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THE YARRA

# DRAFT YARRA STRATEGIC PLAN

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

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

Hi [YarraStrategicPlan@melbournewater.com.au](mailto: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?**

Yes

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

The healthy river and culturally diverse objectives are the priority for me, however the remaining two support the first two objectives. By improving natural beauty and parklands you will improve people's interaction with the river and increase its value as a place for nature and culture. These values certainly steer away from the idea of the Yarra as a place to dump pollutants.

**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)**

The primary reason is that the plan gives a voice and some authority to the Wurundjeri people who have an unbiased view of the health and use of the river across both the geographical stretch of the river but also across the spans of time.

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

Easiest actions probably lie in planning and to some extent legislating.

More challenging will be some of the actions which require habituated people to change their actions. Town planners used to approving developments to stop and think, polluters used to being allowed to contaminate land being asked to stop (sometimes resulting in costs).

**3b. Why do you think this?**

Change is hard, particularly when alternatives cost time and money and if "progress" is not rapidly seen.

I'm encouraged

By your well thought out and well communicated vision that inspires change. It will be important to keep stakeholders updated with positive progress for momentum.

**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?**

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?**

Excellent to be thinking about the land around the river as this has a major influence on water quality. Improvements in water quality drive the health of plant and animal life but also allows people (particularly in the lower reaches) to again interact with the river (touch the water, paddle or swim in it) and Through this interaction and relationship further drive people's care of and for the river.

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

Yes

**8b. Why do you think this?**

The vision places emphasis on a vision that incorporates the aspirations of most people.

Very few (if any) people want a polluted river and this is the start of restoration, protection and action that can gather momentum over the long term.

**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?**

I'm not as familiar with the sites as some but many are places I recognise.

**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?**

In the lower reaches perhaps some sort of water quality score (a digital scorecard perhaps) for people view and track progress and engage with the plan.

Maybe having a level at which the river is deemed safe to swim. And actions people can take at home (safe chemical disposal, bin your dog poo etc)

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

It's good to have a vision forward towards the restoration of the river and a whole of river view that takes the Traditional owner's views very seriously.

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