

**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Precinct:** Lorimer

**Full Name:** Karen Keith Sutherland

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Proposed new tram crossing for Fisherman's Bend Redevelopment.. Points 1 Most Yarra's Edge residents are not in favour of low bridge tram line from Collins St to Lorimer St. In fact there is much objection and hostility to proposal as outlined on page 31 of Framework document. 2 The proposal takes away the ambiance of the current marina outlook thus restricting 49 larger boats including all sailing vessels with high masts which I'm sure many residents purchased in the area to moor their vessels. 3 Many of us purchased to take advantage of the Yarra & Marina aspect and it's believed that property values will be considerably reduced if Bridge was erected. 4 Its my understanding that the State Govt would have a class action against them and a substantial fighting fund would be organised to fight the Andrews Govt at next years Nov election if this proposal was to proceed. 5 Having listened to Public Transport official outline all other tram options this was their preferred route but the whole proposal lacked logic. I.E. only 6m high Bridge to allow tram gradient then cutting across Lorimer St blocking traffic flows which already can't carry the existing vehicles at peak times. Then to suggest that emergency vehicles would use tram line, how that would work no one knows? Then throw in bike & walking paths just how wide would the bridge need to be, Official Mitt couldn't answer that. 6 Surely a transport expert needs to be consulted to find an alternative. The proposal only seems to look at tram routes at the early stages of redevelopment but trains are the best people movers and what has been proposed doesn't seem to offer credible options. 7 I have looked at all suggested proposals and would like to suggest the following - Rather than the river crossing we have a tunnel under the Yarra via New Quay entering from La Trobe St using the existing tram route with roadway coming out at Ingles St thus allowing road traffic to avoid Montague intersection reducing traffic along Lorimer St which hasn't been addressed in current proposal. 8 This proposal if feasible could continue straight after current works being undertaken immediately after the completion of Metro One and moving straight into Metro Two, Which would make sense to make use of existing contracts having all tunnelling equipment in place. 9 Obviously financing such proposal would have to be funded by Federal Govt grants and State Govt funding and maybe private/public funding with some sort of toll roads which I acknowledge the public hate. 10 There are many stakeholders including your Govt, Local Councils, residents, business and trucking companies that a have an interest in providing support for what I believe is Australia's greatest infrastructure project "Fisherman's Bend" Keith Sutherland