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6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2017-931 /A, 407-415 King Street, West Melbourne

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Submission to Melbourne City Council Future Melbourne Committee - Tuesday 3rd December

- PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION: TP-2017-931/A

There are 112 objections to this permit amendment.

We understand that the permit for TP-2017-931 has already been approved but it does not comply with the 2018 West Melbourne Structure Plan so we are asking you, please do not compound this and approve the amendment TP-2017-931A. As the Future Melbourne Committee surely the future mandating of the 2018 West Melbourne Structure plan should be a driving factor in the planning decisions.

Whilst the building at 23 Batman street may have set a precedent in height, this does not meet the current guidelines of Melbourne council. We believe this should not mean the guidelines are ignored for future permit applications.

Melbourne Council should have some duty of care and responsibility to maintain privacy for the building at 23 Batman Street which was approved and built with aspects facing towards the proposed building and floor to ceiling windows in bedrooms. The stated gap of more than 9m between the buildings is not the case and has been drawn in such a way as to look acceptable. We dispute that the gap is greater than 9m along the entire facade.

23 Batman Street is primarily owner occupied, lower density, with 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. The area is changing, developing into a residential area with considerable heritage overlay and such high density student accommodation is not sympathetic to the area. There was a consultation session organised by the developer but this did not alter the type and strength of our objections in any way.

Impact on character of area and heritage

- Given the heritage of Flagstaff Gardens and the adjacent St James Anglican Church, it is not appropriate to have a building of such height and bulk directly facing the gardens. In order to respect the scale of the surrounding buildings and flagstaff gardens, it is not reasonable to permit such a high building, but should present a graduated height rise from Flagstaff Gardens. The setbacks do not meet the West Melbourne Structure plan guidelines.
- The proposed building seems to be in direct opposition to the aim of Melbourne City Council to improve the green accessibility for its residents and limit the number of high rise buildings in proximity to these greens spaces, shadowing and overlooking them.

- The proposal exceeds the provisions of building heights (preferred maximum 16 storeys) as per the West Melbourne Structure Plan
- The current design of student accommodation without car parking facility will largely occupy the public parking in neighbouring streets and gives no consideration to future plans and utilisation of the property
- The parking study is out of date, it is difficult to find a free space in the area now and especially when the King street clearway restrictions are in operation and all other spaces are time-limited
- There is no plan for students to load and unload their personal belongings. Use of public parking is not feasible due to the lack of spaces detailed above and high numbers of students
- Melbourne Council traffic engineering recommends that provision be made for at least 1 bicycle space per student in accordance with the Student Housing Policy at Clause 22.24 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme. If the proposed 361 student accommodation goes ahead, with only 74 bicycle parking spaces and no proximity to Melbourne University and RMIT, the students are likely to get motorbikes and electric bikes, which increases the safety concerns of existing residents of West Melbourne and students at the school. The excess bikes will be left on the footpath in Batman street. There is just insufficient bike storage.
- Construction has commenced at 50-56 Batman St for a hotel and having another construction site is going to have large impacts on the accessibility for residents on Batman St and the safety of the children attending the adjacent school
- The proposed building is situated within a growing residential area and the infrastructure needs of permanent Melbourne residents differ from transient students. The area already existing on the other side of Flagstaff Gardens / Queen Victoria Market is more appropriate for student accommodation and is closer to Melbourne University and RMIT

Impact on the amenity of residents of neighbouring buildings

Noise

- The residence at 23 Batman street has individual a/c units so the noise is dispersed throughout the building
- The A/C services on the roof of Haileybury already present a level of noise pollution that requires the adjacent residential windows to be closed but at least this is only during school hours

- The proposed building will have active services 24/7. There will be significant noise pollution due to 24-hour heating and air conditioning needs of the high number of residents in the building. The position of the services concentrated on the roof will cause excessive noise to local residents in adjacent buildings. It is too late to rectify this after the building is completed

Excessive wind

The wind affecting the balcony dining areas of residents at 23 Batman street will make the outside areas unusable. The flow channeling effect of the prevailing Northerly winds gusting and mean speeds will exceed the Australian Standards for outdoor seating and dining areas. There is no wind study attached to the application under consideration, but a study carried out by ViPAC on 25/10/2017 for TP-2017-931 predicted mean and gust speeds for a number of points around the building. Of interest are the sensor points at 18,19,20 at ground level and 32 on the 19th floor.



There are 2 relevant standards, for recommended maximum mean and maximum gust speeds, for safely sitting and walking. At #18 the mean speed in the alleyway hits the walking standard and exceeds the sitting standard. At #19 the predicted mean speed in the alleyway shows a huge jump from the current measured speed. At #20 the mean speed in the alleyway also exceeds the sitting standard. At #32 at the top of the building we would expect the speeds to be significantly higher due to elevation but the graphs for position #32 are missing from the report (a bit suspicious). Report is attached to the original permit application TP-2017-931.

In addition, there will be significant wind noise created by the high air flow past the cables on the side of the building and louvres on the windows. This is a direct result of the treatments applied to the facade of the building to address the privacy concerns.

Privacy / overlooking

The privacy treatments consist of louvres and plants. It will be unlikely that the plants survive due to the high wind speeds and lack of sunlight on the West facing side. The louvres are fixed in a horizontal position, preventing upwards and downwards viewing but allowing direct views into apartments on the same level, some of which have floor to ceiling windows direct into bedrooms (apartments 1207 - 1707).

The proposal states that "Above level 4, there is no potential for overlooking as there is a minimum separation of 9m between the habitable room windows / balconies of the neighbouring dwellings to the proposed rooms" This is clearly not true as the drawing depicts a distance measured to a bedroom window, not the balcony, the true distance is 7.8m. Figure 10 the overlooking diagram on the proposal is deceitful.

Setback

It is our position that the setbacks for this proposal are insufficient as per Melbourne City Council guidelines. The drawings on the proposal specify a gap between the proposed building and Haileybury of 2.325m maximum and between 23 Batman street to be 5.72m on lower levels and 10.335m on the upper levels. The drawings are misleading because the upper level gap is specified as 10.335 is to the bedroom window, not to the private open spaces (balconies). The actual gap should be specified as 7.835m. Due to the aspect of the adjoining sides there will be almost no availability of sunlight to the apartments and both buildings will be very dark.

Permit history

- TP-2016-398 A similar hotel application was initially refused in April 2017.
- An education centre TP-2017-476 was approved on 14/09/2018
- The hotel TP-2017-931 was granted a permit only 2 months later on 27/11/2018
- TP-2017-931 This permit was granted on 27/11/2018, before 23 Batman St was completed, thus the opinions of the owners were not considered, they were not informed and therefore did not object

West Melbourne Structure Plan 2018

Section 3.2 - Flagstaff - Proposed built form controls

- New development must respect and not dominate St James' Old Cathedral allowing the cathedral to continue to be a landmark and focus in the skyline, particularly when viewed from Flagstaff Gardens - **The use of minimal setbacks and the bulk of the building does dominate St James Cathedral**
- Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 6:1 - **if the common areas are not considered, only the rooms, then the FAR is already over 10:1**

- Preferred maximum building height of 16 storeys - **Not compliant**
- Ground floor setback of 3 m from the laneway centre line - **Not stated on the drawings, not compliant**
- Minimum 6 m setback above the podium from laneways and all side and rear boundaries - **Not compliant**

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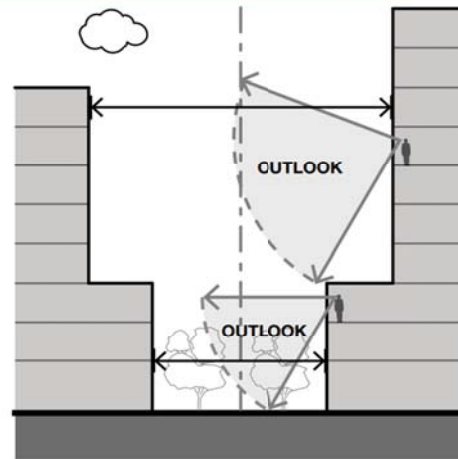
Plan diagram. Dwelling aspect informs setbacks.

