and appropriate changes and restriction placed into the permit to manage that impact.

I believe that if the application is approved in its current form we will have no choice but to appeal.

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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. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	Wayne Coles–Janess supports the proposal to prepare and exhibit Amendment C365 to in order to introduce a permanent Heritage Overlay to Chart House, the property at 372–378 Little Bourke Street to identify it as contributory to the Guildford and Hardware Lane Precinct (HO1205).  We ask the MCC to expedite a review of 360 Lt Bourke St, Melbourne Heritage Action's submission rebuts the Lovell Chan assessment. – There are unresolved heritage and amenities issues which needs more input and reports to support the heritage intentions within this criterial and important precinct.
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16 September 2019

The Hon. Sally Capp Lord Mayor **Melbourne City Council** GPO Box 1603 MELBOURNE VIC 3000

cc: City of Melbourne Councilors (by email)

RE: Future Melbourne Committee - 17 September 2019
Agenda Item 6.2 - Amendment C365 - Melbourne Planning Scheme
372-378 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne - Planning & Heritage controls

Dear Lord Mayor (and Councilors),

On behalf of our family, we are writing to you as the registered owner of 372-378 Little Bourke St Melbourne.

Unfortunately we are currently tending to our mother's health and so we could not be in person to present to you and hence the reason for writing this letter. We were only made aware of the Council Meeting late last Thursday evening, 12 September 2019 and so we ask that the Council empathize with our redevelopment journey to date.

We write to you with regards to the proposed Amendment C271 - Melbourne Planning Scheme and the more recent proposed Amendment C365, specifically for our property being affected by the interim reclassification of the Heritage Control to 'contributory' from the current 'non-contributory' status. In light of the significant investment we have embarked on to redevelop the property we write to you, and the Councilors, to respectfully express our disappointment on the surprise 'contributory' status as a result of 'new information' which we had only received last week, but which has been with Council since December 2018.

### **Property Background**

Our mother purchased this property back in 1996, with the clear view of retaining the property long term. Since then, she had embarked on a number of alterations, changes, modifications and renovations. In 2008, the family invested in the further refurbishment of the property and converted the parts of the ground floor access from Little Bourke Street, and the upper levels into the *City Garden Hotel* (now *YTI Garden Hotel*), including 2 specialty retail stores on the ground floor.

Our mother's attitude was that this property would inevitably pass on to my brother, Ignatius and I. It has always been her clear intentions that we, as a family, retain the property, and redevelop the property to suit the prevailing market conditions at that time.

Her wishes to this day are to retain the property and redevelop it as part of a family legacy for the next generation. The family's attitude has clearly been to enhance and add value to the property by way of redeveloping it as part of our broader property portfolio.

The property has operated and traded as a Hotel since 2008. The average room rate on offer is typically trading below the \$95 per night, and faced with stronger competition and frankly much higher quality accommodation the current hotel requires substantial investment to compete.

The property requires significant renovation, and substantial modifications to deliver an economy of scale for a viable hotel for the longer term. Our outdated hotel accommodation offering frankly cannot compete with the more contemporary accommodation options available in the market. In the absence of substantial and extensive investment, the current Hotel operation will simply suffer and deteriorate over time without major capital expenditure.

Approximately 4 years ago, the family investigated such capital expenditure on preparing plans. It was confirmed that redeveloping the current hotel would require significant expansion to warrant the required capital expenditure on undertaking the works. We engaged industry professionals and consultants and explored a raft of redevelopment options. Our first plan was to redevelop the property into a much taller and larger building, essentially an 80m tall Office Proposal. We took a scheme based on this proposal to a preapplication meeting with planning officers from the City of Melbourne in December 2016. Based on this feedback the height and setbacks for a taller building were simply discouraged by the Council (based on the site constraints, and setbacks).

Consequently we were encouraged to submit a reduced proposal.

### **Planning History**

In December 2016 Berjaya Developments Pty (our company) submitted a planning preapplication proposal to redevelop the property for a proposed 80m office development.

Following feedback from Council officers there were then a further two pre-application meetings in March 2017 and again in January 2018 where further built form outcomes were tested and reviewed.

This resulted in the lodgment of a comprehensive planning permit application for a 60m high office building on 19 February 2018

It was only after our town planners had lodged the application that we were made aware of a new proposed heritage amendment (Amendment C271) which was proposed to affect our site. We were made aware of this by a 'request for further information' from Council dated 27 February 2018.

The new amendment suggested a contributory grading for the side elevation only (i.e. the elevation to Niagara Lane) of the building at 372-378 Little Bourke Street, and a contributory grading for the building at 15-17 Niagara Lane, which we also own.

