

From: [REDACTED]
To: [amendments](#)
Subject: Preston Market Development
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Preston Market development. I have reviewed the plans for the site.

I have lived in the inner northern suburbs for 20 years and I worked in Preston for around 5 years during that period, right near the market. As such, I am well familiar with the market and the surrounding area and I still frequently attend the market and the surrounding restaurants and shops, which I love.

There are many reasons why I oppose the development of the market that is proposed. These include the following (in no particular order):

1. The proposed development will radically transform the market and the character of the market as it has stood for many years will be lost. More than half of the market as it currently stands will be demolished. Not only will the character be lost, but also a significant part of the history. This will be absolutely irretrievable, of course. What I mean by the character is that the market has an "old" feel to it. To modernise it would be to destroy that aspect of the market (and Preston itself), which in my experience is what people love about it. That "old Melbourne" feel of the area will be destroyed forever. I am unsure of the heritage listing status but the market should absolutely be protected as is from developers.
2. The proposed development is massive and the sheer volume of apartments being created will hugely increase congestion in the area. It is already a very busy area, with heaps of traffic and not enough parking. This situation will be made massively worse.
3. There will be far less open space around the market.
4. The development seems to be driven by dollar concerns, without reference to community interests. I do not believe for a second that anything other than a small minority of market-goers would support this development. I haven't got any way to prove this, but everyone I have spoken to about the development is against it and I am confident the only submissions you will receive are against the proposal. As far as I can tell, nobody wants this other than those with a vested financial interest.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] or at this email address for any further information required or to provide any updates. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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