- 1.14** Arrange building setbacks to control direct views into habitable room windows or private open spaces from public and communal spaces, other uses or dwellings.

→ GUIDANCE: Avoid the need for screens or opaque glass that restrict views into public spaces

- 1.15** Use building setbacks to provide outlook and a visual connection from a dwelling to its context and allowing for visual relief.

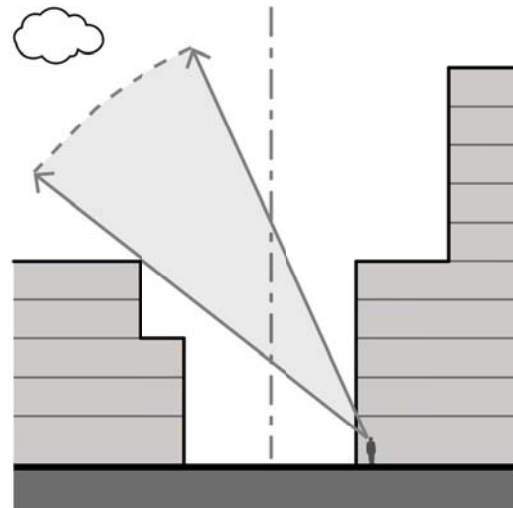
→ GUIDANCE: Greater building separation is required to achieve adequate outlook where there is not a strong connection to the street or ground such as between apartment towers.



Section diagram. Quality of outlook informs building setback.

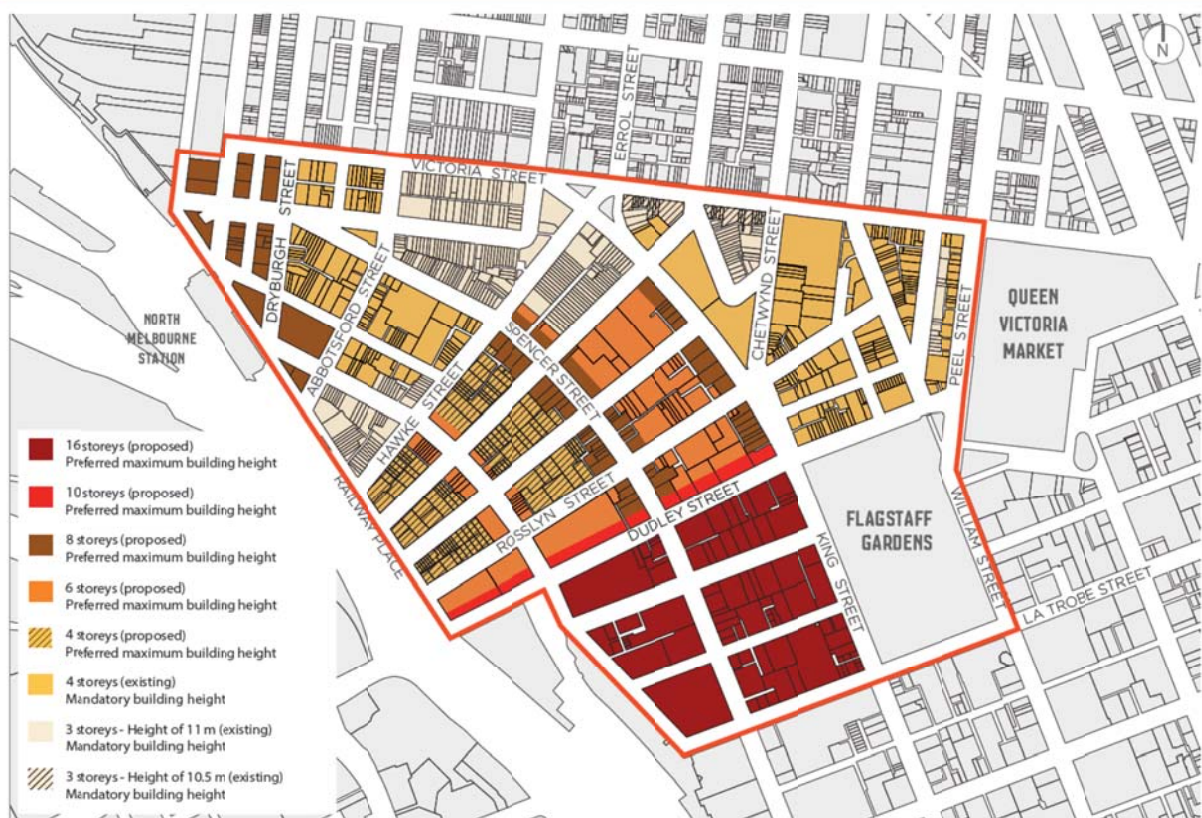
- 1.10** Ensure building setback is responsive to the adjoining building form and height to deliver adequate daylight, privacy and outlook for dwellings.

→ GUIDANCE: Where the height of a building increases, setbacks should typically increase to achieve adequate amenity and good built form outcomes.



Section diagram. Setbacks typically increase with building height.

Application	Received	Address	Proposal	Status
TP-2017-931/A	29/05/2019	407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Partial demolition, construction of a multi storey building for use as student accomodation and a reduction to the statutory bicycle parking...	Application on hold
TP-2017-931	13/11/2017	407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Partial demolition, construction of a multi storey building for use as a Residential Hotel, Food and Drink Premises (Restaurant), sale and consumptio...	Permit Issued
TP-2017-476	22/06/2017	407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Change of use to education centre and associated reduction of car parking and waiver of bicycle facilities (retrospective)	Permit Issued
TP-2016-712	30/08/2016	407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Proposed business identification signage installation	Permit Issued
TP-2016-698	24/08/2016	407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Buildings and works to construct disabled access	Permit Issued
TP-2016-398	20/05/2016	409 King Street West Melbourne 3003 407-415 King Street West Melbourne 3003 411 King Street West Melbourne 3003	Partial demolition, buildings and works to construct a multi storey building to be used for the purposes of residential hotel, dwellings and licensed food an..	Refusal Issued



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City of Melbourne

29 November 2019

Dear Councillors,

**407-415 King Street, West Melbourne
Iglu – Student accommodation building**

Tract Consultants acts on behalf of Iglu Student Accommodation in relation to the development at 407-415 King Street, West Melbourne.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Melbourne's planning officers and other referral departments for their assistance and conduct in processing this application over the past eight months. As you would be aware, Tract secured a planning permit for the previous land owner in late 2018 for the redevelopment of the site for a residential hotel designed by the award winning Fender Katsalidis Architects. After Iglu's purchase of the subject site, Bates Smart were engaged to repurpose the existing approval to allow for a high quality student accommodation building.

The revised scheme draws on the principles of the initial approval granted by the council but provides a different response to the modernist architecture of the heritage listed base. The final scheme which is before the council for approval has been developed through detailed discussions with John Briggs (Heritage advisor to the City of Melbourne) and Marnie Dalton (Urban Designer of the City of Melbourne). The feedback of these council staff members has resulted in a design response that we would respectfully submit strikes an appropriate balance, successfully separating the 'new' from the 'old' in the next evolution of an important building shaping the City of Melbourne's skyline.