We lodged a submission to this amendment and were invited to a Panel hearing where the amendment was considered from 25-27 July 2018.

We engaged the services of planning lawyers (Mr. Nick Sissons of Holding Redlich) and a heritage expert (Ms. Robyn Riddett of Anthemion Consultancies) to represent the family at the Panel Hearing.

At the panel hearing our lawyers did dispute the contributory status of 15-17 Niagara Lane as well as the contributory status of the 'Niagara Lane elevation' of 372-378 Little Bourke Street.

Following the Panel hearing we formalised our response to the City of Melbourne's request for further information for the planning application, submitting a range of additional supporting material as requested (including a heritage report).

In late September 2018 the Panel report was released concluding the following in terms of our site:

In relation to the level of significance of the wall itself, the Panel accepts Ms. Riddett's view that it shares insufficient of the characteristics of Niagara Lane to achieve contributory status. It is persuaded that the contribution currently made by the wall could equally be achieved by an appropriately designed replacement wall of similar scale in the same location. Notwithstanding this conclusion, it disagrees with owner's contention that the building should be completely deleted from the Heritage Overlay proposed for the Guildford and Hardware Lane Precinct. The Panel's conclusion is that the building should be made non-contributory to the precinct.

### The Panel concludes:

- 372-378 Little Bourke Street and 15-17 Niagara Lane should remain within the Guildford and Hardware Lane Precinct as exhibited
- 372-378 Little Bourke Street should be graded as noncontributory to the precinct
- 15-17 Niagara Lane should remain as exhibited, contributory to the precinct.

We were encouraged by the Panel's conclusion, and were further encouraged by the Council's adoption of the Panel's findings at its meeting on 21 December 2018 (when the Council resolved to adopt the amendment with the change from 'contributory' to 'non-contributory').

Over the following months our architects and planners were in constant contact with the Council statutory planning officers and were trying to work through some of the officer concerns with the 60m office proposal.

As part of this, a series of <u>further</u> revised plans and detailed shadow analysis documents were prepared and presented over a six month period, at considerable expense to us.

I understand that the planning officer who was originally dealing with the application went away on maternity leave during this period, and a new planning officer took over in May 2019.

We met with the new planning officer and presented a series of further revised schemes for the redevelopment in May and July 2019, and have been awaiting what we were hopeful would be some positive formal comments on the 'final' revised set of plans.

On Thursday 8 August 2019, our planner had a conversation with the City of Melbourne planning officer dealing with the application to get an update on the revised plans, and was only made aware then that we should expect a phone call from the strategic planners at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Our planner spoke with an officer from DELWP on the morning of Friday 9 August 2019 and was informed that officers from Council's strategic planning department had forwarded 'new evidence' to the Department regarding the heritage significance of 372 Little Bourke Street.

DELWP informed our planner that an 'interim heritage control' was being contemplated in light of this 'new information'.

This was the <u>first indication</u> that we had of any potential change to the Council position on our property despite having an ongoing dialogue with the City of Melbourne on the planning application since the issue of the panel report.

It has since come to our attention that the Council were provided with this 'new information' from the Melbourne Heritage Action Group just before Christmas 2018 (i.e. a few months after the panel report had been released), and had then provided this to the Minister without even a courtesy call or email notifying us (as the land owner).

We are very disappointed that, despite the fact that we had a <u>live planning application</u> in the system and were actively negotiating with the Council on this, that the Council did not make us aware of this 'new information' or that it was in discussions with DELWP regarding any of this material.

We were only made aware of this change in circumstances by DELWP on the eve of the approval of the Amendment by the Minister (noting that we were told about this change on Friday 9 August 2019 and the Minister gazette the amendment on Monday 12 August 2019).

Lord Mayor and Councilors, I'm sure you can see why from our perspective what is now being proposed, and the manner in which we've got to this point, just doesn't seem fair.

We've again had to place our planning application (which has now been with the Council for 19 months) on hold whilst we try and work our way through what Amendment C365 might mean and how we may need to respond to this.

#### Conclusion

Over the past few years, with full transparency with Council, we have adjusted, evolved and amended our planning proposal <u>at considerable expense</u> based on Officer feedback to try and realize our redevelopment plans.

We have invested considerably in architects, town planners, development consultants and specialist advice in amending our planning proposal based on Council Statutory Planning and Urban Design feedback.

We also engaged planning lawyers and heritage experts to present on our behalf at the panel hearing, again at considerable expense.

Since last years' Heritage Panel report we were clearly under the impression that the 'non-contributory' status was resolved and as such embarked on procuring development funding.

This has all now been placed on hold as a result of being caught out on this recent interim control.

