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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group Team

This is a written response in regards to Agenda Item 6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral : ID - 2020-2 Carlton Recreation Ground, Princes Park, Carlton. FMC Meeting 18th August 2020.

AFLW is an exceptional, entertaining elite sport that is growing in popularity. It's appropriate for the City of Melbourne to support the ambition to develop Princes Park and create a world class venue for the AFLW, it's administrators, players, supporters and volunteers.

It is appropriate to acknowledge that the ground is on Wurundjeri country in the Kulin Nation.

It was at Princes Park that the first AFLW match between Carlton and Collingwood was played before a sell out crowd. A feat that Gillon McLaughlin appreciated at the time. So there is important history concerning the AFLW here.

In regards to the broadcast standard lighting requirements and the general lighting around the ground for safety and amenity, having a dialogue with commercial television technicians and the theatrical lighting teams from the John Summer Theatre and the Malthouse Theatres would help.

In regards to concerns about overshadowing, there should be consideration given to the fact that there is an asphalt car park on the western side of the ground. The City of Melbourne should not discourage future plans to include developers and builders seeking exemptions concerning overshadowing in this area.

Further opportunities to expand and improve facilities over the car park should be considered. With appropriate setbacks at the upper levels.

There should be child minding facilities at this site, as well perhaps creating a Kindergarten. Have a look at the facilities at Melbourne Park, Roland Garros in France and Wimbledon that the women have. That is the benchmark, and that is why the green light should be given for building absolute, world class facilities above the car park and around the ground.

That should be the ambition. With consideration given to incorporating Rudolf Steiner aesthetics.

Of course this is Carlton's home ground, and its illustrious history should be factored and embedded into future projects. 1995 of course was a great year for Carlton, winning the Premiership with what many consider one of the best teams ever. And years later fans would watch Kouta at Princes Park alter the course of matches, moving mountains, parting waves. Kouta was a God to the Carlton faithful.

Carlton of course engineered one of the coups of the 20th century by managing to convince Ron Barassi to play for and coach Carlton.

1970.

Jezza, The Flying Doormat, Diesel, the Dinosaur , Sticks kicking a goal in time on in the third quarter, from the paint, just when the team needed it ;all great characters of the club.

Carlton were able to convince the Hawthorn captain David Parkin to be the coach. Mentoring the players with best endeavour.

Carlton are so good that even Robert Walls could coach them to a Premiership.

Fraser Brown at the 1999 Preliminary Final. Carlton celebrated that win like a Grand Final win. Dennis Pagan, Wayne Carey and North Melbourne Football club appreciated that performance. Justin Murphy and the cognoscenti applauded as well.

I support the principle of the amendment and the redevelopment of the ground. However, consideration must be given to extend and expand the vision over the car park, and aim for an optimal , brilliant upscale world class venue.

Princes Park is the home of Carlton and will be a brilliant home for the AFLW.

Best regards  
Chris Thrum

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Dear Sir/Madam,

A slight update to my below email in the respect Cain Liddle, CEO of Carlton FC will be taking the lead at this evenings FMC.

Please give me a call or email if the approach adopted for the FMC creates any issues.

Regards,

**Michael Henderson**  
Associate



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note that I have registered the following persons to make a submission tomorrow night in relation to the above matter:

- Chris Townshend QC / Board member of Carlton FC
- Cain Liddle / CEO Carlton FC
- Mark Lo Giudice / President Carlton FC;

- Patty Kinnersly / Board Member Carlton FC (Patty also heads up the AFLW programs)
- Vaughan Connor / Contour Town Planning

Specifically, our approach to making a submission tomorrow night will be that it is led by Chris Townshend QC.

Vaughan, Cain, Mark and Patty do not intend to make a submission, and instead we will be there to answer any questions. I'm therefore hoping that all can join the meeting via the same link and be 'on screen' together.

I have provided the email addresses within the registration material via Council's online portal.

Hopefully this works, otherwise please give me a call/email.

Regards,

**Michael Henderson**  
Associate



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6.1 – Carlton Recreation Ground, Princes Park, Carlton

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**Agenda item title:** 6.1 Carlton Football Club development proposal

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No problems with supporting a significant investment in the main stadium at Princes Park so it can become the home of the AFLW. However, please don't forget the debate had at the last committee meeting about the importance of delivering culturally appropriate sporting facilities for international students, particularly hockey, basketball, table tennis, badminton and indoor soccer. This is an investment in elite AFL players (men and women) and won't be relevant or accessible for international students who are the lifeblood of the Melbourne economy.

For instance, once these fabulous facilities are completed, has any consideration been given to negotiating access for City of Melbourne leisure members or the wider community, similar to council's \$300,000 a year arrangement with Collingwood Football Club.

One other consideration is Carlton Football Club's continuing heavy involvement in Victoria's damaging poker machine industry, through its operation of 4 venues in partnership with former director and billionaire Bruce Mathieson, whose nephew Craig Mathieson serves on the Carlton board.

With the State and Federal Government throwing \$35 million at the redevelopment of Ikon Park, surely Carlton FC can be pressured to follow the lead of Melbourne FC and Collingwood FC to exit the toxic pokies industry.

Why not propose a condition on the planning permit that council's support for this project is contingent on Carlton being out of the pokies industry by August 2022 when the current 10 year licences expire?

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Hello,

Please find below a submission received this morning from Christine Christian with regard to the Ikon Park Planning Scheme Amendment item on tonight's FMC agenda. I understand from Christine that the on line registration system would not accept her submission, hence it being provided direct to me as the relevant officer.

Could I ask that you please register the below and confirm back to Christine?

Kind regards, Connor

**Connor Perrott** | Strategy, Planning and Climate Change

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*The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Boon Wurrung and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) peoples of the Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders, past and present.*

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Dear Connor

Many thanks for your time this morning.

Confirming that I would like to make a submission at the Council's Future Melbourne Committee (Planning portfolio) this evening. Can you please register my details (refer below) and forward confirmation?

I am the President of Protect Park Street Precinct Residents Group of which we are 1390 registered members, 800 of whom are residents of Princes Hill.

Attached please find letter sent directly to the Minister (our submission). Please table this document as our submission and below a statement I would like to table at the meeting.

*"I represent 1390 members of Protect Park Street Precinct of which 811 are residents of Princes Hill. We have grave concerns about what is being proposed and the process by which Carlton Football Club and Melbourne City Council have adopted to bypass any public consultation. **NO public consultation was undertaken.**"*

*Specifically, Re IKON Park Planning Permit Application, the method being proposed by the Carlton Football Club/Melbourne City Council is Ministerial intervention such that rezoning takes place at the stroke of a pen (bypassing any public consultation) thus potentially introducing a unique package of approvals by way of an " Incorporated Document" (dated May 2020 and marked Draft). Residents of Princes Hill, directly being affected by this overdevelopment (lights, traffic, noise, disruption etc.) have every expectation that Melbourne City Council follows due process and advocates on behalf of all affected residents.*

Kind regards  
Christine

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Hon Richard Wynne MP  
Minister for Planning  
Minister for Housing  
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Dear Minister

RE: CITY OF MELBOURNE  
PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C377  
CONTOUR CORRESPONDENCE DATED 15 MAY 2020 AND ACCOMPANYING  
DRAFT INCORPORATED DOCUMENT MAY 2020

I refer to the above and to the invitation extended to the City of Yarra by letter dated 14 June 2020 to comment on this matter. As Yarra residents we are concerned about what is proposed and about the way the Carlton Football Club propose it be approved.

#### **MINISTERIAL INTERVENTION**

Having regard to the provisions of CI 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act (and to precedent), we submit that the Carlton Football Club proposal should not be subject to your intervention.

Indeed, it is not clear what the Carlton Football Club proposal encompasses and there are no development plans available to the public.

#### **THE PROPOSED INCORPORATED DOCUMENT**

The Draft Incorporated Document (presumably drafted by the applicant) is framed in such a way as to allow a defacto permitting process without appeal rights. That is fundamentally at odds with Part 4 of the Act. In addition, this defacto permitting process is to be placed in the hands of an authority (The City of Melbourne) which draws an income from use of the site by this applicant.

This is a clear conflict.

We also draw your attention to errors and uncertainties in the Draft Incorporated Document. They relate to the lack of detailed plans available for public scrutiny.

(a)

At paragraph 7.1(c)

"relationship of any proposed works with the lease line, or the written of the Public Land ... "

This expression is incoherent.

It does go to an issue fundamental to the integrity of lease arrangements as set out in the 1995 Carlton (Recreation Ground) Land (Amendment) Act).

We wish to ensure that the Carlton Football Club does not build on (or over) any more Crown Land.

(b)

The concept plan cited at paragraph 6 appears to include land subject of the 1995 Act which provides for Strata occupation of Crown Land. (this was very controversial at the time).

The concept plan does not appear to include the car park accessed off Royal Parade. However, as there are no detailed plans available, we cannot understand what is proposed for this public car park. That a proposal in this heritage location could go forward for approval without any accurate detail as to the site and the development proposal is extraordinary.

These errors and deficiencies would have been identified and resolved by the public scrutiny of a normal application process (including "review" or appeal rights) pursuant to Part 4 of the Act.

It is precisely in such an exposed and public location that the public should have a reasonable expectation to rigorous scrutiny. We do not accept that discussions conducted between the applicant and the City of Melbourne represent acceptable scrutiny. In this situation, the Melbourne City Council is both landlord and planning authority, which is a clear conflict of interest.

### **THE AFLW**

We support promotion of women's sport and the AFLW in particular, as emphasized in the Contour correspondence of 15 May 2020. However, on the applicant's own evidence, the existing facility is adequate to the task. The existing facilities have already hosted record crowds without incident.

It is not clear from documents supplied by Contour consultants how any of the proposed development elements promote women's sport in any way. They do note however, that it could be a means of attracting government funding for the development.

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

We note the applicants attempt at "community consultation" and its failure. Their efforts are entirely inadequate. The case advanced by the applicant's consultant to the contrary is misleading.

We note that:

(a)

at page 2 of the Contour correspondence of 15 May 2020 the following appears:

*"As following part of this (Community Consultation) process the City of Melbourne and Yarra were unable to provided (sic) owner / occupier details of its residents ..."*

Consequently, the applicant's consultant is unable to give any assurance as to the efficacy of its "community consultation" process. In other words, it has failed.

(b)

owing to the current health emergency concerning COVID 19, the applicant's consultant admits that "face - to - face" community consultation was cancelled (as it should be in current circumstances).

The only inference to be drawn from (a) and (b) above is that this application should be rejected or at very least suspended and not as Contour suggest that it should proceed DESPITE a failure of "community consultation".

## LIGHTING TOWERS

It may be that a crucial part of this application is erection of lighting towers and broadcasting rights as may be struck by the Carlton Football Club for events including, but not limited to, football.

As you will be aware a previous Labour government tackled the question of lighting at the MCG (and with great controversy). The MCG lighting towers (operational in 1984) were approved by way of Ministerial intervention (over the objection of Melbourne City Council).

We do not see any parallel between the status of the MCG as a venue of world significance and the Carlton Football Club Stadium with respect to the exercise of S20(4) powers. The Carlton Football Club proposition (ill-defined as it is) is not of sufficient magnitude to warrant waiving public notice.

We understand that it is the job of Contour consultants to make a case for use of s20(4) on behalf of their client.

We respectfully submit that this application should be made public, that the affected residents be consulted and that there should be no Ministerial intervention to circumvent this process.

Yours sincerely

**Christine Christian AO**

**President, Protect Park Street Residents Group** representing  
1390 registered members, residents of Princes Hill, Parkville and  
Brunswick (South Ward).

CC: Cr Misha Coleman – Mayor, Yarra City Council

CC: Cr Jackie Fristacky AM – Nicholls Ward



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**Agenda item title:** IKON PARK, Princes Park Planning Schemes Amendment C377 Melb

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Melbourne City Council

Future Melbourne Committee

RE PROPOSED PLANNING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AMENDMENT C377MELB

IKON PARK REDEVELOPMENT , PRINCES PARK, CARLTON NORTH

Dear Lord Mayor, Councillors and Committee Members,

I am absolutely appalled that the Carlton Football Club has requested this amendment so that it can bulldoze through this development plan with minimal and inadequate consultation with anyone, including local people and park users. There would then be no possibility for objections or appealing the outcome.

There was totally inadequate public consultation. Some people in the local area were sent a letter drop in March

with very scant details, but no plans detailing the proposed development. The planned information session, which I wished to attend, was cancelled due to restricted numbers because of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Now we have the inadequate plans, greatly lacking detail, which were provided to us via the City of Yarra. There are no elevations, shadow plans or statistical details. I see that the plan to develop the CRG for AFLW involves demolition of the Pratt stand and other buildings plus building facilities and light towers.