As per the previous application, Iglu held several meetings with Haileybury College to discuss the proposed building and have sought to address their concerns raised within these meetings. Haileybury is not an objector to this application.

With respect to the submissions of the residents of 15-31 Batman Street, Iglu has held a community information meeting in early November with these residents to explain the proposal to the interested parties and has also provided a formal written response to their objections to the proposal. Ultimately, the amended application maintains the same extent of separation between the two buildings as previously approved, but through intelligent design Bates Smart have sought to further green this interface with landscaping to create a better amenity outcome between the two properties compared to the existing approval. This also assists with maintaining privacy between the properties within the ambit of the existing approval.

We respectfully request that the councillors support the Planning Department's recommendation for a Notice of Decision (NOD) to Grant an Amended Permit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Riordan', written in a cursive style.

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Dear Esha,

3 December 2019

Esha Rahman
Planning Officer
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**Re: Planning Permit Application No. TP-2017-931/A
407-415 King Street, West Melbourne VIC 3000
Submission for Future Melbourne Committee Meeting**

We continue to act on behalf of Samma Property Group, in relation to the above-mentioned matter. Our client developed the adjoining western property at 15-31 Batman Street in West Melbourne which currently comprises a mixed use, 20 level building for which development has recently been completed.

We write this submission for consideration at Council's Future Melbourne Committee Meeting held today at 5.30pm at Council's offices.

In review of the recently amended Section 72 Planning Application to amend Planning Permit TP-2017-931, we note that changes to the proposal primarily involve internal layout change and some changes to the building façade along the western elevation. The western boundary of the application site adjoins our Client's eastern boundary and has a direct interface with our Client's site.

Our grounds for objection, as raised within our objection letter submitted to Council on the 26th of September 2019 remain unchanged.

Please see our detailed grounds for objection below:

- The proposed changes to the building façade result in the form of the building being brought closer to the western boundary (adjoining our Client's site) by approximately 200mm from Levels 3-12 of the proposed development. We submit that changes to the proposed development should not result in any reduction to existing setbacks proposed by the development.
- While screen details for 'FT-02' Vertical Sunshade, have been provided within the plans, it is not demonstrated as to how the horizontal louvres will succeed in limiting views to the western facing apartments at our Client's site. The louvres will assist in

limiting downward views but will not limit horizontal views which will face directly towards the existing habitable rooms and balconies of the apartments within our Client's site.

- The plant machinery is inappropriately screened and is exposed at the roof level. We do not consider that the proposed horizontal aluminium fins will sufficiently prevent noise emissions to the residents at our Client's site. The plant machinery should be completely enclosed, accordingly.

We ask that Council considers the above items in making their decision on the above application and incorporates the above suggestions within the proposal by inclusion as a condition for any future permit issuing to ensure that the current application will not result in loss of amenity to our Client's development at 15-31 Batman Street, West Melbourne.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 9429 3111 or at samd@ratio.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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6.4 – TP-2018–429 96–102 Franklin Street, Melbourne

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

I will be speaking in support of the application on behalf of the permit applicant

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Melbourne Heritage Action wishes to support this proposal. While it would be ideal that the whole of the front building is retained as per the Heritage Adviser's opinion, it is extremely pleasing to see the retention of 12m depth including internal cast-iron and timber structure rather than just the front wall and perhaps some side wall – facadism has become standard in the City of Melbourne when clearly it is not preserving a heritage building at all, only the image of one. This proposal would be improved however with a different treatment of the cantilevering section so it did not appear to thrust forward as much, eg if the balconies were open railings instead of solid, or there was an angled element that appeared to hold it up from below.

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City River Strategy

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

I represent bluebottle and we would like to present/address the Future Melbourne Committee on the attached document. A proposal in consideration of lighting in relation to the City River Strategy.

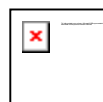
We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I have attached the presentation file, but will also send a copy of the document to the com.meetings email address.

Look forward to receiving confirmation of a time for the 3 minute presentation at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting.

Thank You
John Salisbury

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CITY RIVER STRATEGY—LIGHTING PROPOSAL

CITY OF MELBOURNE—NOVEMBER 2019



RIVER OF LIGHT



Background

Following a conversation with the City of Melbourne regarding lighting of Melbourne's bridges, we are pleased to submit this document as a response to the City River strategy and an indication of the enhancing role light can play,

not only with the city's bridges, but in the implementation of the City River Strategy.

As a vehicle for formulating our response, initial brain storming, and to potentially provide further guidance in the planning stages of this very exciting opportunity, we gathered together a small group of key like-minded organisations from the relevant disciplines of Lighting Design,

Architecture, Lighting Technology, and Art in the Public Realm.

Our consultative group is Arup, lighting design specialists, Smart Form, architectural consultants, Bluebottle, technical consultants and MAP (Monash Art Projects) a collaborative studio working in the Public Art Realm.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

In consideration of the Strategic Directions Summary report, it became evident that a holistic approach is required. We have identified and recommend the following overarching principles to guide lighting considerations:

Holistic design and planning of the river precinct, ensuring a unified and suitable approach, with the view to completing a lighting plan for the Yarra River course.

Collaboration with lighting designers and firms, architects, designers, and artists to design individual bridges and riverside places within an overall cohesive scheme.

Engagement with indigenous and first nation artists to share their cultural narrative and dreaming of the Birrarung.

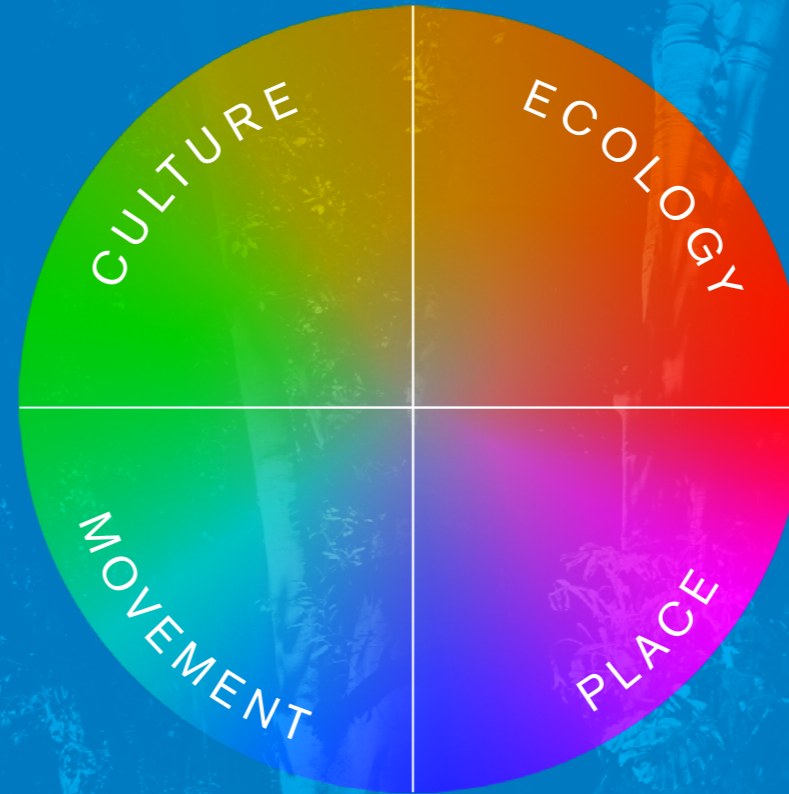
Establishing urban lighting guidelines for stakeholders, inhabitants and visitors along and within the river precinct.