The important decision before the Council, will dramatically affect our redevelopment plans. Our vision for a \$70 M office building to be retained by the family is now on hold until further notice.

We respectfully request that the Council maintain the current status of 'non-contributory' status to allow our family to continue to work with Council, and advance the planning application before Statutory Planning.

I reiterate the concerted effort on our part in working with Council thus far, and why this late change has come as such a complete shock given the considerable investment on our part.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Weng Tuck Yee

On behalf of the Yee Family (Sole owners of Berjaya Developments Pty Ltd)

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Melbourne Heritage Action wishes to strongly support this agenda item. We were very glad to see our evidence of Chart House's contributory nature accepted, as it forms an intact and relatively rare wartime building, and adds to the cohesive streetscape of Little Bourke St, as well as Niagara Lane, not only with its austere industrial style but intact period shopfronts and hand painted window signage. We hope going forward that if the owners continue with plans for development on this are able to work with council productively on a design which retains and enhances this building in the Hardware Lane area for future generations

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Agenda item title: URGENT - Smoke-free area proposal - Bourke Street

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**URGENT SUBMISSION** 

To the City of Melbourne Council

Regarding "Smoke Free Zones"

Critical "PRECEDENCE" Submission

Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I refer to my lengthy telephone conversation discussion with Andrew Pell – Health Projects Coordinator Health and Wellbeing, regarding my "Full Support" for the Council's 'life saving' and 'necessary' Anti Smoking campaign and necessary Bans and enforcement!

This 'factual' submission is supported with the fact that I am "Asthmatic" and during 1989–93 created very useful and important "PRECEDENCE" when as an elected Local Government Councillor on the then Hawthorn City Council, I was given no option and required with the Full Support of the various Health Bodies to take the Council per se AND ALL of the eleven Councillors INDIVIDUALLY to the Anti Discrimination Court here in Victoria.

This was due to the fact that although ALL of the eleven Councillors at the time had banned Smoking in the Council Chamber at Council meetings BUT NOT in the Mayor's Room, where, our free 'tax/rate payer' pre Council meeting Dinner was served. In addition there was no ban on smoking there on other usage of the room!

Now to 'punish' me for my having been elected by the voters of Hawthorn's 'Scotch Hill' due to my stand on behalf of the electorate on a particular Building issue of concern and affecting the community and this being ignored by the Council and which was then with the full support of the electorate referred to the appropriate Court for 'successful' resolution, the Councillors et al blatantly stood firm and REFUSED to go Smoke Free regardless of my Doctors certified Asthma! Thus I was effectively bared from attending the pre meeting dinners etc.

Upon the Solicitors issuing proceedings for resolution in the Anti Discrimination Equal Opportunity Court, I also insisted on the individual Councillors also be separately joined in as well!

This was appealed to the Supreme Court by the Individual Councillors, where His Honour without hesitation REJECTED their claim and fully supported my actions on the grounds – of that Magic Word very much in use today – "PRECEDENCE"!

At the end of the day I (we) were very successful in the overall Court anti discrimination not only regarding my personal Asthma issue but with regard to the Public and rate payer and residents, AND, to further Top It All Off, the Council's Insurers REFUSED to pay any of the Costs incurred by one and all (being the Council and all of its Councillors) on the Grounds that "The Council and its Councillors should have known better"!

Thus it was up to the not very happy "Rate Payers" to wear all of the full costs incurred by the Council and Councillors!

Here again more established "PRECEDENCE"!

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These "PRECEDENCE"! outcomes certainly places our City of Melbourne Councillors in the position that they must forthwith look to protecting themselves and the Rate Payers and Voters et al under their protection, to forthwith impose it's 'life saving' and overwhelming all round majority expected positive Health obligation, to avoid the Council and its Councillors finding themselves in the most unfortunate and unwanted and unbelievable position of finding themselves taken to the Courts on "PRECEDENCE"!

In addition the Victoria Market and possibly some other areas as work place and or open relaxation areas and shopping areas and food outlet's etc. In 'some' of these areas sensible negotiation and public support etc., should assist. Also the PROVISION of the safest and best possible atmosphere, clean air, and dignity of not only our citizens, children and babies and ASTHMATICS and others with various medical ailments and of course the oh so many precious to our economy guests and Tourists visiting our Great City and its environs! Need one say more?

Also the work and support of the Asthma Foundation, Heart Foundation, and other genuine health bodies, etc., would be a further wise move to in particular demonstrate the Council and Councillors genuine primary health comfort and safety and also bearing in mind exposing children to a good and healthy and safe educational environment. After all we do owe it to them and their future. Remember Cigarette and Smoking advertising was successfully banned and has truly achieved its purpose in removing all of the previous glamour attached.

