



IMAGINE
THE YARRA

DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

Submission Number:	214227
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Attachments:	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

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?

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

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

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

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

3b. Why do you think this?

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

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

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

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

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?

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

8b. Why do you think this?

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

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?

10b. Why do you think this?

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

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?

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

I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to participate in the community consultation in Warrandyte on the 23rd February so I provided my input re. the above questions at that workshop. Subsequently I have been reading the book *Kindred: A Cradle Mountain Love Story* by Kate Legge. which chronicles the story of Gustav Weindorfer and Kate Cowle, both of whom were instrumental in the opening up of Cradle Mountain and its creation as a national park. They were also active in documenting the unique flora and fauna of Victoria. In Gustav's writings he argued for the stringent safeguarding of forests from careless tree-felling along river frontages. In his paper in the Office of the Government Statist, *Victorian Year Book 1905*, no. 26, Government Printer, Melbourne 1906 pp 21-6 he stated "By the wanton destruction of these trees, and the denuding the banks of their undergrowth, their constant erosion takes place, many species of our native flora are likely to entirely disappear. It would be therefore highly advisable that all water frontages be reserved throughout the State, and the destruction of shrub life on or near the edges of the rivers strictly forbidden." I think his message, while ignored in the past, needs to be heeded now. I have watched, after heavy rains, huge Eucalypts on the bank of the Yarra, fall into the river. This cannot be allowed to continue.

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