I am objecting as this park is very close to housing and there would be major issues with

- Traffic
- Noise
- crowds
- Parking
- Light pollution from light towers
- Loss of green open space in the park
- Overshadowing of the park
- Loss of trees

These are very serious considerations and affect the amenity of the area. I see that the Carlton Football Club had \$35 million from state and Federal government to implement this plan. Such money would be better spent on public housing and research into combating COVID-19. At this time in our history with a raging pandemic it seems ridiculous to plan such a venture and waste money on a frivolous development.

It is admitted by Contour in their plans that there are already up to date indoor training facilities that are adequate for the task of AFLW. These include a 4 lane 25 meter pool, medical and rehabilitation and medical treatment areas, and administration areas, lecture theatre and meeting rooms, changing rooms and a gymnasium. The Pratt stand is in good repair. Why are these facilities not adequate in these difficult times? It is obvious that the Carlton Football Club want to fast track these plans although they are inadequate on social and environmental grounds.

I respectfully ask the Melbourne City Council Future Melbourne Committee not to support this amendment C377, and then the Carlton Football Club can submit a regular open and transparent application for this major development. I ask that there be no special Ministerial intervention to circumvent this process.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Bell

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18/08/2020

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Item 6.2 – Planning Permit Application TP-2020-12 – 550-558  
Spencer Street, West Melbourne

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Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-12 Agenda item 6.2

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Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee Agenda item 6.2

Planning permit TP-2020-12  
550-558 Spencer Street. West Melbourne

(Agenda report available on the 13<sup>th</sup> August for meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

In response to the Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee Agenda item 6.2 first some errors, omissions, or lack of attention to detail.

**Contaminated Site: Site is a previous petrol station with underground tanks.**

The Urban planner responsible for this application, Michelle Fernando, as well as the Delegated Planners for the “Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee” have been advised that the site 550-560 Spencer Street West Melbourne was a petrol station with underground petrol tanks still present under the apron. (Noted the application itself is for 550-558)

The following paragraph on page 51 “Delegated Planning Application Report” of the submission is incomplete.

The subject site is currently occupied by a display suite for a development at 512 - 542 Spencer Street to the southeast of the site. The site was previously utilised as a car wash facility and prior to that as an automotive body, paint and interior repair shop.

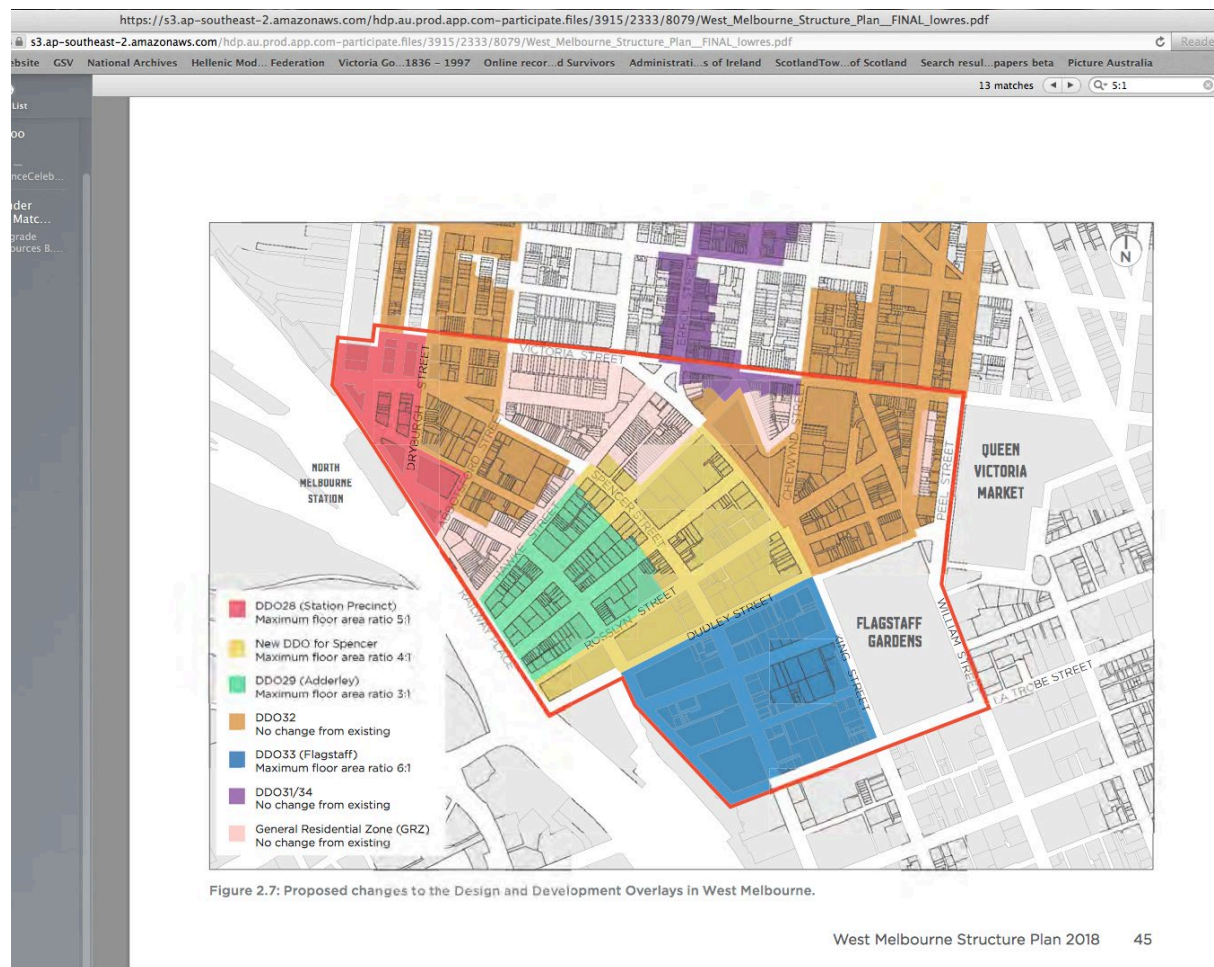
Application TP-2020-12 clearly marks the site as having a canopy above ground from a petrol station. A visit to the site, and inspection of the apron will show the continued existence of access in the concourse to the underground petrol tanks. The site was used as a petrol station prior to and inclusive of the 1980’s. As mentioned in the report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee TP-1996-854 issued 2 Jan 1997, the site is noted as a “disused service station”. The presence of the underground tanks is mentioned in permit CM-15621 issued 10 Dec 1990. )PP.54-55)

## Site is in Spencer Precinct

The site is clearly in the area of Spencer Street and not the Station precinct, as stated page 63.

From consulting the Amendment C309 obtained from the City of Melbourne web site, the planning application site, a reasonable conclusion would be the site is subject to a floor area ratio of 4:1.

The site is shown as in the Spencer area of the planning Amendment C309 and is subject to a Floor Area Ratio of 4:1. (Amendment C309 obtained from the City of Melbourne Website on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020)



	EXISTING CONTROL	PROPOSED floor area ratio* AND HEIGHT CONTROLS
<b>DDO28 (Station Precinct)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 5 storeys (preferred maximum)</li> </ul>	<p>All floor area ratio controls are proposed to be mandatory and all height controls are proposed to be preferred maximum (discretionary) in the planning scheme amendment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Maximum floor area ratio of 5:1</b></li> <li>Preferred maximum building height 8 storeys</li> </ul>
<b>New DDO (Spencer)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 4 storeys (preferred maximum)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Maximum floor area ratio of 4:1</b></li> <li>Preferred maximum building height of 10 storeys fronting Dudley Street</li> <li>Preferred maximum building height of 8 storeys fronting Spencer Street and King Street</li> <li>Preferred maximum building height of 6 storeys elsewhere</li> </ul>
<b>DDO29 (Adderley)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 4 storeys (preferred maximum)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Maximum floor area ratio of 3:1</b></li> <li>Preferred maximum building height of 4 storeys</li> <li>Preferred maximum building height of 6 storeys fronting Adderley Street between Hawke Street and Dudley Street</li> </ul>
<b>DDO32 (parts of Station Precinct, Adderley and Historic Hilltop)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 14 metres (mandatory)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change from existing</li> </ul>
<b>DDO33 (Flagstaff)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 40 metres (around 12 storeys) (preferred maximum)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Maximum floor area ratio of 6:1</b></li> <li>Preferred maximum building height 16 storeys</li> <li>Minimum front, side and rear setbacks above podiums of 6 metres (mandatory)</li> </ul>
<b>DDO31/34 (parts of Historic Hilltop)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 10.5 metres (mandatory)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change from existing</li> </ul>
<b>General Residential Zone (parts of Historic Hilltop and Adderley)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum building height 11 metres (mandatory)**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change from existing</li> </ul>

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The application is clearly over the maximum FAR of 4:1 for the Spencer precinct, (as found on the City of Melbourne web site.)

## DDO27?

What is “DDO72”?

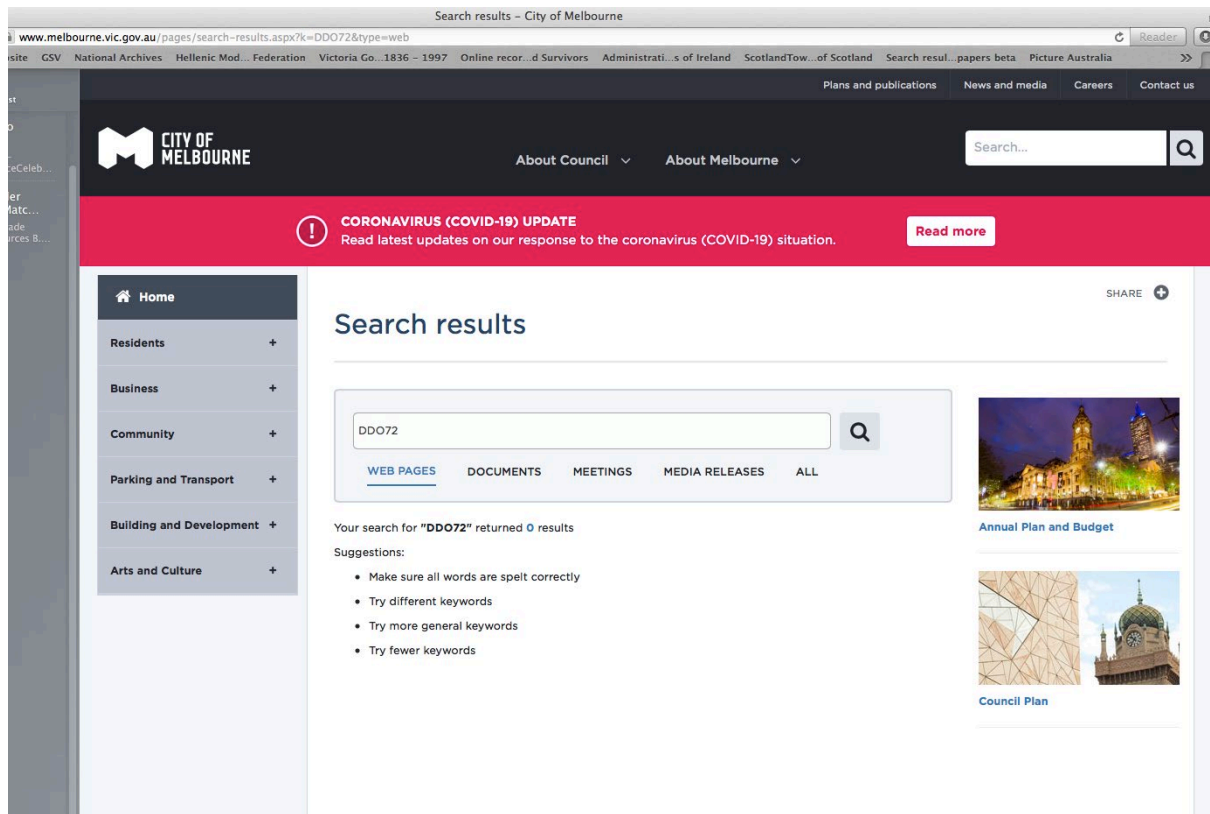
Is this the Spencer Precinct of Amendment C309 with another name?

Where can DDO72 be found?

A search of the City of Melbourne website on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 showed no results for DDO72. Clearly DDO72 is not widely promulgated.

A search of the C309 West Melbourne Structure Plan 2018 “Planning for Sustainable Growth in a Distinct Neighbourhood” also proved negative for DDO72. Nor was a search for “72” in Amendment C309 a successful parameter by which to find DDO72.