Community consultation and engagement to co-design the river precinct.

Enhance the night time economy and place making of the river.

LIGHTING CONCEPTS

And in exploring more detailed lighting possibilities for the four key themes of Culture, Movement, Ecology, Place, as outlined in the Strategic Directions report we offer the following. Please read in the context of the City River Strategy "Strategic Directions in Summary".



CULTURE: HERITAGE & NARRATIVE

Collaborative

Include consideration of a lighting protocol in establishing on-going collaboration with Traditional Owners.

Engage with first people creatives to share their cultural narrative through lighting and design.

Visible

Programmable and adaptable lighting content co-designed with the community that illustrates community narratives and events.

Lighting to display and help protect local indigenous vegetation through considered lighting application.

Maritime

Lighting to celebrate key maritime points, piers, and historical locations and share these historical stories.



ECOLOGY & HABITAT

Include Greening, Resilient & Ecologically Connected

Implementation of a darkness strategy to ensure the health and rehabilitation of ecological habitation and life.

Investigation of a Green River pathway and the role of lighting in enhancing our experience and in supporting and highlighting a healthy river system.

Intelligent and articulate lighting design that addresses urban sustainability and environmental considerations by use of smart and efficient lighting.

Lighting design to strengthen the connection of people and nature systems through way-finding and place-making.



PLACE: ACTIVITY & CHARACTER

Inviting & Legible

Lighting that creates place and belonging; as well as developing the night-time economy by establishing view points that encourage night time participation.

Improve the city backdrop at night for both north and south facing activities with informed lighting schemes for lighting consistency along the river's length.

Develop flexible and mobile lighting packages for use in the activation of deserted zones through events and activities.

Create new and engaging night-time viewpoints and develop Melbourne's river precinct as an international placemark.

Multi-functional

Lighting design to enhance the accessibility for all and further enrich their experience.

Investigate within the overall lighting strategy unique lighting designs to enhance character districts and encourage use.

Lighting design that contributes to safety through application of current lighting research and knowledge.

Public

Design a lighting hierarchy for the present and future river precinct with particular focus on waterfront buildings and their interaction with the water.

Lighting design that transforms each bridge into a unique experience while acting in a collective and unified performance.

Encouraging ongoing use of the river by programming lighting content and events. Providing a new and different experience with every event visit.



MOVEMENT: JOURNEY & CONNECTION

Slow, Integrated, Accessible, Diverse Water Activity

Lighting application that helps designate various travel ways in a seamless and safe way. Use of various lighting schemes and/or interactive lighting can help reduce problematic and negative events.

Well-designed and creative lighting to support cycling and movement of all abilities with comfortable and safely lit lanes and pathways.

Lighting which highlights hazards to prevent accident and injury.

Bridge lighting that creates a sense of connection between river banks, encouraging users to meander and explore both sides.

Include creative lighting approaches in way finding and signage strategy.



NEXT MOVES & TEAM

Lighting The Birrarung environs are the centre piece of Melbourne's economy, culture and liveability. We believe it is crucial to not only encourage the use of light but also investigate how form can be woven into projects in this precinct. Lighting is best realised when integrated within its' surrounding built form. We see this project as an integration of artwork, lighting and structure seamlessly integrated into existing forms along the entire length of the river precinct, thus

providing the fundamental infrastructure for relevant and appropriate engagement of river side events and installations. We have had discussions with Melbourne Festival directors, Gideon Obarzanek and Hannah Fox, who have expressed their interest in engaging future Melbourne Festival projects with the diverse riverside environs.

The collaborative and consultative processes already instigated by the City of Melbourne in the development

of the City River Strategy are essential to the implementation process and a vital ingredient in facilitating a precinct design which engages our diverse community, engages riverside events, provides a safe environment and contributes to the economic development of the city.

We envisage a working consultative and collaborative process that realizes a precinct where light is used to enhance our daily use of the river and its' environs and to create an experience which

attracts worldwide recognition. An exciting and creatively lit river precinct can only enhance Melbourne's reputation as a livable, vibrant and exciting city.

We are keen to further investigate the possibilities and would be pleased to meet to elaborate on the concepts outlined above and explore how the team could be useful moving forward.



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Dear Future Melbourne Committee,

I am writing to emphasise consideration for the links between community and ecological wellbeing in the future develop of the Yarra River / Birrarung. This is not immediately clear in the four proposed pillars.

Over the past 18 months, through the support of the Victorian Tourism Industry Council and Peninsula Hot Springs, I

conducted research into the future potential of wellness tourism in our state. A key focus was examining the relationship between the restoration urban waterways and their activation through bathing tourism facilities.

In my completed report provided below you can find numerous examples where a river or harbour's swimmability has been the catalyst for driving social, economic and ecological regeneration.

- Oslo's floating saunas (p. 55)
- Copenhagen's harbour baths (p.56-57)
- Helsinki's saunas and floating pool (p.60)

The report also cites the work of Chinese landscape architect Kongjian Yu whose firm 'Turenscape' has been involved with the large-scale rehabilitation of rivers at Shanghai's Huangpu River and Guangzhou's Zhongzhan Shipyard Park. (p.75)

The report inspired the 2030 vision for a 'Great Victorian Bathing Trail' (p.88-89) which would include the realisation of the Yarra Pools project as well as other bathing facilities along Birrarung, including a floating sauna festival (p.92-93). Surrounding Nerm / Port Phillip would be a string of contemporary sea baths, linking to a chain of hot springs extending along our southern coastline from Metung in the east to Portland in the west.

I recently visited New York City to meet the team behind a proposal for a filtering, floating swimming pool in the East River. (<https://pluspool.org/>) Consider it the aquatic version of the world-renowned Highline project and the beginning of a global movement. In line with the United Nation's Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, we should be striving to support the development of the Yarra Pools proposal and other ecological bathing facilities. The City of Stonnington's waterfront (where I and my early European ancestors have lived) has already demonstrated the benefits of riparian restoration, including digital interpretation, however this only hints at the possibilities.

Pioneering developments like the Eden Project in Cornwall demonstrate the enormous capacity for transformation led by community and tourism. Their social prescription program now sees doctors prescribe their patients to visit to this botanical sanctuary instead of traditional medicine. (p.64-65) As Aboriginal communities have long known mental and spiritual health depends on the ability to connect with nature. That can and must start with those open spaces closest to our daily lives, such as our iconic Birrarung.

It would be a pleasure to share and extend on these matters at the Committee meeting on Tuesday should there be the opportunity.

Warm regards,

Matt Sykes

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PS: Please see a copy of 'The Great Victorian Bathing Trail: a blueprint for a Victorian hot springs and bathing tourism strategy' online at – https://globalwellnessinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/The-Great-VIC-Bathing-Trail_Final-Sep-24-2019.pdf

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Make Yarra Swimmable

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I support the Yarra Swims strategy to improve water quality and bring back the community ritual of bathing to the banks of our city.

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Yarra River–Birrarung Strategy

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RE: Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy

Dear Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee,

I have reviewed the draft strategy and make the following submissions.

I have a nightclub/bar/function venue business currently located in Banana Alley (location 7) with the rear of my business facing the Yarra River. I support the indicative concept of the aspiration of the riverfront upgrade and encourage in particular adopting a "Chicago Riverwalk" with a floating pontoon that can be used as a sit or stand amenity with possibly a floating bar.

