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THE YARRA

DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

Submission Number:	189280
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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?

Yes

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?

Yes

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

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

The biggest challenge will be Pollution:

3b. Why do you think this?

Pollution and litter from stormwater flows into the river and then into Port Phillip Bay' is identified as an issue for the Inner-city Yarra stretch. PoMC would welcome consideration of an integrated approach to obtaining a better understanding of natural variation in flows and sediment load from the Yarra, particularly due to storm events.

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 - 3

Acknowledging, protecting and commemorating the rich heritage of the Birrarung - 1

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?

Somewhat

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

No

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?

The current level of public access to the Yarra west of the Bolte Bridge is generally limited to pockets of existing open space in Fishermans Bend (west of Pier 35), Williamstown/Newport foreshore and to the east of Moonee Ponds Creek. Given the safety and security considerations we support the exclusion of areas further downstream of.

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

Yes

8b. Why do you think this?

The Land Use directions acknowledge the river's place as a transport corridor and its connection to Port Phillip Bay, whilst putting appropriate actions in place to ensure delivery on the aspirations of Traditional Owners

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?

We understand that the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people were consulted and consider many places along the Birrarung (Yarra) to be sites of significance - we understand that these sites have been included within the 13 and hence meet the expectations of community and obligations of the Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung Murron) Act 2017

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?

The waters of the Port of Melbourne are specifically excluded from the Yarra River

Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung Murrn) Act 2017 as “Excluded land” - this is important to maintain the use of the Yarra as a vital transport link to the bay, this use is not however incompatible with improving the health of the Yarra (originating from contaminants upstream) and recognizing the historical transport and cultural significance of the Yarra the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people.

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