With regard to the dangerous and now very much acknowledged and death producing "Vaping" it may be worthwhile negotiating with the Government who introduced the Drug Injecting rooms to also assist in providing Vaping centres well away from our central and surrounding City areas and free the Council from possible PRECEDENCE actions against them and its Councillors. I would even suggest that the non action in this area could cause smokers to claim discrimination and sadly in this era our Courts could well be persuaded to accept this untenable excuse! We must remove the dangerous current 'glamour' and its INCORRECT current okay situation!

You are entitled and have the obligation to put the Health and Safety of our Citizens, kids and others as previously described AND so many visitors FIRST!

In addition I am personally willing to offer whatever past history, advice, suggestions and support which I can. At the age of now 77 with ageing ongoing health issues due to my limited ability to get around I would certainly welcome interested Councillors to arrange to call on me at my Hawthorn home to further discuss and pass on what ever wisdom and past history I may be able to offer.

By the way I have always endeavoured to be a giver and of my many various contributions it may be of interest to mention my 20 year involvement as an unpaid volunteer during the 1970–80 period with the then Caulfield Council,

when given the opportunity as an unpaid volunteer to establish their (and one of Australia's very early) Week-end Meals-on-Wheels services. My role was to provide the volunteers and with my committee I set up the organising of an ongoing roster and ensure replacement volunteers in the case of illness, etc. The Council's role was to provide the recipients and the meals. This service covered both Saturday, Sunday and all Public Holidays!

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In addition with my team we in our ongoing volunteer role later set up for the Council, Week-end Drives for the elderly eventually bringing about the now current Council Busses. The favourite early drive was through the City and to view the then only partly built West Gate Bridge over the Yarra River! Later extended to as far as Frankston, etc.

Also out of interest in 1994 I was responsible for a unique and dare I say Historic Military book "Never Forget Australia – N'Oublions Jamais I'Australie" – Australia and Villers–Bretonneux 1918–1993, (of my making including authoring and publishing) and its launch on Thursday 1 December 1994 at the Town Hall upstairs with Swanston Street being blocked off and Trams Stopped, while the Chief of the Army took a quarter guard salute, and a Navy Band entertained alongside the Town Hall. Also a telephone link with the Mayor and school children of Villers–Bretonneux in France. (TV link was not yet available at that time.) A Truly unique event possibly the only one ever of its type world wise. Included Mr Kevin Gosper in his role of the Council's Chief Commissioner with the various other high profile VIP's were two W.W.I, 96 and 97 year old veterans who had been on our previous 1993 visit to Villers–Bretonneux in France for the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Service and including visit to the UK and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to attend their St George's Day Parade and then attend a Reception at their Regimental Headquarters at the Tower of London all of which I had been asked to organise following my retirement from Council. Our tour group of 74 included the two Veterans, A Major General and other Officers and various family members (Civilian) and 34 serving young Reservist soldiers. (The Age published a colour Photo and write up of the Book Launch by John Lahey the following day.)

In conclusion I thank you all for your patience and understanding in this submission and may I be permitted to offer the following Suggestion/Advice:- Please take steps bearing Precedence and the like in mind and be sure to cover yourselves in this and OTHER Council Areas in your genuine endeavours to well and truly "Serve" as our Brave and Courageous and Caring Military, Naval and Air Force, and Ambo's and Emergency Workers, etc., back home, and remember Your vital role in this category. And also remember to please be aware of PRECEDENCE and its advantageous use to your contribution and not fall into its disadvantages.

Again Thank you.

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Agenda item title: 6.4 Proposed travel by Councillor Nicholas Reece, C40 World Mayors Summit, Copenhagen,

October 2019

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group

This is written submission in regards to Agenda Item 6.4 Proposed travel by Councillor Nicholas Reece, C40 World Mayors Summit, Copenhagen, October 2019. I support the recommendation from management that Councillor Nicholas Reece travels to Copenhagen to represent the City of Melbourne at the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group World Mayors Summit 2019. By participating in this summit Councillor Reece will have the opportunity to discuss with other delegates how City of Melbourne is becoming a more resilient city. He will also gain valuable knowledge in how best to tackle climate change and adapt the urban environment. This summit also aligns with and continues the goals of 100 Resilient Cites, the organisation that concluded on July 31, 2019. The Rockefeller Organisation continues to support climate change action, and the work of the 100 Resilient Cities. For more info, here is the 100RC website.

### http://www.100resilientcities.org/

It is important that the Lord Mayor and Councillors travel overseas to international meetings and summits to share knowledge and learn more on how to make Melbourne a better and brighter city.