## Subject to Errors

Contrary to section 11.2, the North Melbourne Railway station is north west of the proposed development site, and not “south west”.

There is only one tram route, #57 to the north on Victoria Street, with #54 and other numbers being distance limited variations of the same route.

There are very few office and residential sites over four storeys in the immediate area of the application site..

The immediate Roden Street streetscape is of historic significance. (HO3) as is the application site. The majority of the adjacent and opposite Spencer Street built form is unlikely to be developed under Amendment C309. Many buildings are already subdivided and used for residential housing with due respect for the existing built form.

Spencer Precinct from Amendment C309

Former warehouses and other character and / or heritage buildings will be reused or sensitively redeveloped to retain integrity and a sense of history. There will be an expectation of exceptional architectural quality for any contemporary addition to the heritage fabric. Spencer will be a mid-rise area with new buildings a preferred maximum height of eight storeys along Spencer and King Streets, and 10 storeys along Dudley Street to respond positively to Flagstaff and help create a coherent street. Elsewhere a preferred maximum height of 6 storey buildings will respond to the different character of the local streets and interfaces with existing buildings while ensuring good levels of sunlight to the streets.

In the Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee the choice of what planning overlay to use has not been consistent, switching between DDO29 and the proposed Amendment C309. It may be argued that the inconsistency may favour the applicant and is confusing.

## **Section 6 Planning Scheme Amendments**

Section 6.1 Amendment C309 – West Melbourne Structure Plan

The site as exists within an Environmental Audit Overlay.

## **Section 11 Assessment**

### **Incorrect misleading assessment**

Section 11.1.1 Height and massing

Under Amendment C309.

The application site is **not** near the North Melbourne Railway Station. To statement in this section to “acknowledge the potential for higher density development near North Melbourne Railway Station” is not applicable to consideration of this application.

Under proposed Amendment C309, the site is for “mid-rise” buildings with preferred maximum of eight storeys. This building is of nine storeys, with a large unnecessary lift well extension.

Under Existing Objectives DD029

The more than double height in this proposed building is hardly a “**minor**” alteration as stated on the first page of the Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee.

7. The development exceeds the preferred maximum height under the Design and Development Overlay, Schedule 29, and requires a minor variation to the preferred maximum height under proposed Design and Development Overlay, Schedule 72 under Amendment C309. The proposal is consistent with broader strategic policies for increased density and built form change in the Spencer Precinct as identified in the West Melbourne Structure Plan.

Under existing DDO29, the proposed building does not conform to either the maximum building height of four storeys (16m) along Roden Street nor Spencer Street. DDO29 clause 43.02

Under the existing DD029 the maximum for non-residential use of 4m per floor equals 16m maximum. This proposal is over double that of DD029 at 35.3m this is hardly a “**minor**” alteration of existing guidelines.

Without the built form of the lift and half floor fencing, the height of the building at 32.8m remaining over double that of the permitted 16m.

Hardly a “minor variation” to the existing Design and Development Overlay.

The project does not achieve the design objectives of DDO29.

Under Amendment C309 as seen on the City of Melbourne web site, the project is in the Spencer area and is subject to a FAR of 4:1 and is not close to not meeting this preferred maximum.

## Section 11.4 Impact on the adjoining road reserve

The adjacent gazetted reserve is used as a public space and is subject to Planning Scheme Clause 22-02 Sunlight to Public Spaces Policy. The present applicable planning scheme does not limit sunlight to just “public park” as alluded to on page 78 of the Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee. The effect on this public green area will be significant.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [https://planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/melbourne/ordinance/22\\_lpp02\\_melb.pdf](https://planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/melbourne/ordinance/22_lpp02_melb.pdf). The page title is "MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME". The main content area displays the following information:

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The following photo taken 3pm 24 May 2020 outlines the shadow of the temporary tower and effect on the mature trees. Nine storeys will have significantly more effect, shutting off sunshine to the trees, grass and wildlife enjoyed presently by the community for the vast majority of the day.



## **Contamination**

Contrary to the following assertion in section 11.4, , this site is subject to a ministerial direction #1 Potentially Contaminated Land, Department of Sustainability and Environment.

- Contamination

Concerns have been raised regarding the potential contamination of the site and impact to existing adjoining residential uses. As the subject site does not propose a sensitive use further assessment for potential contamination is not required in this instance.

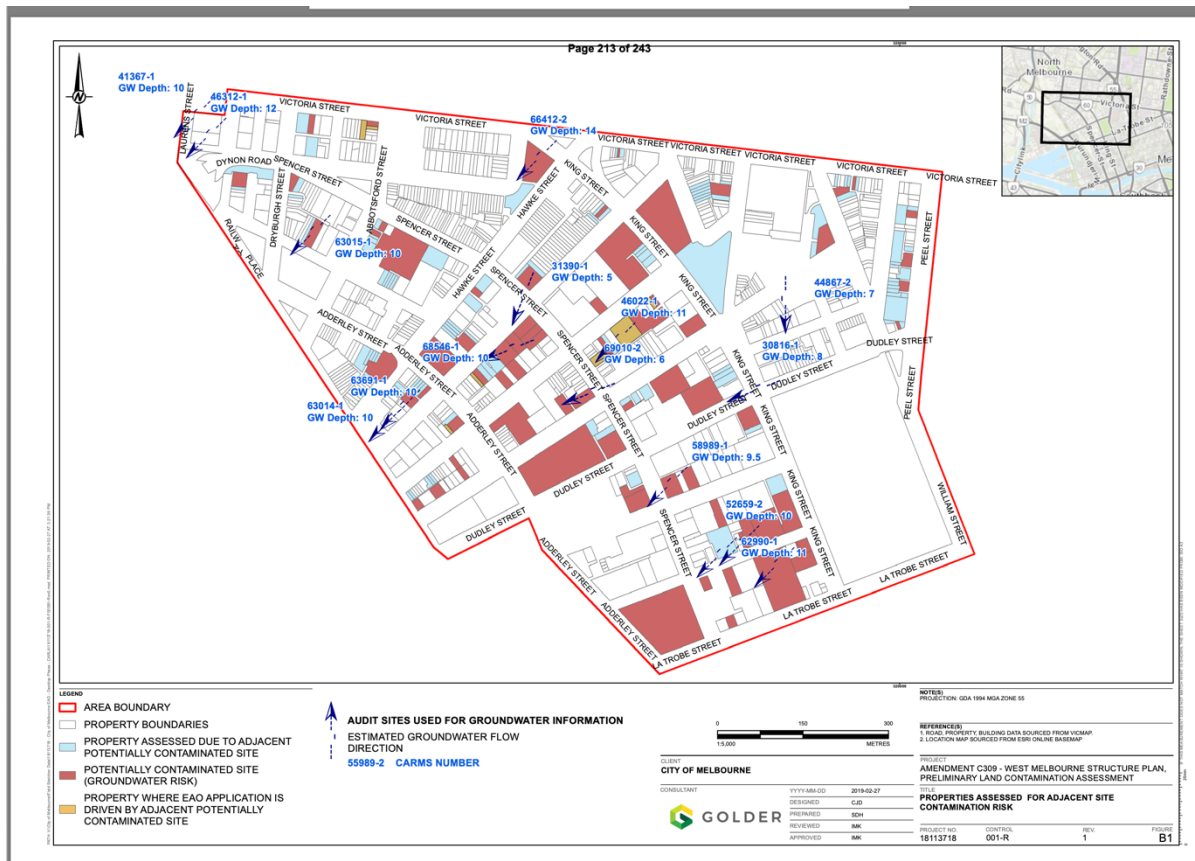
It is noted that although the site has been proposed to be included within an Environmental Audit Overlay under Amendment C309 as non-sensitive use the proposal would not trigger the requirement for an Environmental Audit.

Should contamination be present on site the permit holder will be required to manage the land in accordance with Environment Protection Authority requirements, including handling and disposal. This will be included as a note on permit.

### Ministerial direction #1

“The Act also requires a **responsible authority**, before deciding on a planning permit application, to consider ‘any significant effects which the responsible authority considers the use or development may have on the environment or which the responsible authority considers the environment may have on the use or development’ (Section 60).”

The presence of one, if not two aquifers in this site is highly likely. See Golder report to Amendment C309.



The Golder report, Appendix B in the “Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee Planning Scheme Amendment C309 West Melbourne Structure Plan environment ground water levels, is not mentioned in this present Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee. The Golder Report should not be ignored. The relevant authorities should be consulted regarding anticipated and measured ground water levels and the proximity of the anticipated excavations.

This should have been part of the risk assessment process.

The site owners, the owner’s representatives, the City of Melbourne and its officers, have been made aware of the presence of the underground tanks.

In the report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee Agenda Item 6.2, there is no mention of the site as a previous petrol station, no mention of the total depth of the three level basement plus lift well, (just under 10m including lift well). This depth does not include further excavations for the site. There is no mention of the anticipated depth of the ground water in the present report under discussion.

It is not unfeasible that the underground aquifers present and documented in this area will be reached and breached during excavation.

Councillors of the City of Melbourne are urged to consider this planning permit proposal as posing a risk to the environment.

Council members should consider imposing appropriate steps to investigate the site for contamination expected due to the previous use as a petrol station and the presence of un-remediated underground petroleum storage.

The site has previously been assessed by Golder as “Apply EAO” in its submission Appendix B. to Amendment C309 as posing a risk of environmental contamination.

[https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0027/97164/PPN30-Potentially-Contaminated-Land.pdf](https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/97164/PPN30-Potentially-Contaminated-Land.pdf)

Under section Planning 13.04-1S Contaminated and potentially contaminated land of the West Melbourne Structure Plan C309, there is an obligation to consider National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (National Environment Protection Council, 1999

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## **(5) Planning and development**

Authorities of participating jurisdictions (at local and State government level) that consent to developments, or changes in land use, should ensure a site that is being considered for

development or a change in land use, and that the authorities ought reasonably know if it has a history of use that is indicative of potential contamination, is suitable for its intended use.

### **(7) Community engagement**

If a community could reasonably have an interest in the potential site contamination, community engagement should start at an early stage of, and continue throughout, the process of assessment of site contamination.

### **(12) Environmental impact**

The assessment of site contamination should include a consideration of risks to water resources and other ecological risks.

During the assessment, the on-site and off-site impacts of contaminants should be appropriately managed to prevent adverse impacts, particularly impacts relating to air emissions, surface water and groundwater.

### **(13) Data collection and chemical analyses**

Site Assessors should develop data quality objectives and implement data quality assurance and quality control procedures that address sampling, contaminant identification and chemical analyses. These procedures should enable the evaluation of the precision and accuracy of results as part of the assessment of site risk. All other aspects of the risk assessment process should also be subject to quality assurance.

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2013C00288>

## **Conclusion**

This application is incomplete and flawed as the requirements of DDO29 are not met.

Important Vic Roads assessment on Spencer Street access has not been tabled.

The previous application as advertised failed to provide shadow diagrams until prompted less than one week prior to the final submission date.

The application is hurried in the time of SARS-CoV-2. This has affected community input into the meeting of the Melbourne Future (Planning) Committee meeting.

This report has not gathered information from all appropriate Statutory Authorities.

If, as stated, the applicant refuses to budge, so indeed, the MCC and its representatives need to either uphold existing DDO29 or use C309 and the Spencer Precinct site consistently according to published documents.

If Amendment to C309 is being used, then similarly the new EPA guidelines should be used.

If this application is allowed to proceed in any way the community should be provided with a full disclosure of the site as a previous petrol station with underground tanks.

The community should expect the provision of risk assessment be obtained from full exploration of contamination as to be expected from this site; a previous petrol station with underground petrol tanks still in situ. Expert advice from both State and Federal Government authorities is expected and required.

Should the application be approved, the community should be updated on a regular basis on the prevention, progress and amelioration that will be required on this site.

Yours sincerely

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6.2 550–558 Spencer Street West Melbourne TP–2020–12

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Item 5.2 Future Melbourne Committee 18 August 2020

550-558 Spencer Street, West Melbourne, TP-2020-12

So the City of Melbourne has done it again...

It has breached its relationship with its community by consulting using a draft West Melbourne Structure Plan (WMSP) that indicated that the precinct Spencer, amongst others, would be managed with a Mandatory Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 4:1.

But somehow – late in the process, it has increased it to 5:1.

Did it go back to the people it consulted with on numerous Saturday afternoons to admit that the very basis of the consultations had been betrayed? No!!!

The Council let the error sit around until some application came along that raised the question as to why the Council Officers were working on 5 and the documentation on the Council website said 4. They call this “honesty in government”.

