

**Request to be heard?:** No, but please email me the timetable and directions

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**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** To the Advisory Committee Bicycle Network supports the intentions outlined in the Bulleen Precinct Framework Plan, and Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C125mann, to enhance the shared trails network along the Yarra River within the Bulleen Precinct. Bicycle Network is Australia's biggest bike riding organisation, supported by nearly 50,000 members nationwide. We are a registered health charity with a focus on physical activity: specifically, making bike riding for commuting, local trips, or recreation a part of everyday life in the community. For decades we have engaged with communities, governments and agencies to participate in the planning and development of the iconic trail network along the Yarra River. Ultimately we want to see a continuous trail network from the City out to Warrandyte. We are proud that much of the vision has been realised, and excited that new opportunities are now arising to enable better access by the public to this wonderful environment due to land acquisitions by the North East Link Project, and land transfer offer in relation to C125mann. It is positive that the Main Yarra Trail will be connected through the Precinct. Additional parkland trails, better local connections with a signalised intersection at Heidelberg Road, a connection to Heidelberg Station and a new off-road path along Templestowe Road, will be valuable enhancements for local people and those that will explore along the River and visit local attractions such as the Heide Museum of Modern Art. New bike and pedestrian bridge connections across the Yarra will be a powerful inducement for people to experience the environment and get the exercise they need to be healthy. As a measure of the public interest in and support for these proposals, a recent item in our e-newsletter regarding the draft plans was one of the most read ever. We believe there will be widespread public appreciation for the benefits that the Bulleen Precinct Framework Plan, and Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C125mann, will deliver.