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Regarding the DRAFT Yarra Strategic Plan:

In general I endorse the Yarra Riverkeeper Association/Environmental Justice Australia submission.

I have read the Plan and feel that the aspirations are great but there is not enough detail about how those aspirations are to be made real.

In particular I endorse the section:

"The Performance Objectives and Actions need to be time-bound and cumulative. They also need to clearly and adequately address the impact of climate change and urbanization, That includes the effect of the rapid expansion of hard surfaces such as roads and roofs on our waterways and the consequent stormwater pollution. This pollution kills that macroinvertebrates that are the base of the food chain."

I am part of a Waterwatch group which monitors Scotchmans Creek which is part of the Gardiners Creek catchment.

Over the years we have seen the effect of the rapid expansion of hard surfaces with the increases in urban densification. These changes need to be managed better both by local councils and ultimately by State legislation. The damage done to small local creeks flows down stream into the Yarra river and affects the ability to manage and improve the Yarra itself.

It is not sufficient to look at the Yarra River and its immediate environs but the Plan needs to consider the whole catchment which includes its tributaries.

There is a great deal to endorse in the Plan and I hope that it is accepted and actioned as soon as possible.

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