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DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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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)

It is hard to set 10 year objectives that will fit a 50 year vision. Circumstances can change over time

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)

These seem achievable in a broad sense, but more detail has to be developed. Commercial developments along the River need to have mandatory setback and height controls to stop overshadowing. There are already such Design and Development Overlays in the various planning schemes, but they need to be much tighter to stop over-development

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

River health and maintaining and extending parklands and riparian landscapes will be the easiest and are an extension of existing maintenance regimes, and provided all stakeholders cooperate it can be achieved. Planning for an unpredictable future is a challenge.

3b. Why do you think this?

The effects of climate change, population growth and changing demographics are difficult to project and plan for. The effects of flooding, drought and bushfire fuel loads needs to be taken into account. The Federal Government needs to accept that climate change is mostly man-made, and provide a policy framework and strategy for dealing with it, as well as dealing with plastic pollution

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 - 1

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

Improving the river's parklands to support community wellbeing - 2

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?

Improve accessibility for the public that do not have direct access to the River, and set aside land to connect the parklands into a continuous recreational zone. In the Inner City Reach, there are precincts, like Cremorne, which have a village community, where people live and work, but have almost no parklands. They have a River view, but limited access due to the Monash Freeway. Improving access to the River bank green spaces and Capital City Trails at the Cremorne railway bridge would ensure enclaves such as Cremorne can enjoy the River

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?

The view of the River as a whole is generally good in the forward planning, but it will be hard to integrate specific localised interests and agendas, as all individual parts affect the other parts

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

Somewhat

8b. Why do you think this?

It is hard to make a 10 year strategy that will support a 50 year vision and it needs to be flexible

enough to account for changing circumstances over time

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

Somewhat

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

There needs to be a fallback position or Plan B in some instances to allow a contingency if n there is not total cooperation by Government or authorities. It would be hard to ensure that everyone was on the same page due to self or local interests and agendas

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

Somewhat

10b. Why do you think this?

I am not sure there are 10 significant places, but the ones that have been identified are reasonable. It is hard to be familiar with them all as the represent either local or specific stakeholder interests

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?

As has been identified, River health can be improved with the existing sewerage system being properly maintained and upgraded for the increasing population, better monitoring of industrial

wastes, and better litter traps on stormwater drains to stop rubbish entering the waterways. This requires full cooperation of Government and the authorities, and is beyond the scope of Strategic Plan

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

The Strategic Plan is much overdue and provided there is continuing cooperation and the broad view is maintained by all stakeholders with Government support, then it is a solid plan for the future. The key to its success is in the implementation of the strategy

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