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THE YARRA

DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN

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SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

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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?

No

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

see below

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)

see below

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

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 - 3

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

No

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?

see 10b below

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

Somewhat

8b. Why do you think this?

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

No

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?

Somewhat

10b. Why do you think this?

I am concerned that increasing apartment development and access overwhelms the river bank in the suburban reach at Abbotsford. This development impacts on the river in relation to stormwater runoff and reduces community amenity of the river bank. The YSP must provide robust protection from such development into the future.

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?

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

I support the aspirations of the Yarra Strategic Plan (YSP). I support the plan defending the river against the twin pressures of climate change and urbanization, using the planning scheme mechanisms and other tools to develop a new informed approach to how we manage the river not only over the 10 years of the plan but also over the next 50 years. I support the YSP promoting the use of modern governance – collaboration and coordination – to help address issues on the Yarra. However, I am concerned that the mechanisms the YSP proposes to ensure collaboration and coordination are not strong enough. The plan is too high level and aspirational in its wording and it needs to be more specific in detail and the articulation of outcomes. - The Performance Objectives need to be SMART goals that reference the environmental indicators in 'State of the Yarra and its Parklands' report as a baseline to measure the improvement of the action instituted over the next 10 years. - 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. This must include the impact of rapidly increasing hard surfaces such as roads and roofs on our waterways and the consequent stormwater pollution. This pollution kills macroinvertebrates that are the base of the food chain. - It is critical that the plan recognizes the conflict between disturbance and habitat fragmentation on the one hand and access to the river on the other. Suitable planning tools need to be included in the plan to clearly define what is to be protected and where activity nodes are appropriate. The YSP has been prepared by the Yarra Collaboration Committee (p 4 & p 10 of the Draft Yarra Strategic Plan) and not, as required under the legislation, by the lead agency. The committee has an inherent conflict of interest, and the plan reflects what is currently being done rather than what is intended to be delivered under the Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung murrn) Act. In saying this, I endorse the Yarra Riverkeeper Association/Environmental Justice Australia submission.

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