I would also like to contribute to the vision of a safe public place that will make it inviting to the general public and enhancing the experience of being close to the water. My background of having multiple businesses in hospitality with 20 years' experience within Banana Alley gives me insights of resilience to flooding, public access, infrastructure and cultural identity. I am more than happy to offer any assistance in planning as I have vast knowledge of this location. I am also an active member of the Melbourne Licensees Forum Steering Committee with intimate knowledge of public behavior.

Currently my business has the infrastructure (gas, electricity, kitchen, toilets, grease traps, refrigeration and garbage removal) to be able to diversify from a hidden bar to an intimate café. Having anticipated that this area has been under developed I have made provisions for this vision when I first established the business as I could foresee development in the area.

I am also willing to fund some of the infrastructure depending on design, for example, if a floating pontoon was built on the river edge I would fund the cost of construction of a bar, ambient sound and lighting visuals that would complement the natural landscape. I would also engage a well-known designer/architect to create concept drawing proposals.

I have held many multi-cultural events including the official National Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous event of Australia Vs New Zealand and maintained closely held relationships with organizers and Elders in the Aboriginal community.

Overall, the draft statement captures what the city has been lacking when compared to other international riverfront developments and I welcome the proposed changes and offer any assistance if required.

Throughout my duration at Banana Alley, I have been waiting for this opportunity to arise to the degree I had it incorporated with my initial business visions.

Kind Regards

Chris Leonards

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Yarra River Strategy

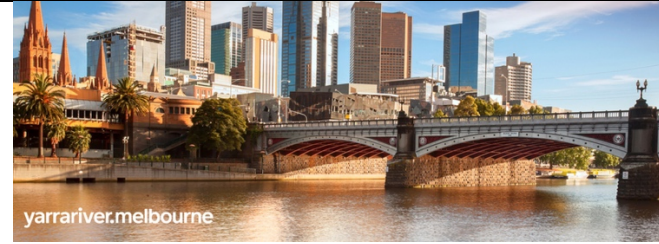
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Lord Mayor and Councillors,

The Yarra River Business Association, representing 160 businesses of the Lower Yarra River, wishes to commend and applaud the initiative to produce this draft strategy. It represents much insightful work and a huge amount of consultation,



...including the outcomes of the Yarra River 'Big Ideas' Forum on August 15th this year, where 45 organisations and businesses were represented to share their vision for the waterway.

From that Forum has also been developed the Business Association's VISION 21 document, which now sits synergistically alongside this draft strategy.

I will leave copies of our document, so that councillors and officers can read it.



This draft strategy is a great start to realising the environmental, social and economic potential of the Lower Yarra River.

Last week, the Yarra River Business Association commemorated its 21st birthday, and what better 'coming of age' present could you have given us than a Lower Yarra River Strategy.



However, as insightful and visionary as it is, the dreams for the long-maligned and neglected northbank of the river will never be realised unless there is

coordination and cohesiveness among the various State Government departments, in league with council.

This fragmentation of the northbank has been the key reason why nothing has happened there, while the Southbank has forged ahead.

Might I suggest the inclusion of another key action in this strategy; that being the formation of a **Yarra River Northbank action committee**, which embraces council, relevant government departments and the Yarra River business community.

Northbank has the potential to be the absolute jewel of central Melbourne; where urban meets nature and where city workers and visitors can seamlessly flow-down to a more relaxed, democratic environment, to chill-out from our increasingly frenetic city.



There are some low hanging fruit projects that we could collectively start on now...

1. **Banana Alley** – what an historic gem is this location, but currently an eyesore. Let's start by banning cars from the river bank, fixing the broken pavement and opening it up to the river.



2. **Rebecca Walk** – 12 years ago, the newly-installed vaults in Batman Park were offered by the Far East Consortium to the City of Melbourne to manage, but they were knocked-back. They have since failed as retail outlets, and are now also becoming an eyesore.

What about Council taking-up the offer, which is still open, and use them to provide low cost studio housing for Melbourne’s array of start-up creatives. Vancouver has been doing just this since the 1970s on a former industrial site, Granville Island, which now happens to be that city’s top tourist attraction.



3. **High quality, visual standards for the public realm** on northbank, so that it develops in a contiguous way, and links through to Docklands. Yes, individual locations on Northbank will need to be tackled individually, but we need everything to happen according to a commonly agreed, high quality design legibility.



In concluding, I say ***“what could our Yarra Northbank look like by 2030 ?”***

Well, I hope it will look something like this...the northern edge of Vancouver City, which beautifully meshes into 20 kilometres of high quality waterfront, around Stanley Park to English Bay, on the city’s southern shore.



Look how the Vancouver authorities manage the friction between pedestrians and cyclists...well, actually, there is no friction, because both user groups are respected and accommodated within the design framework.



Councillors and staff– thank you for your efforts so far, and let’s keep the momentum going, through the formation of an action committee to oversee the high quality development of northbank.

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6.5 Yarra River – Birrarung Strategy

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I would like to make a 3 minute address to the committee on this item, supporting the broad thrust of the report, but seeking more input on bridges, docklands, the Port walk and indigenous heritage.

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

Kind regards

Andrew Raftis

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6.5 Yarra River – Birrarung Strategy

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As President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand and a Director of the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network I wish to submit that the draft Birrarung Strategy insufficiently addresses: the maritime and commercial history of the river and its surrounds; the problems which plague the north bank of the River between the Sandridge Bridge and Spencer Street; and the need to create a strategic framework for effective management of the City's bridges.

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6.5 Yarra River – Birrarung Strategy

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Please refer email of submission titled 191202 Siddeley St & Northbank Precinct – public realm opportunities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Urban Creative make this submission to the Future Melbourne Committee further to input provided into the Draft City River Strategy on behalf of the Northbank Precinct Group. The Yarra - Birrarung Strategy is a tremendously important piece of the strategic planning puzzle for Melbourne and we support the excellent work that has gone in behind its development.

This submission has been made solely to give further emphasis to the public realm opportunities in and around the Northbank precinct bounded by the River, Flinders St, Swanston St and Wurrundjeri Way.

