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Submission

Agenda Item 6.1

Schedule of Council and Future Melbourne Committee meetings 2021

This submission, on behalf of the East Melbourne Community, urges Council to schedule meetings of the Future Melbourne Committee in the month of January, to enable consideration of urgent community issues. We submit that at a time when the shadow of Covid is still very real, Council needs to provide the community access to the

Committee during this critical period.

We have a particular issue which we have not been able to resolve at officer level, with conflicting answers and changing decision making processes, which we want to bring to the attention of the Future Melbourne Committee and it is problematic that this now will not be possible until February.

The matter of concern is the need for Council to respond to the significant physical and mental well-being needs of East Melbourne residents, by making available the Pavillion in the Fitzroy Gardens as a local community space to enable a wide range of activities during the period impacted by Covid, into 2021.

In the absence of other suitable spaces, the East Melbourne community has been in discussion with Council officers for several months to use the Pavillion. Despite initial favourable indications that this would be possible, the process has changed without any consultation with our community and residents have become alarmed at apparent moves to now allocate this space to other interests.

We therefore request Council to amend the Committee meeting schedule to enable issues such as this, and other ones which may well arise from the community in such a difficult time, to be considered in a timely manner.

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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group Team

This is a written response in regards to Agenda Item 6.6 Precinct Development Program 2017–21 Review.

Thanks to officers and management team in their endeavours to promote and develop business in the City of Melbourne. It is worth acknowledging that there is a sentiment in the community that there is a concern about a lack of vision and drive in where the city is going in certain corridors . City of Melbourne is addressing these concerns and is working tirelessly to help promote the city with a flexibility to myriad sectors that is commendable. An example of this creativity is the extension of Melbourne Music Week which will have a positive effect upon all the different business associations. Bravo City of Melbourne.

The boundary of the Yarra River Business Association must be maintained . It follows the perimeter of the Hoddle

Grid.

The proposed abhorrent development at Treasury Square remains outside the Yarra River Business Association boundary and must remain so.

The Treasury Square development must be opposed and the decision to proceed with it must be reversed

It is wrong to build on this green open space, on these trees and grasslands.

Developing this site would diminish Melbourne's green infrastructure.

During an Ashes Test Match a BBC commentator waxed lyrical about Melbourne's world class sporting facilities so close to the CBD.

The BBC commentator then said that the city's forefathers were visionaries who designed and built a whole clutch of parklands, green open spaces and trees around a grid like pattern of the City (The Hoddle Grid).

The BBC commentator did not recommend that we build a series of skyscrapers to block the view of the open spaces around the sporting precinct. That would be daft.

The reason Melbourne is so liveable is because of all the great parks trees and open spaces around the city.

To build at Treasury Square is a total betrayal of Charles Joseph La Tribes vision of Melbourne.

It was for good reason that he did not request Robert Hoddle to sub divide the land south of Flinders Street up to the corner of Spring and Flinders Street.

The considerable labour and workforce for this project should be directed to a more worthy project that would benefit the City of Melbourne more such as the underground train tunnels beneath Fisherman's Bend going to Newport Station.

Thanks again to City of Melbourne for the great work they do in helping drive business further.

Best regards

Chris Thrum