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THE YARRA

DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

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I wish to make the following brief submission on the **Draft Yarra Strategic Plan**.

My interest arises from the fact that I am an abutting owner in Warrandyte and have been involved with various planning groups and strategies over the past 50 years as a resident, a planner, local councillor and public servant.

I have not been involved in this particular planning process previously having decided that at nearly 80 it was time to leave the planning to others who will see the fruits of their labours.

However after looking over the documents which are rich in detail, maps and tables I would like to make the following points:

- One simple more accessible document that gave clearer, summarised details in a short form, (such as where to find the 13 significant places), would have made it easier for members of the public to find and understand the details of the 10 year plan and obviate the need to read through the entire set of documents.
- The plan is high on aspirational and ambitious goals but less clear on the actions and funding to achieve them, I consider the plan needs fewer but more specific outcomes and more detail on those to ensure the goals will be reached in the 10 years. It has perhaps taken the current COVID19 pandemic to make us all realise how easily time frames can be disrupted.
- I would also like to see actions that specifically embrace the challenge of bushfire management and climate change.
- I would like detail on how monies are to be allocated and spent particularly in relation to management of parklands.
- Also actions that aim to protect the quantity and quality of water inflows in the Yarra River from other tributaries, streams and waterways. Much good work was done in the past by Catchment Authorities on this.
- Finally I endorse the Yarra Riverkeeper Association submission.

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