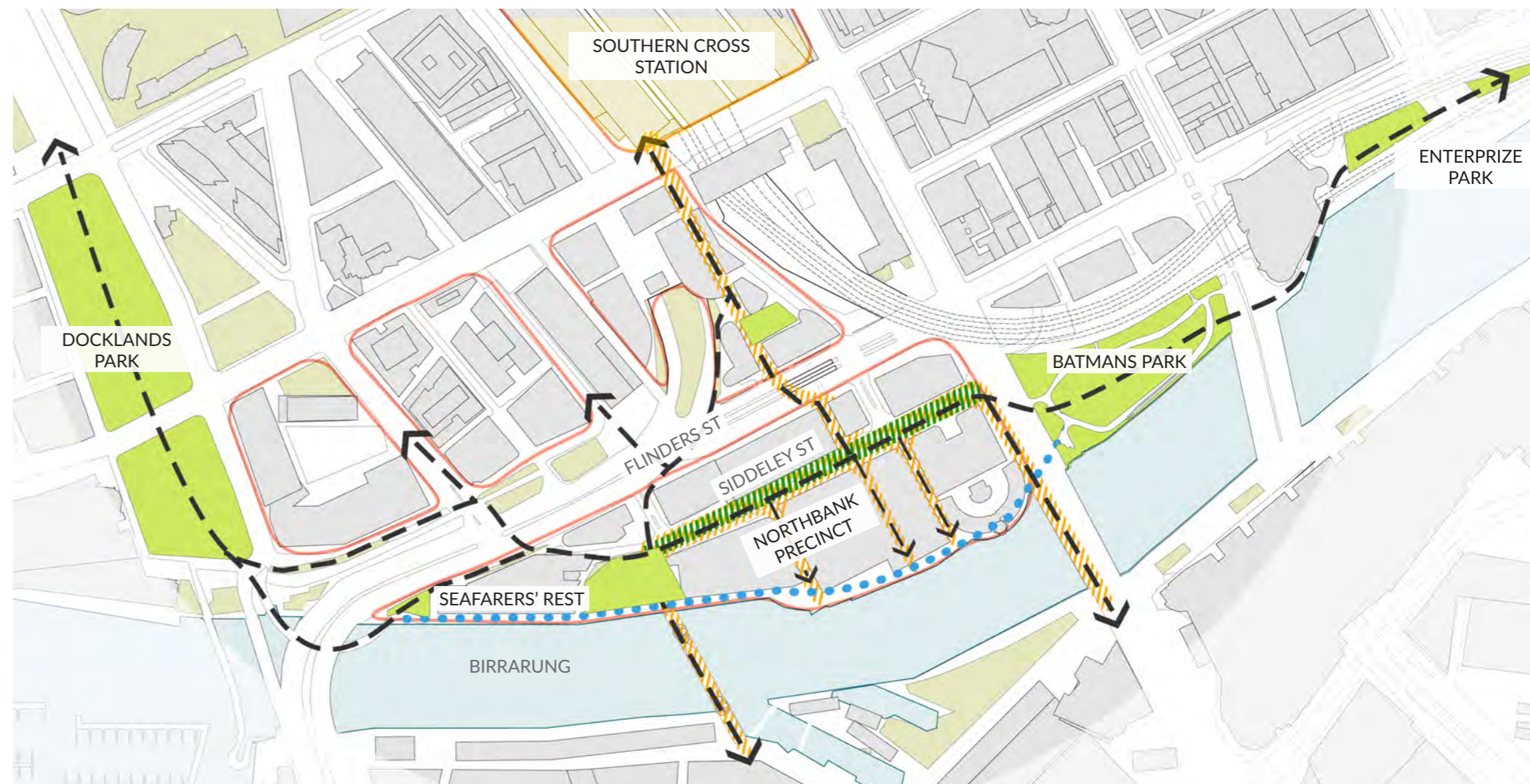
Whilst the Strategy acknowledges Siddeley St and Seafarers Rest within the precinct, it is felt that there are significant opportunities for the City resulting from a number of recent developments in the area, as summarised this page.

The Northbank Precinct Group would welcome engagement with the City of Melbourne in developing these strategies further as part of the ongoing work flowing from the Yarra - Birrarung Strategy.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

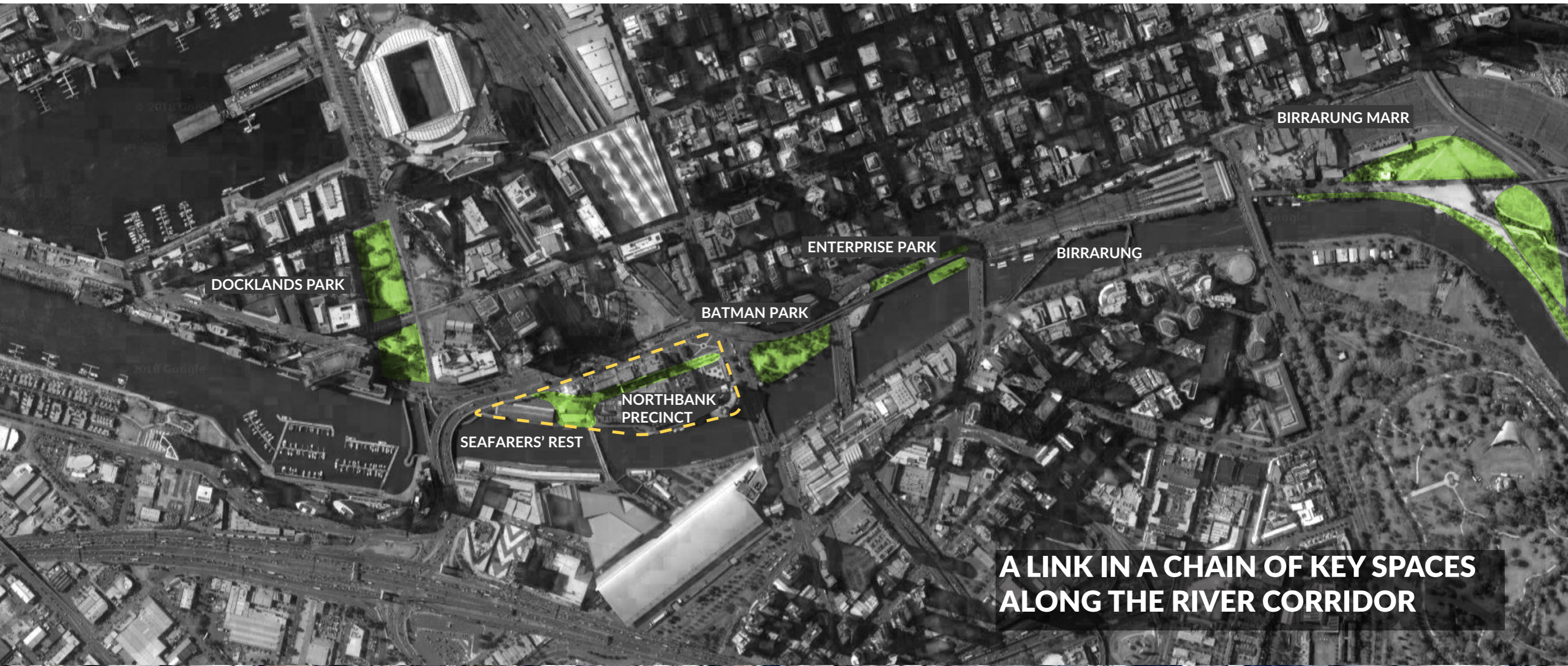
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- Siddeley Street could provide a green spine connection between the two major civic riverside spaces of Batman Park and Seafarers Rest.
- The north-south pedestrian spine which connects Southern Cross through Melbourne Quarter could be extended across the Northbank Precinct through to the river corridor via a network of lanes and arcade
- The precinct could function as a lynchpin connector providing multiple legible links between the Docklands and the river corridor.

