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# DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

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<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 1 – Survey submission



## **New Form submission on Help us shape the final 10-year strategic plan for the Yarra River**

Hi [YarraStrategicPlan@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:YarraStrategicPlan@melbournewater.com.au)

There has been a submission on [Help us shape the final 10-year strategic plan for the Yarra River](#) through Engage Victoria

A copy of the submission is provided as below:

### **Part 1: Working toward the Community Vision**

**1a. Do the four, 10-Year Performance Objectives adequately reflect the 50 Year Community Vision?**

Somewhat

**1b. Please outline your reasoning for this opinion (optional)**

The numerous authorities and strategies that cover the Yarra River and its adjoins lands mean coordination of funding and actions must be carefully managed, not something that government authorities have a good reputation for achieving

**2a. Are the actions identified to deliver the 10-Year Performance Objectives achievable, realistic and measurable?**

Somewhat

**2b. Please outline your reasoning for this opinion (optional)**

The clarity of vision and overarching goals are not completely clear or measurable. The mission of improving the health of the river is not clarified through measurable actions. Issues such as improvement of storm water quality and ensuring sewerage does not enter the river are quantifiable and are basic measures needed to improve riverine health

**3a. Which specific actions do you think will be easiest or most challenging to deliver?**

The Hardest specific action will be the linking of riverine Access corridors through the mix of private ownership - such as golf clubs...

Of most interest to myself is the suggestion of education that the river is not a single entity but a living ecosystem stretching to Mt Baw Baw and how that is communicated to visitors.

Easiest will be to keep the status quo - not an acceptable outcome

**3b. Why do you think this?**

Linking access through different private ownerships is complex and costly

**4. What do you/ your organisation think is the greatest opportunity the Yarra Strategic Plan presents? Please rank the following statements in order of importance from 1 -4**

Improving water quality of the Yarra River and protecting land, floodplains and billabongs - 4

Acknowledging, protecting and commemorating the rich heritage of the Birrarung - 4

Improving the river's parklands to support community wellbeing - 4

Protecting the significance of the Yarra River's landscapes and views - 3

**5. Do you feel the draft Yarra Strategic Plan has put appropriate actions in place to ensure delivery on the aspirations of Traditional Owners?**

Yes

**6a. Are there key priority areas of land you think should be added to the parkland network along the Yarra River?**

Yes

**6b. If you answered Yes, where are these key priority areas of land and why do you think they should be added?**

Catchments including Darebin and Merri Creeks are not covered

## **Part 2: Land Use framework**

**7. The Land Use framework aims to put the Yarra River at the heart of future planning and development decisions. What is your / your organisation's view about the Land Use framework?**

Great

**8a. Do you believe the Land Use directions will support the 50 Year Community Vision?**

Somewhat

**8b. Why do you think this?**

There are measurable controls that can be applied uniformly, not all riverine conditions are uniform.

**9a. Do you agree with the Land Use directions for the Yarra River?**

Yes

**9b. Please outline your reasoning for this opinion (optional)**

**10a. Do you believe that the 13 significant places identified for the river corridor reflect the most regionally significant locations?**

Yes

**10b. Why do you think this?**

**11. Do you agree with the opportunities identified for the significant places that you connect with?**

Yes

**12. Do you have any further ideas about how the Plan may provide for the cultural/spiritual/environmental care and protection of the Yarra River over the next ten years, whilst also working toward achieving the 50 Year Community Vision?**

Improvements to the Yarra Bend parklands including vegetation diversity and greatly improved landscape treatments.

The open space sporting grounds could be better arranged and designed into the overall landscape rather than being plonked.

**13. Finally, what are your overarching thoughts and feelings about the Yarra Strategic Plan?**

A great first step

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