Unfortunately, this part of Spencer Street is, in my view, the **most sensitive** to the outcome of this decision. It is the only part of Precinct Spencer that is contiguous,

- certainly directly in Roden Street,
- not too far removed from the Eastern side of Spencer Street on the other side of Hawke Street
- and to Hawke Street to the east,

to General Residential Zone 1 (GRZ1) **significant heritage residential areas** – general height one or two stories.

The WMSP exhorts “respectful development” on the interface between these zones. The report says that a “tower podium typology” is **not considered appropriate**. Here, we have neither respectful development, nor avoidance of a tower podium typology. “Facadism”, in this case, reigns supreme.

Council is responsible for these crunch Planning Scheme policy documents.

If the planners’ interpretation of DDO29, as evidenced in this recommendation, represents **reason and rigour** in planning, what a disaster! Maximum height FOUR storeys and here we have the officers supporting NINE. How discretionary is that? The “so-called” new height limits are no better than Mickey Mouse pie in the sky.

Now, with their glib responses to the application of FARs in the WMSP and their arguments for the lack of setbacks and even the FAR itself, it appears we have made no progress at all. The same double standards would appear to continue and the local people who attended the lengthy consultations will be betrayed and hoodwinked again.

What price a real accountable democracy in Melbourne!!!

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**Shane Wintershoven**

**West Melbourne 3003**

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Report to the Future Melbourne Planning Committee Agenda item 6.2**

**Re: Planning permit TP-2020-12.- 550-558 Spencer Street. West Melbourne**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the agenda report available on the 13<sup>th</sup> August for meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

I provide the following response items for further consideration by the Committee. But out of interest, how can the development be assessed under planning amendment C309 which is yet to be endorsed but only “seriously entertained”?

The equivalent is me asking my bank manager for a massive loan based on my seriously amazing future salary.

**1.0 Unresolved Errors in application**

It was noted that the application, reports and drawings were riddled with errors and inconsistent and conflicting information.

The fact that the applicant was not willing to address the concerns of the 35 objectors, nor resubmit to address these inconsistency issues results in doubt that Council should seek clarification prior to making any decision.

The current application creates vagueness and wriggle room for further policy non-compliances by the Applicant during detailed design and construction.

**2.0 Site context**

The applicant and Planning Delegate (pg53 of 86) have NEVER acknowledged that properties opposite the site contain residential properties. 561 Spencer St and 567 Spencer St are residential buildings. As these properties are strata-titled residences, it is highly unlikely that re-development will occur and these buildings will remain 2-3 storey buildings.

The 9 storey development will always appear unbalanced in context to the buildings on the opposite side of Spencer St. The development does not adequately respond to site context.

### **3.0 Building Height**

Amendment C309 mentions maximum street wall height of 8 stories (application is above this)

Amendment C309 mentions **maximum building height of 8 stories** (application is 9 storey)

The Delegate report continuously refers to this development as **9 storey**.

Before Amendment C309 is even implemented, Council is already making exceptions to the 8 storey maximum building height. It also sets a bad precedence for future developments and creates confusion and grey areas of the new C309 design objectives.

Council's justification of a 9<sup>th</sup> storey is that Spencer St is a "Main St" capable of accommodating taller built form. Amendment C309 seeks to adopt a maximum 8 storey height limit along Spencer St for this exact reason. C309 underwent significant consultation to define these requirements and Council and the applicant can't just stretch that to 9 stories.

Height limits within C309 are clearly defined as **maximum 8 storey**. Not 9 stories. Not 8.5 stories.

With the proposed use of the roof as a shared garden terrace, the building height on the Spencer St boundary becomes 8.5 storey due to the unnecessary 1.7m high parapet walls. The lift core is therefore also higher than what it needs to be due to the roof being accessible. The pergola fixed structure is not defined in height, material or use.

The roof plan also vaguely indicates an enclosed lobby off the lifts, which definitely defines a 9<sup>th</sup> storey to the building

Under C309, the building should be a maximum of 8 storey with roof access (via stair or roof access hatch) for services maintenance only. The accessible roof terrace/garden should be deleted.

### **4.0 Building and projections over title**

Casement windows overhang undeveloped vacant land (560 Spencer St) to the west- assumes air rights over a different title of land

Glazing on the boundary to 560 Spencer St limits future development and concerns of fire rating between sites

The applicant has refused to modify the design and the proposed construction over Title Boundaries. Consent from adjacent owner and Council has not been granted to our knowledge.

The Kennon response page 03 (page 40 of 86) item 4 mentions a diagram on page 16. This drawing was not included in the package. Kennon also avoid mention of the above active elements (casement windows) that illegally encroach over numerous title boundaries.

### **5.0 Make good of old Roden St crossover**

(Page 54 of 86) of report mentioned under "Vehicle access" that the Roden St crossover to be removed

Kennon drawing amendment Sheet 010 (Page 45 of 86) and Sheet 013 (Page 48 of 86) render show this crossover removed and park reinstatement, however floor plans continues to show the crossover.

The applicant should remove the crossover and reinstate the public reserve (Planning Condition)- which has also been mentioned by Council's Traffic Engineering (page 62 of 86)

### **6.0 Previous site usage**

There is still considerable doubt of the applicants acknowledgement of the site as a petrol station and implications and requirements of site decontamination, without detriment to the water table and immediate environment. We understand the proposed basement depth is below the current water table, with contaminated site excavation posing increased risk

The report (page 54 of 86) under TP-1996-854 and CM-15621 mentions Service Station and underground tanks- which confirms the history of the site.

### **7.0 Mature tree protection**

Planning conditions should ensure all existing mature street trees are protected and maintained

### **8.0 Exterior Materials**

We applaud the applicant on the proposed implementation on integrated Solar modules within the façade design, and the applicant has used this use to justify numerous policy non-compliances. The implementation of such technologies/materials should become a Condition to this permit (if granted) to ensure these initiatives are built, otherwise these elements are likely to be substituted to less desirable materials.

Kind regards

Shane Wintershoven

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Kensington Road, West Melbourne

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**Date:** 14 August 2020  
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**From:** Women's Property Initiatives (WPI)

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Councillors,

Women's Property Initiatives is pleased to both confirm the establishment of an alliance with Perri Projects and support its vision for the delivery of affordable housing within the West Melbourne Waterfront Precinct. WPI believes its housing delivery model complements Perri's vision for the development.

WPI is a not-for-profit, community housing organisation that provides long-term, affordable homes for women and children facing homelessness. We are a registered Housing Agency with the Victorian Housing Registrar and a registered Charity with Public Benevolent status and therefore regulated by both the Housing Registrar and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC).

For 24 years WPI has provided women on low incomes (and in many cases their children) long-term housing solutions which allow them to rebuild their lives. WPI currently provides high-quality, long-term homes for over 250 women and children in over 90 homes, with a further 20 in the pipeline across the greater Melbourne area. In addition, WPI manage 150 properties on behalf of other community housing organisations. The homes are very much part of the community and are not readily distinguishable from other homes or apartments within the neighbourhood. WPI believes this is vital for social mix as well as important for many of the women we house who may still be vulnerable and for whom anonymity is important.

Our housing stock has been established through a variety of innovative projects, co-operative partnerships in the public, private and community sectors and with the purchase of housing from private developers. This project will be another example of an innovative project and co-operative partnership with the private sector.

For this project, we intend there will be a mixture of low income earners, sole parent households on parenting allowance, older women on the aged pension and younger women on JobSeeker.

Where necessary, WPI works closely with local support agencies to ensure that women and children have connections, supports and links to their communities. This helps them address challenges in their lives, some of which may have contributed to them facing homelessness in the past.

WPI wholeheartedly supports Perri Project's collaborative housing design in a world class urban community that can be a model for new development in Melbourne.

Your Sincerely

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#### Your question

I would like to speak on Agenda Item 6.4: Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal on behalf of Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network (MMHN) (of which I am a director).

MMHN strongly supports the recommendations in this proposal. A redeveloped Mission to Seafarers building together with the proposed adjacent Seafarers Park will be a significant asset for the City of Melbourne. The opportunity to capitalise on an improved heritage riverside venue with greater potential community and commercial use in an environment of Melbourne's significant maritime precinct is one not to be missed.

The steps proposed to undertake a feasibility study and business case and to pursue a capital investment agreement with the Victorian Government for it to fund the refurbishment provide a logical way ahead.

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**Agenda item title: \*** Report to the Future Melbourne (Knowledge City) Committee Mission to Seafarers –  
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As Chairman of the Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV), I should be pleased briefly to present in person MtSV's support for the proposal that the Council join with the State on a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Mission building. We have been the building's custodians for more than a century; from it, we operate our welcome services to seafarers and we provide a venue for community activities and presentation of seafarers heritage; and we are working with welfare and industry partners to have the building house a joint Melbourne Seafarers Centre. My oral submission will provide a little more background on our history and our work, and also point to some aspects which we see as critical to the future utilisation of the building – notably its continuing association with seafarers welfare on an inclusive and sustainable basis, St Peter's Chapel, Chaplaincy, the building's unique heritage features and collection.

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What a great opportunity we have in the City of Melbourne to create a Maritime Centre at the Mission to Seafarers’ building! Melbourne has an active maritime community of boating enthusiasts, river users, ferries, maritime heritage buffs – and we have the largest port in Australia. I believe that drawing together all these interests in a discrete maritime precinct with the Mission to Seafarers as its hub will enrich Melbourne economically, socially and culturally.

Dr Liz Rushen

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I write to support the CoM establishing a Maritime Heritage Centre in the CBD at the Mission to Seafarers Complex.

Melbourne was sited as a Port in 1835 and has grown from its humble beginnings by the waters of Port Phillip and it's waterways to the fine City it is today.

The history of the Port, the ships the people, the immigrants and traders, the boatbuilders and the stevedores, can all be recognised and their stories told to enlighten and educate new generations and visitors.

Melbourne has much to be proud of and it's maritime history has been largely forgotten. I fully support it recognising the important aspect to this he City's development.

Jeff Gordon

President

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I write on behalf of the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, a member of the Maritime Museums of Victoria, and supporter of the Mission to Seafarers. As an international city, Melbourne needs a central Maritime Museum; that focuses on the importance of maritime heritage in the founding and development of the city and the State of Victoria.

This proposal is a great opportunity to utilize the centrally located and historically significant Mission to Seafarers site, by providing significant capital funding to make it happen.

The site will also provided a riverside home for the Alma Dopel and Enterprize tall ships, complimenting the much loved Polly Woodside.

Colin White, Secretary– Queenscliffe maritime Museum

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To City of Melbourne

I fully support the proposal for a Melbourne Maritime Heritage Precinct with the Mission to Seafarers building as the base.

Melbourne is the only major maritime port in Australia without a significant maritime heritage facility/museum.

Whilst Victoria has numerous active and effective regional maritime heritage centres, remarkably and significantly the State's major port, Melbourne is not the focus of these activities.

The story of the Port of Melbourne and its development from early colonial times, through the gold rushes, clipper ships under sail, one hundred years of major steamships and the transition from conventional cargo operations to modern container and bulk handling is not currently presented and told, and this provides and represents enormous opportunity for Melbourne as a "world port" over the last 175 years.

I congratulate those promoting this opportunity and trust the City of Melbourne will endorse the proposed development of a feasibility/business case the enthusiasm.



Kind regards,

Lindsay Rex

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** As Secretary of the Amazon 1863 Project Inc. in Inverloch, Victoria, the Amazon 1863 Project Inc. Committee would be extremely supportive of this redevelopment project. The Mission to Seafarers is a most interesting historical building and a perfect setting to develop a Melbourne Maritime Heritage Precinct. Victoria's maritime history and Melbourne's maritime history deserve a centre of learning, education, display and exhibition in Melbourne, to bring to life the amazing history of shipping in our State.

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I wish to speak on Agenda Item 6.4: Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal on behalf of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ) of which I am President.

MLAANZ wishes to register its strong support for the recommendations which form part of this proposal. The redevelopment of the iconic Mission to Seafarers building has the potential to spark additional dynamism within Melbourne's maritime community, defined broadly, and to be the hub for a Melbourne Maritime Centre. Ancillary service providers such as those in the legal and insurance professions have for some time been concerned at the lack of initiatives on the part of Government to encourage the growth of the maritime sector, and it is pleasing to see this step being taken.

We strongly encourage a feasibility study and development of a business case for this proposal, and the planned dialogue with agencies of the Victorian State government.

The Victorian-based members of MLAANZ (and members in other States and New Zealand) will be delighted by this development, and we look forward to actively communicating to them our Association's enthusiastic support for the project.

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I support the motion to support the funding of a feasibility study to identify the best location and form of the Mission to Seafarers building and precinct.