NORTHBANK PRECINCT: RIVER CORRIDOR



NORTHBANK PRECINCT: A NEW FUTURE

SOUTHERN CROSS STATION

COLLINS STREET

THE AGE OFFICES

COLLINS SQUARE

MELBOURNE QUARTER

TI TREE PARK

MELBOURNE CBD

WURUNDERI WAY

FLINDERS STREET

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

MCEC CARPARK

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ST REGIS HOTEL

SEAFARERS'

SEAFARERS' REST

SIDDELEY STREET ET

FLINDERS WHARF

WORLD TRADE CENTRE

WTC WHARF ARCADE

FLINDERS BANK

BATMANS PARK

SEAFARERS BRIDGE

YARRA RIVER

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SEAFARERS' DEVELOPMENT & NEW CONNECTIONS ACTIVATE WESTERN END OF SIDDELEY ST

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SEAFARERS BRIDGE

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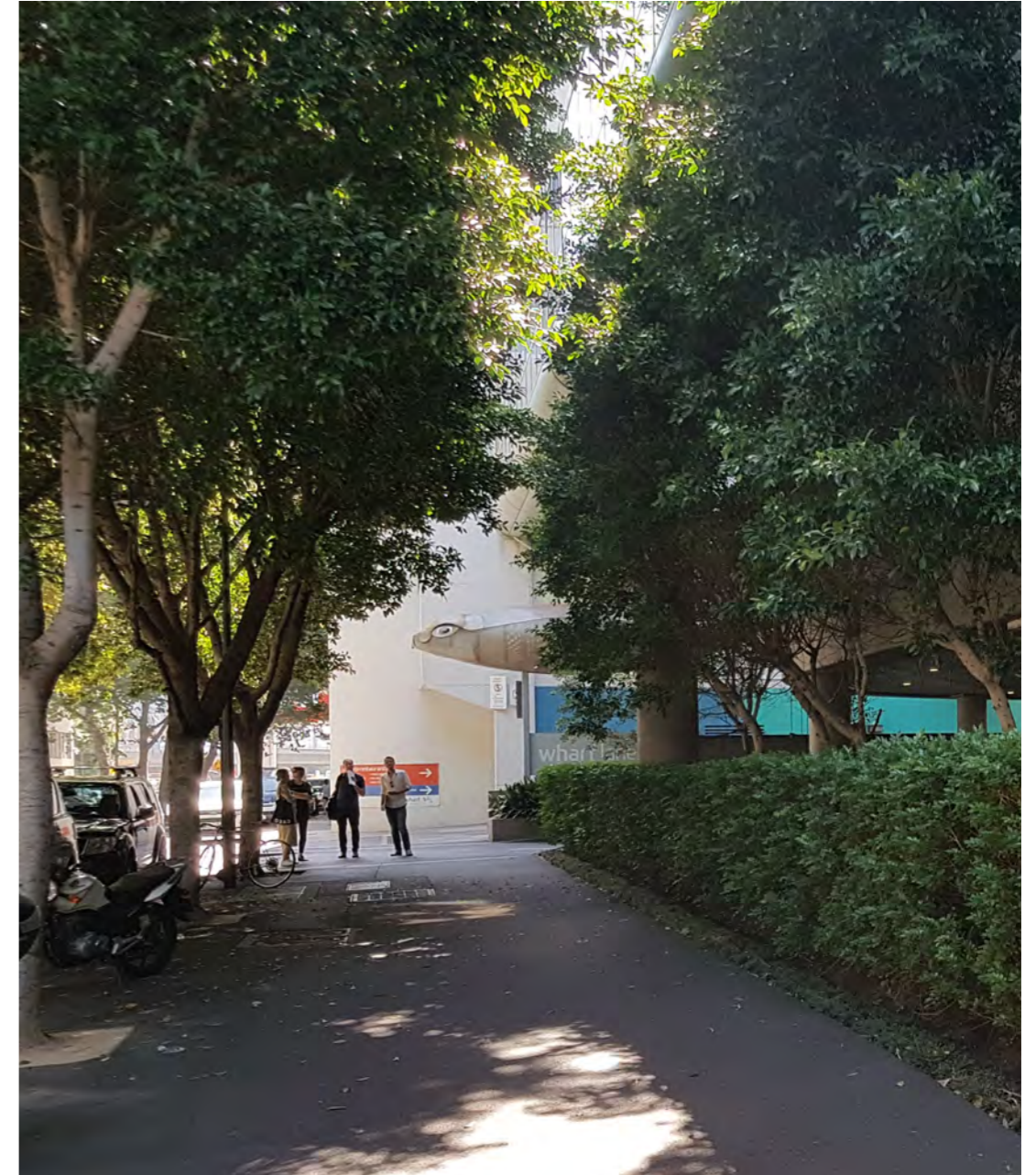
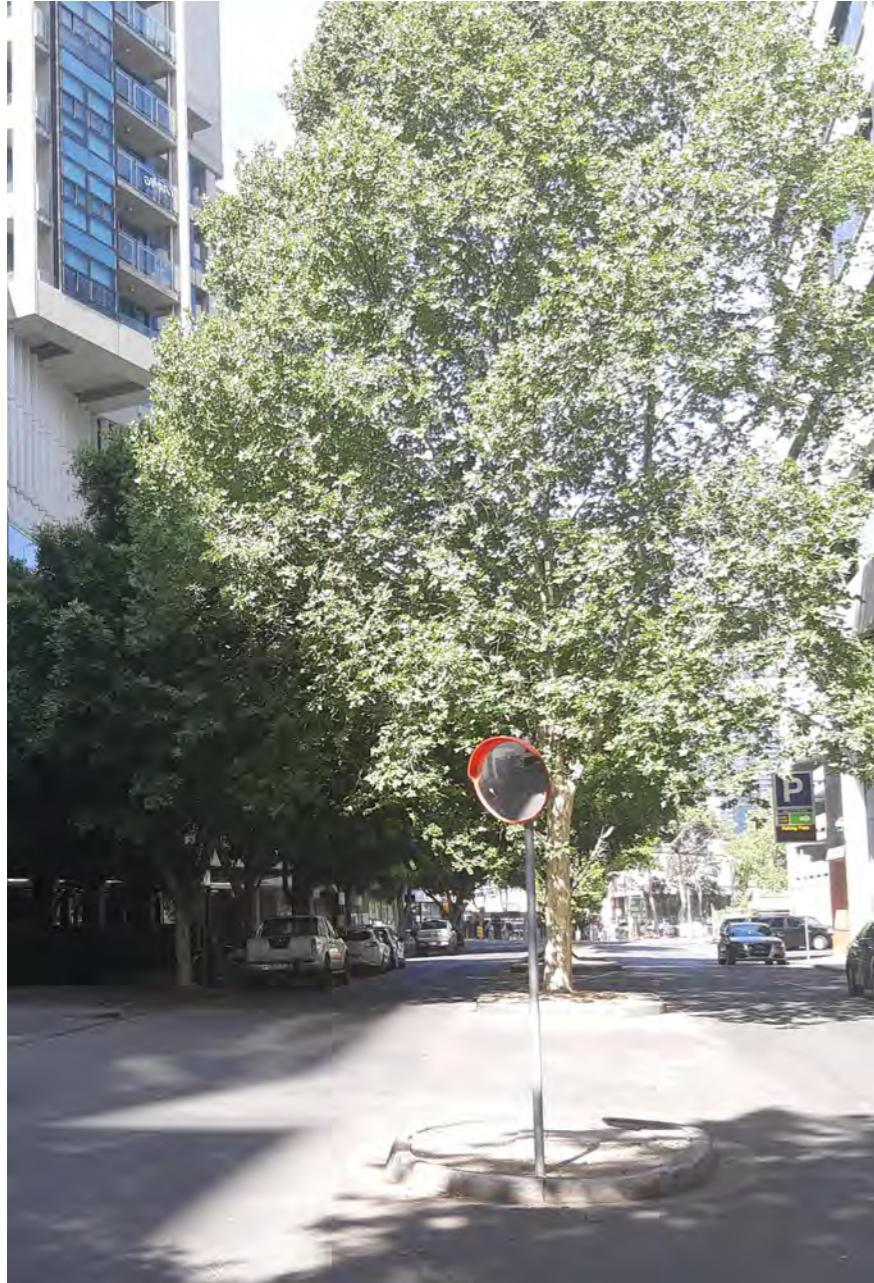
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SIDDELEY ST: A TREE-LINED BOULEVARD



- With its established trees, Siddeley street already has the makings of a green corridor linking Batman Park and Seafarers Rest.

