

Request to be heard?: Yes

Precinct: Lorimer

Full Name: Badi Aftasi

Organisation:

Affected property: Apt 901, 90 Lorimer Street

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: My name is Badi Aftasi. My wife and I are owner/occupier of Apartment 901, #90 Lorimer Street, Yarra Edge, YE. The Fishermans Bend draft framework proposes a tram bridge over the Yarra at YE. We are opposed to this tram bridge for the following reasons: 1- Devaluation of our property: When deciding on our move from suburb to the City, we finalised our choices between YE and Port Melbourne, PM, Apartments. Since moving to YE, we have noticed that the value of our apartment in YE has not appreciated as much as our friend who decided on the PM Apartment. In discussing this matter with family, friends and the experts, eg, the real estate agents, one of the main reasons they almost all suggest is the "spectre" of having the above mentioned bridge which deters the potential buyers in considering the YE apartments. 2- Life Style: One of the main criteria for our final decision on YE was the view of the YE marina and the life style associated with it, ie, the Souther Mediterranean's. This bridge will greatly hamper this view. 3- Noise and Visual Pollution: Considering the forecasted tram traffic over this bridge, as highlighted in the previous traffic analysis done by the authorities, is "one tram every 2 minutes". This heavy traffic only compares with the tram traffic on the Princes bridge, which is apparently one of the heaviest ones in the world! The noise and visual pollution of this extra ordinary traffic is concerning. 4- Environmental: The YE's peace and tranquility that has made it an almost a tourist destination in Melbourne, evident in the number of visiting tourists and the bridal "photo" takings, would be compromised by this bridge. 5- Close knitted Community: The social and support environment that has been created in YE will be disrupted due to the unwanted traffic brought in as a result of this bridge. For the above mentioned reasons, we strongly advise the Fishermans Bend Planning Review Panel to recommend that the draft planning scheme amendment GC81 be opposed and to seek a more appropriate option to cater for the transport needs of Fishermans Bend. Please note that; in case of the implementation of this bridge, and in order to further mitigate our financial losses due to this bridge, we will find ourselves obliged to take legal actions. Thanking you for the opportunity to respond to the draft framework, we welcome a chance for us to present our submission in person. Fro further information please contact: Mr. Badi Aftasi Mobile #: 0408156664 Email Address: baftasi@gmail.com Thursday the 14th of December, 2017.