
Request to be heard?: No

Precinct: Montague

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Affected property:

Attachment 1: Letterhead_2016.

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attachment.

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RE: Submission to Framework

Thank you for the opportunity to recently attend a business briefing for the Fisherman's Bend project. We commend the taskforce for the level of consultation being undertaken to ensure that community opinion is heard.

The level of planning and consultation for this major residential and commercial project is encouraging and it is sincerely hoped that previous problems with some major Melbourne development projects, because of a lack of planning and consultation, will be avoided for this important project.

The size and importance to Melbourne of the project is recognized by this business association. We also recognize that the project needs to consider the needs of the City and State in a 50-100 year timeframe, rather than what might be currently judicious, or in the short to medium term.

We have also studied the supporting Integrated Transport Plan and acknowledge that an efficient public transportation system will be crucial to the success of the suburb.

We make two specific comments relevant to the documentation we have reviewed:

1. The need to maintain all remnant heritage aspects of the Montague Precinct, to ensure that Montague pays homage to the history of the area, and that its extant fine-grain will more rapidly create a sense of identity and community,
2. That any rail freight link to span the Lower Yarra River - envisioned within the 40 year framework - is only proposed within the context of a tunnel under the waterway, so as to preserve the aesthetic of the lower reaches of the Yarra, and to keep the river and Docklands accessible for tall profile vessels. The Lower Yarra has been progressively blighted over the years by bridges and the growing importance of Melbourne's Waterfront to the City's tourism and recreation means that another bridge must be avoided at all cost.

Yours faithfully,

John Forman
President
Yarra River Business Association Inc.