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Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: The Vision for the Precinct includes the objective of 'connecting people and places'. Specifically on page 4 of the study an objective is 'use urban form to restore visual and physical link to the Yarra River and parklands.' This framework plan falls short in identifying locations within the study area which connects people to the banks of the Yarra River for informal passive recreational opportunities such as bird watching, kayaking, enjoyment of the river environment and paddling. There is a missed opportunity for this plan to consider the most environmentally and culturally sensitive location for an informal access to the yarra. The river banks along the Banyule side of the river particularly at Sills Bend are eroding at a rapid rate and vegetation being degraded due to informal river access through goat tracks being established due to lack of provided connection. This Framework plan has fallen sort of considering an access point to the river banks for the benefit of both the Manningham and Banyule communities for informal recreational and educational purposes and ecological connections. I would suggest the fast eroding 'sandy beach' site at Sills Bend in Heidelberg should be considered for a river access point, considered for an informal access point and included in the plan.