

Request to be heard?: Yes

Precinct: Lorimer

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Organisation: Sail and Adventure Ltd

Affected property: Shed 2 North Wharf Road Victoria Harbour Vic 3008

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am writing on behalf of Sail & Adventure Limited, owner and operator of the tall ship 'Alma Doepel' to provide the following comments regarding the proposed plan to build a rail bridge across the Yarra River, downstream of the Bolte Bridge. 'Alma Doepel' is a historically significant Australian-built tall ship currently under restoration within Victoria Harbour, with support from the City of Melbourne, Development Victoria and Lend Lease as well as from many other sponsors, donors and members of the public. The ship first started trading between Hobart and Melbourne in 1916 and in more recent times has operated as a youth sail-training ship within Port Phillip. 'Alma Doepel' has a mast-height of 28 meters and is able to pass under the Bolte Bridge at all states of the tide. The height of the Bolte Bridge was, in fact, determined so as to allow 'Alma Doepel' to pass underneath. The ship is planned to be restored and operational within 3 years and to be based in Victoria Harbour. The construction of the proposed rail bridge at 8 meters clearance would prevent 'Alma Doepel' from entering and leaving Victoria Harbour. A number of other heritage sailing ships, which are based in Victoria Harbour, have similar height limitations. The intention of the City of Melbourne is to have a heritage fleet based at Docklands, which will attract visitors and facilitate increased business activity in the precinct. On behalf of Sail and Adventure Ltd, a group established in 2006 to facilitate tall ship activities within the State of Victoria, I would like to note that Melbourne is already restricted in the entry of many of the world's great sailing ships that cannot pass under the Bolte Bridge. Smaller ships with air-draft less than 28 meters work within Victoria Harbour and visit from interstate and overseas. A lower clearance bridge would further restrict access to these vessels. Yours sincerely Peter van Duyn, Master Mariner Director, Sail & Adventure Ltd 0419 370332 www.almadoepel.com.au