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- 1. People on immunosuppressive therapy, especially asthmatics, are especially affected by cigarette smoke.
- 2. There is no safe way for vulnerable people to walk through the city. Inevitably, walkers will encounter smoke, either from smokers congregating around certain areas or from people smoking whilst walking. It is not like Melbourne has a consistent separation rule, e.g. no smoking on the South or West side of the street, so walkers could plot a safer route.
- 3. The very nature of smoke is that it cannot easily be contained, thereby forcing smokers' "choice to smoke" upon others.
- 4. "Smoke free zones" are often ignored. A great example is the zones lining the southern edge of the Royal Melbourne Hospital. So ongoing enforcement is required.

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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. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Great move to make Bourke Street mall smoke free and well done with the consultation process and the media after the report was produced.

Would like to see the roll-out of further smoke area areas accelerated and was wondering if particular attention could be paid to introducing restrictions near or around gambling venues.

The ban on smoking in Victoria generated significant reductions in poker machines losses so this is a tactic worth pursuing.

However, the broader point in terms of accelerating the rollout is to request that council switches soon to a model of

declaring all public open space in the capital city zone smoke free, with the exception of dedicated areas.

It seems the incremental rollout of smoke free areas is progressing, but such an approach would represent a stepchange, so would be good to hear from councillors and officers on when we will reach a tipping point on this issue whereby we are introducing smoking zones rather than introducing smoking bans.

Only when the default position is smoking bans will we really be on top of this issue.

It would also be good to see vaping banned in the Bourke Street mall as well.

Regards

Stephen Mayne

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We refer to Quit Victoria's earlier submission to the consultation on the proposal to expand Melbourne's existing smoke-free areas to cover the area of Bourke Street between Elizabeth Street and Russell Place (including the Bourke Street Mall).

We would again like to express our strong support for the proposal. For the reasons outlined in our earlier submission, we believe the proposed expansion of Melbourne's smokefree areas will make a positive contribution to improving the

health, wellbeing and amenity of residents, workers and visitors to this space. We commend the City of Melbourne for demonstrating strong leadership and a commitment to the health and wellbeing of Victorian's through it's smokefree areas project.

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Re: Agenda item 6.6—Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program—Provision of Market Infrastructure

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding the detailed design, indicative programme and costing for the proposed provision of market infrastructure as part of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program following the endorsement of Option A at the 2 April Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) Meeting. We note that Option A proposes new market infrastructure in four locations: 1) Former G Shed (Trader Shed), 2) Queen Street North (Northern Shed), 3) Point of Sale storage in Sheds A, B, H &I, and 4) Queens' Corner Building.

In responding to the current proposal, we recognise the extensive work that has been undertaken over a number of years to determine the most appropriate solution for the provision of market infrastructure, while maintaining the market's identified heritage values.

Following Heritage Victoria's refusal of the former permit application for the place in March 2018, the National Trust called on the City of Melbourne and Queen Victoria Market management to work with Heritage Victoria, traders and the community to develop a new scheme to reach an equitable outcome which respects the heritage of the market, and provides for much-needed market infrastructure, maintenance and conservation works. We were therefore strongly supportive of the People's Panel process, which provided an opportunity for the National Trust and other stakeholders to fully comprehend the operational challenges the Market currently faces.

We note that the designs developed based on Option A respond to recommendations arising from the People's Panel Report. The National Trust commends Council for taking these recommendations into consideration, and for developing a new scheme which addresses the needs of the market whilst more appropriately and sympathetically responding to the established cultural heritage significance of the place.

### **Proposed Trader Shed and Northern Shed**

Detailed design for proposed new built infrastructure including the Trader Shed (former G Shed) and the Northern Shed (Queen Street North) should respond to the heritage context, an consider the impact on significant view lines across Queen Street, particularly looking towards the fruit and vegetable sheds on one side of the Market and the deli, fish and meat

trade buildings on the other. We encourage the use of thoughtful contemporary design which complements rather than replicates the historic fabric of the market, and creates a new layer of significance in the continuing operation and evolution of the market.

We recommend that further detailed design of these elements be undertaken in close consultation with Council's heritage consultants, and Heritage Victoria.

### Point of Sale

We are pleased to see the extensive trader engagement outlined in the Point of Sale Illustrative Brief that has informed the development of the concept design.

We note that in Section 3.2, Objectives, Scope & Staging, that there is no mention of the heritage values of the site in the list of objectives (Illustrative Brief, page 20). We recommend the inclusion of an additional objective to enhance the tangible and intangible cultural heritage significance of the Market, as identified at Recommendation 2 of the People's Panel Report.