The current building requires ongoing support to retain its heritage site in addition to the wellbeing services that are provided to visiting seafarers.

There is a long history of maritime heritage in Victoria that should be promoted within Melbourne, as the busiest container port in an island nation.

This is a great opportunity for development of a significant nature within the existing Maritime Precinct that will allow the public to engage with the waters of the Yarra, while highlighting the importance of our Maritime industries and history.

The services provided by Mission to Seafarers are vitally important in supporting the mental health of visiting seafarers, especially in these challenging Covid times. The volunteers delivering these services should not have to be constrained by their deterioration of the building or other assets.

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Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission.

I believe it is important for the the Council to develop a feasibility or business case for a Maritime Heritage Precinct with the current Mission to Seafarers premises as base. I foresee creation of a Melbourne Maritime Centre which while continuing its historic service to seafarers, showcases Melbourne and Victoria’s rich maritime heritage in a museum/exhibition space located in the historic maritime ‘heart’ of Melbourne.

My perspective on this comes from my work as an agricultural scientist/ business developer working in the University of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne has been a key gateway for agricultural and food transactions at least since John Pascoe Fawkner arrived in the schooner Enterprize in 1835. More than likely, long before that and under custodianship of First Nations peoples. I think that the Council has an opportunity to support the Melbourne community in understanding its roots, and imagining new futures for itself, through deeper appreciation of our links to key Victorian industries, like agriculture an food production. The MHP business case would help us all, envisage, define and realise the full potential of this opportunity.

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The Boating Industry Association of Victoria (BIAV) represents its industry members and supports Victoria's 200k of registered boat owners and 420k of marine licence holders.

The BIAV is in support of the Motion being considered by Melbourne City Council on Tuesday 18 August that will potentially secure the future of the iconic Mission to Seafarers premises, as it evolves into a Melbourne Maritime Centre in Melbourne's Maritime Heritage Precinct, in the CBD, on North Wharf next to the new Seafarers Rest Park.

The Mission to Seafarers building will evolve into the Melbourne Maritime Centre, continuing its historic service to seafarers and, at the same time, showcase Melbourne and Victoria's rich maritime heritage in a museum/exhibition space located in this most remarkable building –located in the historic maritime 'heart' of Melbourne.

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## Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia Ltd

15th August 2020

### **Agenda Item 6.4. Mission to Seafarers Redevelopment Proposal**

On behalf of Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia Ltd (OSSA) I would like to voice our support for this proposal.

OSSA is a not for profit company managed by a community based board of directors. Our Vision is “To Promote recognition and significance of Australia’s Offshore and Specialist Ships”. OSSA, representing both specialist shipping and maritime industry more generally was formed (February 2017) and has been meeting in the Mission to Seafarers (M2S) building.

The M2S building is an iconic maritime asset which continues to play an active part in Melbourne’s maritime industry. The building and it’s rich maritime heritage is not well known in Melbourne and it should be. OSSA has held several very successful maritime exhibitions in the M2S building which has demonstrated the public appeal for the building and the interest in maritime heritage. A further successful maritime exhibition was held last November in Library at the Dock confirming the interest in maritime heritage and the Dockland area is growing .

The M2S building is ideally situated on the river and close to transport - road, tram and water . The re-development of the M2S, Seafarers Rest Park and the new Riverlee Seafarers project will bring this area to life and create a magnificent entrance to a Melbourne Maritime Precinct continuing along North Wharf to Victoria Harbour, Docklands and beyond.

Melbourne has a wonderful maritime industry heritage and is the largest Port in Australia much of which remains unrecognised and the redevelopment of the M2S begins to take advantage of this history. There are many successful international examples of the tourism drawcard that maritime history provides. A successful re-development will open up many commercial opportunities not only for the M2S building but throughout Docklands.

OSSA believes undertaking a feasibility study and business case is a logical way forward and has our total support.

Ross Brewer

Chairman

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#### Your question

I am Chairman of Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia (OSSA) and would like to speak on Agenda Item 6.4 (Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal).

OSSA is in full support of this proposal. OSSA has been based in the Mission to Seafarers building for the past 4 years. We have maritime memorabilia (ship models, photos etc) on display and have held several very successful maritime exhibitions there. The building is an historic Australian maritime asset which, once upgraded, will add significantly to Melbournes Maritime heritage. Together with the new Seafarers Rest Park this will create a wonderful entrance to Melbournes Maritime Precinct and the creation of further community and commercial use. It will be a great drawcard for tourism in to the area.

The recommendation of a full feasibility study and business case is a sound way forward.

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This proposal offers a brilliant opportunity to bring Melbourne's exciting and internationally significant nearly 200-year-old maritime history to the attention of all. It will ground Melbourne's 21st century and its future in the experiences and developments of the last nearly two hundred years. The capacity for Melbournians and visitors to this city to comprehend, appreciate, enjoy and benefit from the understandings that will eventuate when M2S becomes a really strong and vibrant link between the past and the future is enormous. The river precinct, sailboats, wharf sheds, cargo, and the lives, concerns and joys of migrants, seafarers and wharf workers of old will be in unison with the Docklands precinct, huge container ships, the technologies and trade of modern times, and the life, concerns and joys of seafarers and port workers today. This proud building and the work that already takes place within it is perfectly placed to fulfil such an important role. In recognition of how significant seafaring and shipping has been in the past and continues to be into the future everything possible should be done to support and enable M2S to flourish as the heart of our ongoing maritime history and heritage.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my views.

Emma Russell, Director and Principal Historian, History At Work

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Melbourne's maritime history is at the very core of Melbourne's history and for that matter that of Australia. It is only fitting that Melbourne's maritime history and heritage be preserved, that it reflects the birth and growth of this great city and island nation. Melbourne truly needs to represent it's maritime history just as most other overseas cities do, if not better. The Maritime Union of Australia has been a stakeholder in all maritime issues since 1872 and I, on behalf of myself and the Victoria Branch of the MUA, fully support the motion, Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal and urge Council to support and endorse this motion.

Shane Stevens, Victoria Branch Secretary, Maritime Union of Australia.

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I am writing to support the motions to a) undertake a feasibility study for a maritime heritage precinct possibly located at the Mission to Seafarers and b) to pursue, subsequent to a) above, a capital investment agreement with the Victorian Government to refurbish the Mission to Seafarers building. My support is conditional on the Mission continuing its range of services to seafarers in its present location.

The investment in the buildings on this site should be seen as complementary to the development of Seafarers Rest Park, Shed 5, Crane 5 and the Riverlee proposal.

Accordingly if the two motions are passed the Mission to Seafarers site will become the focal point for celebrating the marine heritage of Melbourne.

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The proposal before Council to contribute to a feasibility study for a potential maritime heritage centre established at the Mission to Seafarers site is supported by the Yarra River Business Association.

The creation of Seafarers Park and the redevelopment of North Wharf provides the community with the opportunity to adequately study and appreciate the role of maritime industries in the development of European Melbourne.

While this Association has installed interpretative signing along the river banks acknowledging the pre-European and early European history of our city, there is still a need to provide for a maritime history hub. The willingness of the State Government to enter into co-share responsibility for the very significant Mission building provides a once in a generation opportunity. The fact that the Mission to Seafarers would be permitted to keep undertaking their excellent service to the maritime industry under such arrangement, means that the proposed maritime history centre would be set within a relevant modern context.

The development of the Mission site in such a way provides another germination point for the aesthetic redevelopment of the Yarra northbank, to contiguously connect Docklands to the CBD via the waterway. It would provide yet another point of visitor interest in our precinct.

The Yarra River Business Association would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the community consultation for the proposal.

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**Agenda Item No. 6.4 Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this submission is to support a feasibility study being undertaken and the development of a business case for a commercial maritime heritage precinct/experience based at the Mission to Seafarers and the refurbishment of the Mission to Seafarers building.

**Background**

The Mission to Seafarers and its building are significant parts of the history of the Port of Melbourne and have been since their origins in 1917. The recent establishment of Seafarers Park and Maritime Precinct are a very welcome recognition of the contribution shipping and seafarers have made to the development not only to the Port of Melbourne but also to the establishment of Melbourne as a capital city and more widely the State of Victoria and a major trade link to south east Australia.

Currently, maritime heritage is widely dispersed at several locations; Victorian Maritime Centre at Crib Point, Queenscliff Maritime Museum, Seaworks Maritime Precinct at Williamstown and the Polly Woodside and steam tug Wattle in Docklands.

**New Horizons**

It is now time to select a new site closer to Melbourne to house and display our maritime heritage for the benefit of not only Melburnians, other Australian visitors but also the many thousands of international visitors that come to Melbourne. The location of a maritime heritage precinct/experience at or as a part of the Mission to Seafarers building would be highly beneficial.

**Recommendation**

I very much endorse the proposal by the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network under this agenda item. Accordingly I recommend to the Future Melbourne Committee:

That a feasibility study is undertaken and business case developed for a commercial maritime heritage/experience with a hub possibly based at the Mission to Seafarers. If the study supports this being based at the Mission to Seafarers then funding should be sought for the refurbishment of the Mission to Seafarers.

Michael Julian

17 August 2020

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I am a Veteran Merchant Navy Seafarer 1956–1963 also a member of the MMHN and Victorian Contact for the Merchant Navy Association of South Australia and on behalf of all Seafarers, I would take great pleasure in supporting any motion that The Mission to Seafarers building evolve into the Melbourne Maritime Centre so that it can continue its historic service to seafarers and, at the same time, showcase Melbourne and Victoria’s rich maritime heritage in a museum/exhibition space located in this most remarkable building –located in the historic maritime ‘heart’ of Melbourne.

Michael Taman

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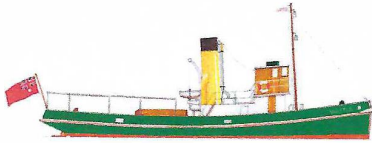


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Bay Steamers Maritime Museum

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17 August 2020

The City of Melbourne  
90 - 120 Swanston Street,  
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Dear Councillors,

Agenda Item No. 6.4 Mission to Seafarers - Redevelopment Proposal.

Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd., operators of Steam Tug Wattle, fully supports the adoption of recommendations 8.1 and 8.2 of the Future Melbourne Committee concerning the establishment of a commercial maritime heritage precinct/experience with a hub possibly based at the Mission to Seafarers. Council commitment to a feasibility study and business case for such a hub will be a major step forward in the process of celebrating Melbourne's significant maritime heritage.

Studies for the creation of a hub should consider also the continuation of the valuable services to mariners which the Mission currently provides.

Melbourne sadly lacks a focus which highlights its extensive contribution to Australia's development by reason of its pre-eminence as our largest port. A hub centred on the Mission to Seafarers will provide an opportunity to confirm that pre-eminence and at the same time create a significant cultural and tourist precinct, to the benefit of Melbourne and Victoria.

Establishment of a hub based on the Mission to Seafarers will also ensure the preservation of the Mission building as a treasured part of Melbourne's rich architectural history. Guaranteeing that preservation is a worthy aim.

Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd. urges Council to adopt the recommendation.

  
Tony Lewis,  
Chairman,  
Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd.

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# Maritime Museums of Victoria Inc.

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## **Agenda Item 6.4 Mission to Seafarers Redevelopment Proposal**

On behalf of Maritime Museums of Victoria Inc. (MMV) I would like to voice our support for this proposal.

Maritime Museums of Victoria Inc. was formed in the early 1990's with the aim of representing and promoting all Maritime Museums in Victoria via delegate representatives from each of these maritime museums. This has shared knowledge, experience and assisted in the promotion of their interests. Hence our intense interest in all maritime heritage features in the Port of Melbourne and all of Victoria.

The iconic Mission to Seafarers building, beside the River Yarra, has been serving seamen for 163 years, who take fond memories with them of the consideration and kindness. It has been host to maritime exhibitions, and many maritime organisations have used its facilities for meetings and functions.

Located close to the river with tram and road transport, the Mission to Seafarers building is in an ideal position for the Melbourne Maritime Centre, while the proposed Maritime Precinct is an area pleading to be created into a location of which Melbourne can be justifiably proud.

The redevelopment of the area spanning from North Wharf to Victoria Harbour including Seafarers Rest Park, will become the Melbourne Maritime Precinct. Securing the future of the Mission to Seafarers building as the Melbourne Maritime Centre ensures a magnificent entry to the maritime area, thus complimenting Docklands and Melbourne as a national and international tourism drawcard.

MMV believes undertaking a feasibility study and the preparation of a business case is the logical way forward. This has our total support.