NORTHBANK AS A FUTURE GREENLINE



Image 44. Artist's impression of possible improvements to Northbank's spaces, connecting them and providing a series of memorable experiences.

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Batman Hill Park

Enterprize Park

Banana Alley Vaults

Flinders Walk

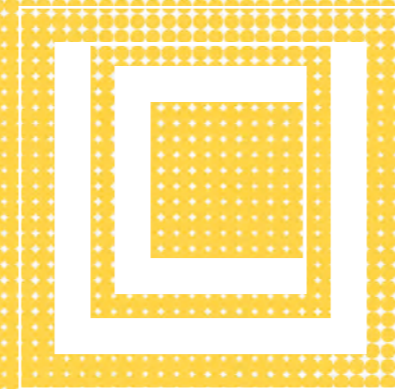
... WITH NEW GREEN SPACE & MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS INTO DOCKLANDS

Image 44. Artist's impression of possible improvements to Northbank's spaces, connecting them and providing a series of memorable experiences.

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3 December 2019

Future Melbourne Committee
City of Melbourne
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Dear Councillors,

Re: Future Melbourne Committee Meeting 3 December 2019 - Submission to Agenda Item 6.5: Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission the Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy which is before you for consideration. I write as the newly elected President of Yarra Pools, a citizen-led project to bring swimming back to the Yarra River.

Yarra Pools call on Councillors to adopt the bold and ambitious vision outlined in the Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy.

We congratulate the City of Melbourne for responding to feedback provided by stakeholders on the Draft Strategy, exhibited earlier in 2019, including our submission to the Future Melbourne Committee of 16 April. In particular, we support the Strategy's strong emphasis on the ecology of the river, and commitment to improving water quality.

We are also pleased to see an acknowledgement of the potential for urban swimming to "bring people back to the river by advocating for a swimmable and healthy waterway", and the inclusion of international case studies such as the successful Copenhagen 'Havnebadet' (p23).

As detailed in previous submissions, Yarra Pools has developed a concept design for a possible swimming complex at Enterprize Park, based on 4 years of detailed planning and stakeholder consultation, including a Stage 1 Business Case and User Needs Analysis. We call on Council to support this initiative, in line with the implementation of the Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy. In particular, we would welcome the opportunity to engage in consultation as part of "Action 12: Work with the Victorian Government and adjacent landowners to develop an agreed design, and deliver improvements to the central city Northbank area."

Based on our extensive analysis and engagement, we are convinced the project is feasible and should form a key part of the revitalisation of the Yarra's north bank (or an appropriate feasible location) and activation of our city's great waterway, through enabling in water, on water and improved by water amenity and environmental values.

In conclusion, we congratulate the City of Melbourne on the Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy, and call on Councillors to endorse the Strategy and support a swimmable Yarra.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
3 Dec 2019, 5.30pm – Meeting No.69
Agenda Item 6.5 Yarra River - Birrarung Strategy

Southbank Residents Association supports this strategy with great enthusiasm.

The Yarra river is a defining part of Southbank. It plays an integral role with its connection to the residents, yet the river, and what it offers, has often been an overlooked asset that has always had so much potential.

We are delighted that through this strategy the river might finally be getting the attention it deserves.

However, we are concerned that in the officers' covering report to Future Melbourne Committee that Southbank Residents Association was part of the stakeholder consultation. We don't recall being consulted on this strategy. In fact owing to lack of engagement from council officers we missed making a submission to the draft strategy at this meeting in April, in the same way the Yarra River Business Association did. When we saw the item on the agenda of that meeting, owing to the size of the document from the breadth of the strategy, we did not have adequate time to make an informed submission. However it would have been desirable for officers' to have reached out to SRA in the interim. We didn't get any advance notice that the strategy was complete and when it was expected to be heard at FMC. This is in stark contrast to the recent C308 amendment where officer communication and consultation was to be commended.

In any case, this is a thorough strategy and we sincerely hope it is the start of much needed momentum for river activation and appreciation.

Southbank Residents Association thanks the officers for their efforts with producing what we consider a sound strategy.

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TP-2017-931 /A 407-415 King Street Development

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I have submitted my notification of Objection and request to speak with Esha earlier today via email as well as have discussed the proposal on the phone.

Please refer to that email.

I wish to speak to my objection points.

Visual bulk

Lack of articulation

Solar access losses

West Melbourne and Melbourne CBD Character and how the proposal is in contradiction to it.

Kind regards

Alan Temling

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion from Cr Wood re Peel St

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please consider adding to the notice of motion moved by Cr Arron Wood:

also needed:

1. wider pedestrian crossing strip across Peel St south side of Victoria St.intersection – so it is safer for pedestrians (remove trippable kerb by tram line) and so wider path clears the road of pedestrians more quickly. (there was a death at this intersection a little earlier this year)
2. needs 40 kph in Victoria St at least between Elizabeth and Peel St. (being an arterial road does not mean safety can be sacrificed– it is alongside a market!)
3. give a green light more frequently to pedestrians in Peel St half way along the market, noting that

- a/ because of queuing at the roundabout, this would not slow inbound traffic,
- b/ because of queuing in Peel St at Haymarket and in Victoria St at Elizabeth St, out bound traffic would not be significantly slowed. (suspect engineers have focused on the first intersection too much and remind them of the work Rob Adams did to prove that the Flinders St overpass could be pulled down.)
- c/ up to 10 to 50% of pedestrians (depending on circumstances) cross against the red light because of the slowness of change (mainly western carriageway) or because of the stationary cars in front of them, (market-side carriageway.) The later has the special danger that pedestrians are not looking for bikes coming up on the footpath edge of the road. The design of the western carriageway has a different additional danger in that one lane of traffic is aimed at the pedestrians waiting at the crossing – such "car-centric" thinking! Fortunately most cars veer at the last moment to become parallel to the road. However, pedestrians who have assumed the pedestrian lights are not working, face additional danger trying to judge which lanes cars are using.
4. we need to create much more room for pedestrians to queue to leave the area between the two fences without being in the way of the trams which have just disgorged passengers as well as room for those who have just crossed Peel St from parking and the community to the west. Sometimes there are 30 people in this space. It is made worse by the first two people to approach the roadside waiting area tending to block entry for others. As a temporary measure before total redesign, suggest create a strip of 'concrete waiting area' to the North of the current waiting area on both sides. Also create a wider aperture in the fence on the market side to the North of the current opening. Especially necessary to allow prams to dodge the traffic light post.
- Also another opening in the fence on the western side, north of the current opening.
5. a step out from the footpath on both sides of Peel St is also needed as in Victoria St lights near Queen St.

Photos to illustrate the above – titles largely self explanatory :

truck ped death vic market-ABC.jpg (This is the truck stopped after the pedestrian had been killed at this corner – TAC money has been used to make this street less safe for pedestrians by directing a traffic lane at those waiting at the crossing midway along the market.)

CrossingPeel at Vic St (1).jpg

CrossingPeel at Vic St (2).jpg

CrossingPeel at Vic St (3).jpg

Elizabeth st banked up.jpg so why so much preference given to cars at the pedestrian lights midway along Peel St
no room Peel St.jpg so if a tram comes?

too many at tram stop.jpg

traffic lane aimed at waiting pedestrians.jpg if the driver does not correct his angle he will hit the pedestrians

Perhaps there should be a sub-committee including locals to look at the issues.

Kindest wishes,

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