

**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Precinct:** Lorimer

**Full Name:** Keith Sutherland

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Lord Mayor and councillors, Yarra's Edge need not suffer from an inappropriate tram bridge. A viable alternative exists, but hasn't been considered. An alternative option to get trams into Fishermans Bend would be to access LaTrobe St rather than Collins St. An immersed tube (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immersed\\_tube](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immersed_tube)) could be pre-built and anchored to the Victoria Harbour sea floor without the need for tunnelling. I understand that Victoria Harbour is 11 metres deep (with another two metres of Coode Island silt for good measure) and that waterways only needs 4.5 metres depth. Trams would come down LaTrobe St, cross Harbour Esplanade and stop on the water side before dropping into the Harbour, curving around and coming up again on the south side of the river (Ingles St has been suggested). Such a tram corridor would have the following benefits: \* Relieve the need to add even more trams to Collins St (which is already full); \* Relieve the need to pay \$300 million to Yarra's Edge as class action compensation; \* Potentially save local MP Martin Foley from electoral defeat; \* Connect with Southern Cross Station (from the other end of Etihad Stadium); \* Connect with Flagstaff Station, Melbourne Central Station and the new Metro Tunnel CBD North (State Library) station; \* Activate NewQuay and the urban renewal area of City North; and \* Confirm the vision of Victoria Harbour (South Basin) as Melbourne's hub of future water-borne commuter ferries. Regards  
Concerned Resident