We look forward to the next meeting to see the results, with hopefully with an artist's impression

Neil Thomas

Secretary

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## **Mission to Seafarers - Redevelopment Proposal**

The Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne has operated in the Port of Melbourne for 163 years. It has occupied the unique heritage building situated at 717 Flinders Street since 1917. It is a heritage listed building and architecturally significant. The Mission to Seafarers was established in 1857 to render services to seafarers and was the first one established overseas. It continues to provide a service to over 60,000 seafarers annually and operates 365 days a year.

It has established a heritage collection of letters, documents, photographs of national significance. They go to the very heart and soul of what it was be a seafarer living through world wars, conflict, storms, shipwrecks, loss. The MTS building at 717 Flinders Street has provided a sanctuary for seafarers for 103 years by dedicated chaplains, the Harbour Lights Guild and dedicated volunteers. It still provides supplies and comfort to seafarers during the COVID-19 pandemic to the ships arriving in Melbourne.

This heritage, this building, this place, must not get lost to Melbourne. It is an opportunity for the State Government, the City of Melbourne in collaboration with the Mission to Seafarers to fully restore the building so its heritage and archives can be preserved for the people of Victoria.

A fully restored building can provide a historical hub for seafarers, education centre and include an exhibition space in the iconic Norla Dome. A Melbourne Maritime walk that can attract local, interstate and international visitors. It will provide hospitality and rest in the tradition and meaning of the Mission to Seafarers. The Melbourne Convention attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year and growing. A short walk passed the Polly Woodside mooring, over the Seafarers Bridge to the Mission to Seafarers centre.

*No literature is richer than that of the sea. no story is more enthralling,  
no tradition is more secure." - Felix Riesenberg*

I commend the recommendation from the Future Melbourne Committee  
recommends in 8.1 & 8.2

Mark Sims

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Member of the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network



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**Your question** Hi  
the Melbourne Seafarers Centre is a proposed stakeholder in the Mission to Seafarers building at 717 Flinders St.  
I would like to understand how this proposal will impact on the proposed Melbourne Seafarers Centre.

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Mission to Seafarers building

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Hello  
I support the proposal as Melbourne is not making the most of its rich maritime heritage and this would be a first step towards actually achieving something tangible.  
It would assist in preserving this unique building and its location would serve as a link between the CBD river front and Docklands.  
I do not know how this will affect the service to seafarers currently provided by the Mission though.  
Thanks  
Graham Pilkington

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**RE: FMC Meeting No 83 (Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal)**

Dear Sir/madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Redevelopment Proposal for Mission to Seafarers. Riverlee congratulate the Victorian Government and the City of Melbourne on initiating this important feasibility and business case work around the future of the Mission to Seafarers building.

We see tremendous opportunity for the precinct which includes the Seafarers mixed use development to celebrate and showcase Melbourne's maritime heritage with the Mission to Seafarers building being an obvious centrepiece alongside Seafarers Rest Park. Riverlee has worked very closely in the Development of Seafarers Rest Park to ensure that the design appropriately responds to the collective heritage aspects of the precinct being the Mission to Seafarers building, restoration of the Heritage listed Good Shed No 5 and the now restored Malcolm Moore electric crane.

We also recognise great opportunity to extend these strong precinct themes into a berthing masterplan for the site to facilitate the development of berths for heritage vessels, to promote education and encourage potential maritime trails to the Mission to Seafarers and beyond to the Polly Woodside.

Riverlee have and will continue to invest significant capital into the Seafarers Precinct, and as a major stakeholder in the precinct are very eager to participate in any future consultation processes that are conducted by Council to ensure a cohesive and integrated outcome to this exciting new precinct.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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**Gabriel Kok**  
**Development Manager**  
**For and on behalf of Asset 1 WTH Pty Ltd**

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"Report to the Future Melbourne (Knowledge City) Committee"

Agenda Item 6.4.

The Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology ( IMarEST ) wishes to advise the Melbourne City Council that it supports motions 8.1 and 8.2 for the meeting of 18 August 2020.

IMarEST, formerly the Institute of Marine Engineers ((London) founded 1889, Incorporated by Royal Charter 1933 ), has been involved with providing information to Engineers aboard both Naval and Merchant Ships since its inception via Technical Courses, Publications and Conferences.

Many of our members are familiar with the "Missions to Seafarers" on a world wide basis on account of their vocation and are well aware and familiar with the exceptional work carried out on behalf of Seafarers.

The IMarEST ( Victoria Branch ) has been a regular user of meeting rooms and facilities of the "Mission" and therefore welcome a commitment to a feasibility study to enhance the "Missions to Seafarers " buildings as part of developing a Maritime Heritage Precinct.

The development of the Heritage Precinct would honour the contribution of the Maritime Industry to the Port of Melbourne and Victoria generally.

Howard Mumford,

For the IMarEST.

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Kangan Institute, under the Bendigo Kangan Institute company umbrella, wishes to express its support for the proposed redevelopment of the Mission to Seafarers Building and the neighbouring marine hub.

As a near-neighbour within the Docklands precinct, Kangan Institute supports the activation of the precinct area. Bringing tourists, visitors and local people to Docklands will create a vibrant centre, where the natural assets of the waterfront are enjoyed and developed.

Creating a lively city hub has immense benefits for our students and staff, and will continue to help the waterside city precinct grow and flourish. We endorse the proposed feasibility study and look forward to supporting the development that arises.

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## **Submission on Mission to Seafarers Redevelopment Proposal**

The Melbourne Branch of The Company of Master Mariners of Australia (COMMA) wish to record our support for Council undertaking a feasibility study and business case for the re-development of the Mission to Seafarers Building.

The Melbourne Branch of COMMA was established in 1951 and since then has maintained a close relationship with the Mission to Seafarers (MTS).

Over the years we have held many functions in the MTS Building and are well aware of its potential to be the centre point of the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Precinct.

The history associated with this iconic building would fill volumes and the Missions Maritime Heritage Collection is regarded as being of national significance.

With the development of Seafarers Rest Park and the Riverlee Project going ahead there needs to be an understanding of the role and future of the MTS building and so we support undertaking a feasibility study and business case so that future decisions can be made on the bases of good information.

Yours faithfully

Capt Ian French  
Melbourne Branch Master  
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## ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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### **Future Melbourne (Knowledge City) Committee, Agenda item 6.4, 18 August 2020**

#### Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) is the peak body representing approximately 340 community historical societies throughout Victoria. It has been active on history and heritage issues since its formation in 1909. The RHSV Heritage Committee is accountable to the RHSV Council and has specific responsibility for preparing submissions and liaising with other relevant heritage bodies concerning the uses and preservation of heritage-protected buildings and sites. The committee encourages its affiliates to make submissions on relevant local as well as state heritage matters, and acts in support of their submissions.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria strongly supports the restoration of the Mission to Seafarers Building and its use for a maritime function. We are delighted that CoM is looking to undertake a feasibility study into becoming the manager of this facility. That is very important in that the restoration and ongoing maintenance and use of historic buildings requires a sympathetic and understanding management body. We fervently hope that CoM can become that body.

We strongly support the Officers' recommendations because this proposal represents a splendid opportunity or rather three splendid opportunities: 1) to preserve and make appropriate and effective use of an important building; 2) to build toward a maritime museum in a remarkably appropriate context, as part of the Maritime Museums of Victoria; and 3) to continue and extend development of the CBD waterfront for amenity and for tourism.

1) The Missions to Seamen buildings are listed on the Victorian Heritage Registry as architecturally significant in the introduction of Spanish Mission style to Melbourne and in the development of the Arts and Crafts movement. The interior contains superb woodwork, much of it specifically and self-consciously Australian in craft and in theme. Preserving all this and ensuring its visibility and accessibility to citizens and tourists will be a major accomplishment.

The buildings bear witness to the significance in Melbourne's development of its role as a port, a role which continues as the largest container port in Australia as well as to the role played by the Mission with its chapel, hall and stage, billiards room, reading room, dining room, officers' and men's quarters, chaplain's residence, and gymnasium.

2) It is hard to imagine a more appropriate setting for a maritime museum. At the moment, the feasibility study envisaged mentions a 'maritime centre'. It is not clear whether this is the basis for moving toward a maritime museum, since it is not clear what a Maritime Centre is. It is our hope that this can be the basis of building toward the kind of Maritime Museum that we find in Sydney and Fremantle. That is what Melbourne needs and deserves.

There is a great need for a museum site that will enable interpretation and orientation to the maritime aspects of Melbourne and Victoria's heritage and, ideally, to the other 15 museums

members of Maritime Museums of Victoria. The Mission to Seafarers is already part of MMV, but it has not been able to fulfil its potential. We hope that, in moving toward a proper maritime museum, the maritime centre envisaged will make that possible.

We hope that the Mission to Seafarers site can ultimately serve not only as a museum in its own right but as a launchpad and orientation centre for those seeking to explore the chain of MMV museums. That would offer great potential development for tourism across Victoria. The MMV museums are not resourced so well as one might wish and, with a central focal point, a departure point so to speak, they can gain more visitors and in turn offer more to visitors, thus improving tourism across the state.

In this regard, we note that the report makes no mention of the *Polly Woodside* Maritime Museum. We understand that this is a level of detail to be explored in the future, but we call attention to the obvious benefits of complementarity. We suggest too that the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) should be involved in discussions because of the obvious links between the two.

Properly resourced, the Mission to Seafarers can provide interpretation not just generally for the other 15 museums in general but especially for the *Polly Woodside* Maritime Museum, which can provide a complementary experiential component. The two sites face each other across the Yarra and are within a pleasant five minutes' stroll, so complementarity should be a major aspect of the proposal once developed. This only adds to our reasons for supporting this proposal.

3) At the same time, developing the Mission to Seafarers museum as part of a new precinct will continue and extend development of the CBD waterfront for amenity and for tourism. It will provide green space and aesthetic relief in a precinct which has been characterised by uncoordinated piecemeal development of varying degrees of success. It will continue the pedestrian walk along the north bank of the river. It will thus improve the amenity of the CBD and increase the potential for tourism.

This proposal has so much potential and so many benefits that our support for it is a given. We urge FMC to approve the Officers' Recommendations and to support the proposal as it is developed. We stand ready to offer support and input in the hope that Melbourne will soon have a greatly improved maritime precinct with, ultimately at least, an exciting museum at its core.

(Professor) Charles Sowerwine,  
Chair, Heritage Committee,  
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As a long term resident of the City of Melbourne, I am embarrassed to admit that I was not aware of the Maritime history of the Port. Since the construction of the Casino precinct, the attempts to celebrate the Port have been removed from the southern side of the river. The Polly Woodside is an isolated reminder of the significant importance of the maritime economy to the establishment and development of the City. As an active member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Club, I have become very familiar with the importance of the Missions to Seafarers building. The uses the building for its weekly meetings. It is clear that the building is not just a curiosity. It continues to serve as a focal point for seafarers and the wider community. I am pleased to support the Council's support for the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Precinct. John Widmer

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As a member of Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia Ltd (OSSA) and a proud Melbournian I wish to lodge my support fo this proposal.

The Mission to Seafarers building (M2S) has long struck me as a mysterious and unique architectural gem because of its position in what was once a very industrial corner of Melbourne. I have in recent years had the opportunity to explore its magnificent interior which has awakened a new interest in our maritime history and an awareness of the opportunities that rest on our doorstep.

It's rare to have a working port so close to a city and something I see Melbournian's increasingly recognise and embrace. Shipping containers being loaded and unloaded and merchant ships cruising in and out of our port are a thing of wonder. I see this through the eyes of my own children as we watch ships come and go and talk at length about what they are carrying, where they have come from and the people on board. It's a valuable lesson on many levels and has reminded me of the interest and commercial opportunity this precinct holds in terms of education and tourism.

I think it is so important that we preserve this magnificent building. Whilst being a window into the past it would also serve as a gateway to the future of this developing precinct.

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**Re: Meeting number 83, Agenda Item 6.4 Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal**

Dear Councillors,

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is pleased to write in support of the recommendations relating to the proposal for Mission to Seafarers, agenda item 6.4.

As a key stakeholder in this precinct, through the ownership and operation of the Polly Woodside, we support the City of Melbourne undertaking a feasibility study and business case for a commercial maritime heritage precinct/experience.

This recommendation strongly aligns with the mission of the National Trust to ‘inspire the community to appreciate, conserve and celebrate its diverse natural, cultural, social and Indigenous heritage’ and vision that our ‘diverse heritage is protected and respected, contributing to strong, vibrant and prosperous communities’. As such, we also hope that any development of this precinct supports the ongoing services that the mission provides to seafarer’s.

The Polly Woodside ship and museum sits in close proximity to the Mission to Seafarer’s building and the completion of a feasibility study for this precinct would be of great interest to the National Trust. The Polly Woodside is a three masted cargo vessel which has circumnavigated the world 17 times and forms a key part of Melbourne’s maritime story.

