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**Write your submission**

Hello,

I am a Preston resident and have been a regular shopper at the Preston market for many years. While the developments some years back were beneficial to give the market a makeover, the new plans are not conducive to maintain the space as a community hub.

The market is an important place for the community and many travel to visit it - it is one of the few remaining open-air fresh food markets in Melbourne and is part of the city's multicultural history.

While creating some further housing may be beneficial, the current plan is out of proportion for the space and ignores the urgent need for affordable housing for locals. The last thing we need is another monstrous apartment block owned by investors and sitting half-empty.

A redevelopment of the site also provides the opportunity to think bigger on the carbon footprint. I would love to see a more ambitious energy use plan as well as recycling facilities and green waste collection. There is an opportunity to invest in solar panels and battery storage. Let the market be a leader in this space.

Building in green spaces is also essential and this plan fails to meet the bare-minimum 18 per cent space that is in line with Council's suggestions.

I urge you to please rethink this plan. It is not good enough and will be a huge waste of money and resources as well as being the death-knell to this important community institution. I urge you to listen to local residents. We will be the ones most affected by these changes so please do not assume you know what we want. We do not want a huge apartment block. We want affordable housing and the market supported to continue to thrive.

Kind regards,



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