We note the advice provided by Trethowan in regard to the proposed point of sale storage upgrade, including commentary regarding the existing 2002 and 2011 guidelines, and current examples of non-compliance with the guidelines. We support Trethowan's advice suggesting a review of current permit exemptions, which would provide greater certainty to management and traders regarding constraints on permitted infrastructure. Clear guidelines for point of sale infrastructure, which take into account the market's heritage values to be maintained and enhanced, should be developed during the design development phase, in close consultation with Trethowan and Heritage Victoria. Consideration should also be given to how compliance can be better managed in the future.

Modelling, including artistic renders, should also be prepared to inform the detailed design and delivery of trader point of sale storage, and enable rigorous analysis of impacts on view-lines across the length of the open-air sheds. Any new storage/equipment (e.g. refrigerators) proposed to be introduced into the open-air sheds should be semi-permanent and removable, visually recessive in terms of materials and bulk, and allow for customisation to maintain the historically organic nature of market operations, rather than leading to uniformity more reflective of a supermarket. While we support the provision of appropriate refrigeration at market stalls, the open display and regular turnover of fresh produce which characterises the market should be encouraged, in contrast to refrigerated displays such as the unit depicted at no. 7 on page 37 of the Illustrative Brief, which is more evocative of a supermarket.

## **Queens Corner Building and Market Square**

We note that a recommendation has been put forward to undertake further analysis of the functionality of the proposed Queen's Corner building and its integration with 'Market Square'. The National Trust supports the intention to commence a process of public engagement to develop a Charter to confirm the purpose, objectives and function of Market Square and its integration with the proposed Queen's Corner Building. Following our long-term involvement in the renewal process to date, the National Trust would welcome the opportunity to provide input as part of this public engagement process.

#### **Current Restoration Works**

We acknowledge and commend the commencement of the \$11 million restoration of the heritage sheds this month, with a heritage builder set to begin a trial of on-site works to conserve the timber and iron sheds. We note that the trial is expected to take five months and will help plan for the restoration and enhancement of the open-air sheds proposed to be completed in stages in 2020 (subject to further approval by Heritage Victoria).

We are pleased to see that this work has commenced and has not be unduly held up by plans to address the provision of market infrastructure. The National Trust believes that the restoration of existing heritage fabric is a major component of the broader renewal project, and should be prioritised in the short term to ensure that further degradation does not occur. We also note that restoration works are in line with recommendations outlined in the People's Panel Report, and in the 2015 Master Plan. We commend Council for progressing these works, and look forward to preparing a submission responding to the heritage permit once it has been lodged with Heritage Victoria and placed on public advertisement.

#### Conclusion

The National Trust broadly supports the recommendations outlined in the officer report, including the recommendation that management prepare an updated QVMPR Business Case and Implementation Framework, including the retail vision for QVM, restatement of Masterplan projects and sequencing of renewal works, to be presented to a future Council meeting in February 2020. We look forward to providing more detailed feedback as plans progress.

We reiterate the need for the heritage values of the Market to guide the detailed design of market infrastructure, which should be developed in close consultation with Council's heritage consultants and Heritage Victoria.

The importance of the Market's heritage values should be reinforced through inclusion in the objectives for the project, outlined at Section 3.2 of the Point of Sale Storage Illustrative Brief (p20).

The National Trust would welcome to opportunity to be consulted further regarding the renewal program to finalise plans which respect the historic layers of the market whilst setting it up for the next 140 years of trading.

For any enquiries regarding this submission, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 0432672265 or at felicity.watson@nattrust.com.au

Kind Regards,

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Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I have been a regular weekly shopper at the Vic Market for decades. My late father used to take me shopping there when I was a child, and I am now 73.

It has, over the past 10 years of incompetent and ever changing management declined to its lowest ebb. It used to a

happy bustling and vibrant place but now it is a ghost of its former self.

'A Shed' is now a ghost town. It once was filled with traders but now is all but empty. There was an attempt to make it a food court like South Melbourne Market so the traders were forced out. Then it was a display centre for an appliance manufacturer. This chased away not only the traders but also their regular loyal clientele.

Now, instead of re-invigorating the area you propose a recycling facility in what was once a retail environment.

I know retailing has to keep pace with the times, but what makes the Vic a special place is the old world charm of the environment.

I have been to the wonderful little market in Barcelona, and I have shopped at the Shouk in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

These remind of what the Vic Market used to be, and could become again.

Please bring back the traders to A Shed. If you want a recycling facility do not place it within the trading area. No other retail establishment would site such a facility in what could be valuable trading space e.g. Coles, Woolworths.

