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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

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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?

Unsure

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

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objectives. Much of the document is focused on 'showcasing' business as usual rather than proposing meaningful change for the river. The plan does not consider the impact of North-East Link on the Yarra.

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

No

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

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

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3b. Why do you think this?

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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 - 2

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?

Unsure

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?

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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?

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

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8b. Why do you think this?

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

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

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

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10b. Why do you think this?

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

Somewhat

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?

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

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