In summary we fully support agenda items 6.4 and the undertaking of feasibility study and business case for a commercial maritime heritage precinct/experience.

Yours faithfully,

**Simon Ambrose**  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

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To whom it may concern,

It is with pleasure that I make this submission on behalf of Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. (MBW).

MBW is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation providing volunteer bushwalking and related activities to a membership of around 540, drawn primarily from inner and Greater Melbourne. Established in 1940 as the first mixed gender bushwalking club in Victoria, MBW continues as one of the largest and strongest bushwalking clubs in the State, with a growing membership from inner Melbourne residents.

MBW is a tenant of the Mission to Seafarers, Victoria, and an active user of the facilities provided. The club normally meets weekly with access at other times by prior arrangement. Since its foundation MBW has been located within the CBD until its move to the adjacent North Wharf precinct in January 2019. The community space provided within the Mission to Seafarers, Victoria, meets well a need that, from our experience, is limited and not easily accessed elsewhere within the CBD. The management and staff from the start of our tenancy have sought to build a communal rapport that is both welcoming and encourages active involvement with the primary purpose of the Mission.

MBW notes the proposal before the Future Melbourne Committee for endorsement of a proposal for a feasibility/business case for a Maritime Heritage Precinct with the current Mission to Seafarers premises as the base.

MBW supports the proposal for a feasibility/business case and requests that such a study, should it proceed, includes in the Terms of Reference consideration of the important role of provision of community space as one of the functions of the building.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Ian Mair AM  
Past-President Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Susanne Etti  
President, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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**Your question**

Not a question but a letter of support for the Redevelopment of the M2S. I think it would be a tragic loss to the community if this heritage listed site did not realise its full potential. I believe this proposal presents an opportunity to preserve Melbourne's Maritime Heritage whilst also serving the public interest. Given government support and adequate funding there is no reason why this proposal could lead to a commercially successful organisation. Best Regards Andrew Coccoli (OSSA Member)

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Dear Councillors,

I understand that the Council is considering a plan for Kensington Pool and Recreation Centre at your meeting on Tuesday. I also made a submission several months ago. I am a local, and a regular user of the Centre, mostly for regular morning or evening lap swimming (I especially love the 'women only hour' for lap swimming).

I wanted to let the Council know about my views on this topic.

Firstly, I very much support the redevelopment of the pool and want to thank the Council for making this a priority especially right now during the pandemic.

I really like that Council is going to expand the pool with extra lanes, as often in the morning peak times the pool is already very crowded. I also like that the Council is considering active and public transport and will not take up any space with new car parks, which are not needed. There is already a good bus, train and bike/walking paths to the Recreation Centre (personally I ride my bike there, so extra bike parking would be great).

However, there are a couple of things I would like to add. Firstly, the original plan included a cafe. This part of Kensington has no cafes, and all of Kensington Banks residents would definitely use a cafe, as would all the people walking to and from the train station, and dropping their kids off at childcare. Can you please include a cafe, which can be accessed by everyone, not just those already inside the pool or gym?

Can you also please include some nice outdoor space. When I use the gym, I love that there is some outdoor space to use for training and it's such a shame there isn't outdoor space for pool users to enjoy. It would make a lot of sense to have some outdoor space that can be accessed directly from the pool, perhaps with BBQs or a splash pool we can use in summer. I would imagine lots of families would really love this and I personally would go there in spring and summer with my friends, to enjoy the pool and outdoor area.

Please include this in the design.

Thanks for considering my views.

Clara Davies.

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I think would be nice if we can have a Cafe separately from the KCRC, I usually take kids to play in the JJ Holland and there is not a place near by that provide that. On the other hand, we would like to see and enjoy an outdoor swimming pool not just an indoor one.

sincerely,  
Viviana Arteaga

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Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I am a ratepayer and resident of Kensington and would like to give my feedback on the Kensington pool rebuild.

Firstly, I would like to say that I am a little disappointed by the community consultation around the rebuild of the pool. I gave feedback on the initial plans many months ago (which were no more than rough sketches, with no detail) and have not been contacted or emailed since. I only heard that the issue is coming to Council this week after a friend alerted me to it. I imagine a lot of other people who gave initial feedback on the plan will not know new plans have been developed.

Secondly, while I thank you for rebuilding the pool, which definitely needs an upgrade, there are a few big things missing from the plans. The feedback from locals last time doesn't seem to have been taken into account at all. At the session I attended, I heard several people express the view that they would like an outdoor pool, and for this not to just be an indoor 'gym fitness' type facility but for it to remain a community-focused affordable centre that families, young people and the community can use. We do not just want another corporate style gym and indoor pool that will be expensive to use and doesn't sit well with the beautiful JJ Holland Park.

However the plans seem to prioritise an indoor gym and indoor pool and not integrate it well with the park, as far as I can see.

I suggest the following improvements to the plan could be made:

1. There are already good indoor pools/gyms nearby including Ascot Vale and Maribyrnong. We don't want just another chlorine-soaked indoor pool for fitness, with no access to the outdoors. We want some where we can go for kids birthday parties, BBQs and summer afternoons, as well as for swimming lessons and lap swimming, ball sports and fitness. Please change the plans to include some kind of outdoor pool and relaxing area, that we could use for summer evening 'swim and cinema' type events (like in Fitzroy) or splash pool that kids can use (a good example would be London Fields Lido which has a free kids splash pool right next door which is very well used in spring/summer even in the London climate!). Climate change is only going to make things hotter and we need places to go for respite from the heat, especially as the pool is well used by people in Housing Commission flats nearby.

2. Please make sure the building is well integrated into JJ Holland Park, not separate from it. It's a beautiful well-used park that the Council has put a lot of money into, and it would be a shame to have the pool and gym totally cut off from it, when it could be so well integrated with indoor/outdoor spaces, an indoor/outdoor cafe, for example (which I'm sure the childcare and maternal health parents and staff would use a lot too, as would people coming to and from South Kensington station – which is about to be upgraded I understand – as long as the cafe wasn't just an inside pool kiosk, but a nice cafe).

Currently it looks like there is some open space on the Kensington Road side of the building, but no-one will use this! It's right next to a very busy road, people with kids will never sit or play there, and it wouldn't be pleasant to do so for anyone. It would be much better to build the gym and pool right up to Kensington Road, and then have more indoor/outdoor space on the other side of the building (facing JJ Holland Park), with an outdoor pool, cafe, etc between the building and the soccer/football field.

3. Please keep it affordable. YMCA does a great job keeping membership fees low and we don't want them to jack up the fees like the private gyms in the city. This should remain a community-focused space, especially accessible to kids from the Housing Commission flats who use it for fun, recreation and who do not have backyards where they can go to cool down under the sprinklers in summer. While JJ Holland park is great, some kind of outdoor pool would be even better and would be a real attraction.

I appreciate all the money that Council is putting into the pool rebuild even at this difficult time, thanks so much.

Thankyou for considering my views.

Ellie Maxwell, Kensington resident.

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Kensington Community Recreation Centre.

I am a Kensington resident, and homeowner (ratepayer).

It's great that the centre is being redeveloped and I am glad that the number of lanes in the pool is being increased as it's already becoming crowded at peak times.

I have 2 young children and I am disappointed that the design has missed some major opportunities for families of young children that were requested by community members during the earlier submission phase.

The key two features that would significantly increase my family's enjoyment and use of the facility is indoor/outdoor children water play area and an indoor/outdoor cafe.

Indoor/outdoor children water play area:

Please add an outdoor children water play area on the JJ Holland Park side of the centre.

This would turn the pool into a great place to spend an afternoon in summer, with children playing in the water, with comfortable places for parents to sit while watching.

A couple of examples that could provide inspirations to designers are

The Mildura City Council's 'Water Play Park' is a wonderful example of an enjoyable water play area, with wonderful design and enjoyable environment for parents to be while watching the children

<https://www.mildurasa.vic.gov.au/Services/Sport-Recreation/Parks-Recreation/Water-Play-Park>

The Footscray Park Play Place has a closer to home smaller example of a water play space simply consisting of water spouts which children love to play in

<https://www.yourcityyourvoice.com.au/footscray-park-play-space1/widgets/116941/photos/27411>

Please include significant interesting water play facilities in the indoor water pool as well. A good example is the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre's 'Leisure Pool' which has 'water spray features, tipping buckets and a small slide.

<https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac/Swim/Pool-facilities/Leisure-pool>

Cafe:

Please move the cafe to the JJ Holland Park side of the centre and make it an indoor/outdoor cafe.

It would be fantastic to be served in the outdoor area of the cafe while still being able to keep an eye on the children.

Please make it simple for people not attending the gym/pool to access the cafe.

Having a cafe on JJ Holland side of the centre would be a perfect place to catch up after parents group, attending maternal & child health nurse appointments or dropping the kids off at child care.

It is also simply a beautiful place for a cafe, with an interesting view of the soccer oval and the centre/pool would block out the traffic noise from Kensington Road. Having it on the other side of the centre (on Kensington Road) would not be as comfortable or enjoyable, as there is noise from the busy road, it is dangerous for kids, and misses the opportunity for a connection with the park and soccer field. Open space on this side (Kensington Rd) of the centre would not be well used.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission. I hope you will be able to make these alterations to the design which will make the centre into a wonderful place for young families and the whole community.

Regards Lloyd Davies

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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee, Meeting no. 83, 18 August 2020**

**Regarding: Agenda item 6.5 (Endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre)**

Dear Melbourne City Council

We understand that Council is considering draft plans for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre at your meeting on 18 August 2020.

We are long-term local residents and ratepayers who live in Kensington Banks, with three young children.

Courtney is also a current Director and former President of Swimming Victoria.

We are excited about the redevelopment, which is extremely timely, and also keen for Council to consider our feedback on this proposal.

Firstly, we support many aspects of this plan including the addition of extra lanes for the pool, the retention of the indoor kids' pool area, new change rooms (long overdue), and an overhaul of the facility generally. It will be a far superior facility to that existing.

However, there are few aspects of the plan that we would encourage Council to change or update. These are as follows:

- **Provision of outdoor play / water play area:** Currently the plan does not appear to include any outdoor playground, or waterplay / splash pool. This seems like a huge missed opportunity.
  - We have 3 kids aged 0 to 4 years old, but more importantly, Kensington is teeming with young kids and families. We would love to be able to take them to the pool on a spring or summer afternoon, and for the pool to be a space for the community to use for recreation and fun more generally.
  - On the plan there looks to be extra green open space between the centre and Kensington Road which could be used for an outdoor waterplay area connected to the indoor pool. However, we consider a far more intelligent design would be to include outdoor play / water play on the park-side of the pool, which would be far more appealing, as it would open up to JJ Holland Park and away from traffic on Kensington Road.
- **Inclusion of accessible café:** Though the proposal mentions a café (paragraph 4), we cannot see any provision for one in the plans. Where we live in Kensington Banks there are no cafes, except on Epsom Road (Local Folk). We know our local community would very much value a local cafe in the KCRC, however a café should be more than just a kiosk that can only be accessed from inside the pool/gym area (like currently). Ideally, we would envisage a café that can be



accessed both indoors and outdoors at the redeveloped KCRC, with outdoor seating for the café. A thoughtful café design will ensure it is utilised well even in winter given the dearth of other options in Kensington Banks.

We look forward to Council's consideration of these matters, and are happy to be contacted if you would like any further elaboration as to the above.

Yours sincerely

Courtney Ford and James Gardner

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Dear Melbourne City Council,

I believe that the Council is considering draft plans for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre at your upcoming meeting. As a local resident and ratepayer who lives in Kensington Banks, I would like Council to hear my feedback on this proposal.

I am also something here about your swim Victoria professional experience.

I support many aspects of this plan however I would like you to consider changing a few aspects of the plan :

-- I have two young children aged 0 to 5 years old. As well as space for indoor swimming I would love to be able to take them to the pool on a spring or summer afternoon. However currently the plan looks like it doesn't include any outdoor playground or waterplay or splash pool. This seems like a missed opportunity. We would like this pool to be more than just for exercise, but a space for the community to use for recreation and fun, especially for the children. On the plan there looks to be extra green open space between the centre and Kensington Road which could be used for and outdoor waterplay area connected to the indoor pool (or the centre could be redesigned to allow this space on the park-side of the pool, which would be more appealing).

-- Where we live in Kensington Banks there are no cafes, except on Epsom Road (Local Folk). We believe the local community would very much value a local cafe in the KCRC, but it needs to be more than just a kiosk that can only be accessed from inside the pool/gym area (like currently). Please include outdoor seating for the cafe. We know

this will be utilised well even in winter.