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- 1) We are disappointed not to see a programme for renovation and restoration of the heritage assets of the Queen Victoria Market. We believe that this should be a major priority. Making the market look smarter and more historic would be a major boost to its attraction.
- 2) We are concerned that the Point of Sale counters may lead to a homogenised, uniform look that will disappoint both shoppers and tourists. Certainly the Point of Sale visuals which Rob Adams presented to the People's Panel briefing elicited dismay and would have the same effect on the public, resulting in another PR problem.
- 3) Finally, we are concerned that the proposed loading docks in the Trader Shed and Northern Shed foreshadow a radical change in the traditional mode of stall-holder operation. We would urge caution before making such a change.

It is important that a low-cost operational mode be maintained and furthered in order to attract traders from emerging migrant and other new groups.

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From a customer's POV, please remember that fewer trips to the wholesale market and more extensive onsite refrigeration, means produce is less fresh. Turning the market into a supermarket by stockpiling produce means traders lose their most valuable point of difference and will lead to its demise.

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Our response is that these concerns are unnecessary, because the shared market space is used responsibly by traders according to strict guidelines. There never has been an accident. It is also hard to understand how moving trader storage from their stalls in the sheds to Queen Street will be an improvement in terms of logistics, as it means more goods moving across the market, not less.

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The traditional retail operation of the market as it has existed for 150 years is integral to its social and cultural heritage, and we think that these attempts to 'update' the retail operation are as much a threat to the market as the previous failed attempts to alter the physical fabric.

The market is more than a collection of historic buildings. It is an assemblage of sustainable food and retailing practices, micro economies, social and cultural relations, local and globalised histories and traditions, and living heritage. These are uniquely Melbourne and thus also make an extremely important contribution as a tourist attraction. Protecting the market heritage, then, also means protecting the social heritage of the market.

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To the Lord Mayor & Councillors,

My name is Mary-Lou Howie, President, Friends of QVM

At the outset I want to say that it is pleasing that there is a revised proposal that is before the committee tonight. I want to acknowledge that it is an improvement to the original grandiose overdevelopment put forward by Robert Doyle.

I am pleased that FOQVM have had a significant role in these changes.

There are many issues I could respond to tonight but let me focus on just three:

- 1. Customer parking: Many traders have told me that without convenient parking access, market businesses will no longer be viable. The proposed Market Square replacing the existing at-grade car park, along with the loss of parking in Therry and Queen St North is not compensated by the proposed Southern site car park, &/or for that matter Munro noting that these sites are not dedicated to market customers. On this most important point, no impact analysis has been done? How many more traders will be lost as a consequence?
- 2. Process for change: Much mention was made of the People's Panel and its recommendations, but that process was far from perfect. There has been some obvious cherry-picking and omissions, for example, in the case of parking some outright manipulation, that leaves this central issue unresolved. When I speak to the many fresh food and general merchandise traders about many issues as I do every week when I shop, there is a gaping disconnect between what I read from council and QVM management, and what I hear from the market floor.
- 3. The hidden agenda of the so-called safety issue: There is an exaggerated emphasis on safety in much of the documentation that has informed the proposed infrastructure plans, and precedes this report tonight. Safety is an obvious fact of life in the market. Traders tell us there has never been a forklift accident. Forklifts can operate, like road rules, in dedicated lanes, with strict procedures, at specific times, and be policed. So why are forklift operations constantly demonised by management? What is the underlying issue here?

We all want the best outcome for QVM. I do hope the conversations between the Lord Mayor and the QVM Board Chair and Friends of QVM remain open, productive and ongoing.

Thank you.

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SUBMISSION FROM STEPHEN MAYNE ON MAV MOTIONS

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

In relation to item 6.7, I'd like to submit that council add a second motion to be put up to the October 18 MAV State Council meeting.

The existing motion proposed on affordable housing has merit and should be supported, but why only have one motion?

As first outlined to councillors and officers in an email on Sunday morning, would it be possible to add the following as a second motion when you deal with item 6.7 tonight:

Draft Motion title: RSL Victoria poker machine divestment

That the MAV:

1. Notes and supports the campaign by younger veterans to reduce the reliance on poker machines to sustain the operations and advocacy of the network of RSL Victoria sub-branches.

2. Encourages individual councils to lift their financial and operational support for RSL Victoria sub-branches without poker machines and sub-branches seeking to remove their poker machines in the future.

3. Calls on the State Government to ease the burden on RSL Victoria which will be required to pay \$68 million for new 10 year poker machine licences in August 2022 based on a business as usual model with the existing 2800 machines across the network of 50 RSL Victoria gaming sub-branches.

Rationale

Australians are the world's biggest gamblers in per capita terms with an estimated \$24 billion lost in 2017-18, \$14 billion of which came from almost 200,000 poker machines in 5000 venues across Australia, including casinos.

Victorians lost more than \$200 million gambling on approximately 2800 poker machines located in 50 RSL Victoria gaming sub-branches in 2018-19.

RSL Victoria is Victoria's second largest operator of poker machines after Woolworths/ALH but the federation is struggling financially with close to 20 pokies sub-branches being closed and sold off over the past 10 years. When this happens, the proceeds of sale are often then used to prop up other struggling pokies sub-branches.

Younger veterans from more recent conflicts have not been joining RSL Victoria gaming sub-branches and in recent months have been campaigning for RSL Victoria to divest its poker machines operations and instead focus on the RSL's core mission around welfare, service delivery, advocacy and veteran camaraderie.

The requirement to pay the State Government \$68 million for new poker machines licences in 2022 is expected to severely test the financial capacity of RSL Victoria which is reportedly exploring the sale of its residential care assets in order to fund this commitment.

Councils and the state government have strong relationships with the federation of RSL Victoria sub-branches and are well placed to assist with the development of a new operating model which focuses less on gambling and more on advocacy and veteran welfare issues such as emergency accommodation, avoiding homelessness, sustainable employment and mental wellbeing.

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**ENDS** 

Obviously, these words are just indicative and should be amended and edited to what is more suitable or acceptable for councillors and officers.

Why is this relevant to City of Melbourne? The RSL Victoria head office is located at ANZAC House at the top of Collins Street, so it is an important institution operating within City of Melbourne.

Just as council actively encouraged Collingwood Football Club to divest its poker machines, a similar approach is warranted with RSL Victoria to further council's strategy to reduce gambling harm in the Victorian community.

City of Yarra has been working constructively with the younger veterans seeking pokies divestment (specifically around resurrecting the Collingwood RSL as a pokies free veteran services hub) and it would be great to have City of Melbourne actively engaged in the campaign as well.

There are no RSL sub-branches with poker machines operating in the City of Melbourne so any pokies divestment would not have an impact on council rate-payers.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear City of Melbourne,

I often use the Capital City Trail, cycling from Flemington to Brunswick or vice versa.

The section in Royal Park going from the Royal Park train station to the bridge over Mt Alexander Rd is not lit. I do ride this section from time to time at night but feel not-entirely-safe when I do so.

My main concern is that there are two steep hills to ride through the dark. I worry that I could hit something coming downhill at speed, such as a tree root which I can't easily see with my bike light, and thus injure myself.

As a woman, I also feel concerned for my personal safety riding through a park at night (though I know that I'm more likely to be attacked by someone I know rather than a random stranger).

I think it would improve the actual and perceived safety of the trail if Council were to install low-impact lights along the route, so that it is easier to see the path. Obviously there are other issues of importance to balance, including any potential impact on local fauna.

I commend this proposal to investigate the installation of lighting on the bike path and encourage the Council to pass it.

#### Nina Vallins

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I frequently cycle, alongside hundreds of daily users, along the Capital City Trail bike path. For such a significant route for cyclists it's still disappointing to have near-misses with pedestrians and other cyclists in the evening due to the lack of lighting. Cyclists feel consistently neglected particularly given our growing presence as road users – as high as 35% on some major cycling routes (Royal Parade) in the morning peak hour in the City of Melbourne.

Separated bicycle paths are fantastic and this route is one of the best but we need to be able to provide a safe and illuminated route for avoidance as well as response to incidents.

I urge the Council and Committee to look at the Upfield Bike Path's integrated lighting that is built into the fencing between cycling paths and the train tracks as an example of low energy consumption, low light pollution, and safe

illumination.

If this lighting upgrade proceeds, fixing the cracks, bumps, and potholes that frequently cause damage to bicycles as well as providing better exits and interchange between transit modes (lockup areas at train/tram/bus stops) would be a great holistic upgrade project.

Asphalt is also the preferred surface for cyclists as concrete slabs tend to become disjointed over times creating dangerous bumps in the surface – much of the path underneath the Tullamarine Freeway is concrete.

Separated medians, new permanent infrastructure, and new pavement for cyclists could also use some of the enormous amounts of recyclable plastic stockpiled by SKM in Laverton. In Zwolle, Nerthlands a 30m recycled plastic bike path is being trialled that is three times more durable than asphalt and 70% faster to install with prefabricated sections (The Guardian Australia 2018 – A road full of bottlenecks: Dutch cycle path is made of plastic waste). This could be investigated by council to match broad objectives in waste reduction and bicycle infrastructure policy areas and would likely be extremely popular among council residents.

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