Your sincerely,

James Hutchison

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**To:** Sally Capp - Lord Mayor of Melbourne; Arron Wood; Nicolas Frances Gilley; Philip Liu; Rohan Leppert; Kevin Louey; Cathy Oke; Beverley Pinder; Nicholas Reece; Susan Riley; Jackie Watts

**Subject:** Submission re upgrade of Kensington Recreation Centre

Dear Councillors,

First of all, as a city of Melbourne resident of almost 10 years, I wanted to start by saying I really appreciate all you've done to look after our community during 2020. I particularly appreciate the urgent work you've done to support groups falling through the cracks in other forms of government COVID-19 support, like international students, artists and the residents in the public housing towers who were put into lockdown.

**I'm writing today in relation to the planned upgrade to the Kensington recreation centre.** I also made a submission during the earlier consultation.

I've seen on the Future Melbourne Committee page that you are discussing the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre on Tuesday night. I've had a look at the meeting paper related to the pool, including the plan for the redevelopment.

The Kensington Rec Centre redevelopment is something that is really important to my family and I. My 4 year old daughter attends swimming lessons at Kensington, and she loves them. She's pretty sad about how long it's been since COVID-19 put a halt to swimming. My husband and I also both like to do lap swimming. We live on Chapman Street in North Melbourne. We go to the pool at least twice a week. Lessons on Sunday followed by sitting outside and eating an ice-cream has become a family tradition.

Although I love the Kensington Rec centre, I definitely support the upgrade. The pool and building are quite old and the temperature regulation on the pool is sometimes a problem.

I was really excited when I learned about the upgrade for a few reasons:

1. Clearly the building is old, and needs an upgrade
2. The limited family change rooms are an issue during peak kiddy time - it would be great to get some more of these - and to fix up the showers in the other change room
3. The main pool is small, so some extra lanes would be fantastic
4. I have a visual disability, and would appreciate larger signage and markings to help moving around
4. My main hope for the upgrade was that it might make some good use of the outdoor space - including an outdoor children's pool, picnic area and maybe even water play and BBQs.

Overall, I think the draft proposal looks good. I'm happy about:

1. extra family change rooms
2. larger pool
3. inclusion of water play
4. accessibility modifications

My main concerns are:

1. There doesn't seem to be any outdoor space or an outdoor children's paddling pool. Kids just love to be outside and it really makes a pool feel like a positive and community place. The popularity of the North Melbourne pool (which we absolutely love) shows just how popular this would be. With the North Melbourne pool so crowded in summer, and planned growth in the Arden precinct, it would be great to have another outdoor kids pool in the area. **I hope you will all reconsider and add outdoor space suitable for children - including the possibility of a children's paddling pool.**

2. I'm not clear from the documents whether there will be a cafe. The meeting brief says there will be, but the plans just show a tiny kiosk. I think a cafe would be a great addition to the centre. It would also add to the employment potential, with staff working in the cafe and I know that people would really value it. **I hope you will ensure that the new building has a fantastic cafe.**

**Thank you very much for considering my submission.**

Regards

Fern Cadman

on behalf of Fern Cadman, Christian Henderson and Arabella Cadman

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To Council,

I live in North Melbourne with my husband and three pre-school and primary-school aged children. My children usually attend swimming lessons at the Kensington pool on Saturdays and we regularly use the facility.

Thank you for upgrading the pool, it's in much need of an upgrade. For example, the pool is overcrowded during lessons and the change rooms need improving. Thanks for considering this important project.

I would like to put on record that I also believe the plans need some changes, such as:

It needs a children's outdoor pool and water playground for use in warmer weather to make it feel like a true community facility and not just a gym.

It needs a proper cafe. An outdoor cafe would be ideal.

It needs to maintain good outdoor space and not be cut off from the park.

Kind regards,

Marisa Black, North Melbourne.

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As a long standing resident who has used the Kensington community recreation centre, I would like to see the design of the pool incorporate an outdoor water play area for the kids and an indoor and outdoor cafe that faces onto JJ Holland Park. The cafe if designed thoughtfully will be very popular with residents in the Kensington Banks area. I do not want to have to climb hills and travel too far to get to Epsom Road to buy a coffee. It is too far for me to travel now that my mobility is not 100%. Holland Park offers a great aspect for older residents to get outside but if will be better if they can enjoy some refreshment at the pool cafe, connect with friends, look after grand kids and socialise. I live on my own and at times I am isolated. A well designed cafe would connect me

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Kensington Swimming Pool

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To Council:

I live in North Melbourne with my three primary-school aged children. My children usually attend swimming lessons at the Kensington pool every Saturday, so we regularly use the facility. Thank you for upgrading the pool, it's in much need of an upgrade. Thanks for considering this important project. I would like a children's outdoor pool for use in summer and other outdoor facilities. An outdoor cafe would be great.

Thanks Ellis Davies, North Melbourne.

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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee, Meeting no. 83, 18 August 2020**

**Regarding: Agenda item 6.5 (Endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre)**

Dear Melbourne City Council

I am a long-term local resident and ratepayer living in Kensington Banks, with two young children.

I would like to provide feedback about the redevelopment proposal. It seems that overall it will be a far superior facility to the current one. However, there are few aspects of the plan that I would encourage Council to consider changing:

- **Provision of outdoor water play and playground space:** Currently the plan does not appear to include any outdoor playground, or outdoor waterplay pool. Kensington has many young families and both an outdoor playground and outdoor waterplay pool would be a fantastic addition that would serve the needs of the community. The extra green open space between the centre and Kensington Road could be used for an outdoor waterplay area connected to the indoor pool. Alternatively, an outdoor playground and water play pool on the park-side of the centre, where the current outdoor playground is, would also be a good position. An outdoor water-slide, similar to that at Carlton Baths, would be perfect for toddlers and primary school aged children in Summer months and a great asset to the facility.
- **Inclusion of accessible café:** Though the proposal mentions a café (paragraph 4), I cannot see any provision for one in the plans. Please ensure the planned café can be accessed both indoors and outdoors at the redeveloped KCRC, with outdoor seating for the café. This will ensure use by the entire community even through the Winter months.
- **Car parking:** Though it seems to have previously been considered by planners, anyone who uses this facility regularly during peak times including before and after work and during swimming lesson periods including Saturday mornings, finds the available parking is highly inadequate, especially when trying to tow little kids, prams and bags in wet or cold weather. The plan for no specific car parking for this facility appears short-sighted and makes the facility difficult to access at peak times. This is especially so given that the plans are aiming to expand the patronage of the centre and needs to cater for the community well into the future.
- **Melbourne Community Toy Library facility/access:** One of the important community programs we have utilised for the past 5 years is the Melbourne Community Toy Library, located within the Centre. I cannot see any specific space for the toy library in the plans. The toy library is a community run service

that provides support especially to vulnerable and disadvantaged kids, and I would hope that provision for the maintenance of this important community service is maintained within the new facility.

Thanks for Council's consideration of these matters important to our local community.

Yours sincerely

Carla Abbott

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  - On the plan there looks to be extra green open space between the centre and Kensington Road which could be used for an outdoor waterplay area connected to the indoor pool. However, we consider a far more intelligent design would be to include outdoor play / water play on the park-side of the pool, which would be far more appealing, as it would open up to JJ Holland Park.
  
- **Inclusion of providing a space for a wellness centre:** Currently the plan does not appear to provide an area/rooms for group exercises or for group seminar. This seems like a missed opportunity
  - An example like Ascot Vale leisure Centre in Epsom Road, there are space for a small Physiotherapy Clinic
  - This space can be utilised for local Allied Health Professionals to set up their business or provide any community talks to the local residents

We look forward to Council's consideration of these matters, and are happy to be contacted if you would like any further elaboration as to the above.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Lim

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I am a local resident and ratepayer who lives in Kensington Banks and would appreciate my feedback being taken into consideration.

I am happy with many aspects of the suggested plan but would like to see improvements made to the family friendliness namely:

- a more substantial indoor water play area with slide (think Carlton Baths)
- a properly integrated outside play ground with water play/splash pools (taking ideas from Royal children's hospital, Footscray Park). Preferably on the park side near where current playground is
- a proper cafe with outdoor seating and external access without having to enter the building
- a better space for the toy library, with ground floor/pram access preferably without having to navigate through the building

---> Provision for parking!! This is a joke: "A parking and traffic study has been commissioned to provide input to the project. On the basis of the analysis presented in the study, it is considered there is no requirement to provide on-site car parking at the centre given the availability of significant spare on-street parking capacity within the



immediate area."

---> During peak times (e.g. 5–6pm weeknights, practically every time I have tried to visit on weekends) there is simply nowhere to park. There are two factors – post-work visitors to gym, pool, classes, etc at the YMCA, AND the sports grounds usage. Any time an organised practice or game is on at the soccer/cricket ground/etc, there are zero parking spots available. I gave up trying to bring my preschool kids to swimming lessons at this YMCA because there was never sufficient parking. If more parking is provided, there will surely be more people (particularly young families) making use of the facility. Without a decent parking catchment, there will never be better usage of the facility.

Thanks!

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Monday 17 August 2020

**Agenda item title: \***

Kensington Pool Redevelopment

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

Hi there

**Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

Can you please confirm that including a cafe and an outdoor kids area in the Kensington pool redevelopment is no longer being considered even though the community requested these things?

This is disappointing and doesn't reflect the demographic that lives in Kensington and will use the facilities.

Dr Mel Irons

**Please indicate whether you would like to address the Future Melbourne Committee via phone or Zoom in support of your submission: \***

No

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**Agenda item title:** 6.6 2019–20 Financial Performance Report

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

Well done for getting this report out so quickly – just 7 weeks after the end of the financial year.

There is nothing in the report about the impact of COVID-19 on employee costs. With libraries and leisure centres closed and far less parking officers needed during lockdowns, what are the arrangements with impacted staff? Have they been stood down, are they all still on full pay? Has everyone been required to take all of their annual leave?

I'll save the other comments for the oral submission but would appreciate some commentary during the debate or in the officer presentation about the staff costs issue.

**Please indicate whether you** Yes

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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.5 Endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre

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

Congratulations on this marvellous plan for a new community centre. I have visited the current centre several times with my grandchildren and hope to visit the new one many times in future.

I am concerned that the plan does not appear to include a cafe which is mentioned in Item 4. of the Key Issues. As the area does not have any cafes close by, I believe a cafe with access to the green area between the pool and J.J.Holland park would provide a great opportunity for community engagement for many diverse groups.

Another omission is an outdoor pool area specifically for children's play which could be added to the green area between the indoor pool and J.J.Holland park. This would add to the social aspect of this marvellous community centre, encourage outdoor exercise in a safe environment as well as alleviate the sometimes oppressive atmosphere which can occur in chlorinated indoor pools.

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### Your question

Incorporated Document May 2020 at Clause 4

Q Does this mean that the Carlton Football Club will be able to make changes under Clause 6 without recourse to Council approval and community views? If this is so we must register our strong disapproval about taking away community rights.

Q We request that the Melbourne City Council convey to the Minister of Planning that the proposal is not in line with the Council's open government and consultation philosophies?

3. The Strategic Assessment of the Amendment has a section

Q How does the Amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?

Four of the objectives is to provide for the fair, pleasant, efficient, and safe, working, living and recreational environment and benefits for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria

Q As the document only details the development is for AFLW purposes, how is this fair and orderly when the community is excluded from any use including development of junior football, netball and other sports male and/or female or community development and recreation?

Q Does the Council believe the proposed expenditure of \$40 million of public money to provide for only AWFL purposes an excessive overspend on a narrow vision of community sporting development?

Q We request the Future for Melbourne Committee to agree that Amendment C377 is not in the best interests of Melbournians and Victorians?

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#### Your question

Given council's deteriorating financial position, has any consideration been given to exploring a privatisation of Citywide to free up more than \$100 million in cash to provide relief for ratepayers and greater support for city businesses through expanded stimulus programs.

This is particularly relevant given the increasingly national operations of Citywide and the reducing percentage of its revenue which comes from City of Melbourne contracts.

In terms of City of Melbourne contracts which council does have with Citywide, the \$20 million-plus Civil Infrastructure Services contract expires in 10 months on June 30, 2021. What is the timetable in terms of the competitive tender to be run with this important contract and how will Council's obvious conflict of interest be managed given that this is the biggest single services contract both for Citywide and City of Melbourne and any loss of this contract by Citywide would significantly impair council's asset base and future dividend stream from Citywide.



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**Your question**

With an educated public, 7 Day average plummeting and daily cases dropping from the sky, should we go to Stage 3 now?

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