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To: [amendments](#)
Subject: Preston Market Structure Plan — draft Amendment C182dare
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Dear Victorian Planning Authority,

My name is [REDACTED] and I own an apartment at [REDACTED], just across the street from Preston Market.

As a North-side resident and a frequent shopper at Preston Market, I am highly concerned with the proposed plans of development for Preston Market and its surroundings.

Preston Market is the heart of the North, I agree that we need to preserve it and work towards making it more sustainable where possible. However, I strongly disagree on the 5 apartment building block all of which will exceed 4 storeys ♦ which is the maximum level most apartments are around the area, excluding the apartment on Clinch Street, which I believe is 7 storeys high. In this plan, it is proposed for all of the apartment buildings to be more than 10 stories, with the tallest one being 20 storeys. This is unnecessary and disrespectful to the surrounding houses and apartments in Preston. These plans are not sympathetic to the existing landscape, it will immensely destroy the landscape of an open air market. I definitely think the surrounding community will not benefit from this, as these apartments will be expensive, small and poorly built. The only ones who would benefit and profit from this would be the developer. I ♦m aware that 10 per cent of the apartments will be ♦affordable housing ♦, I ♦m concerned that this is just a way to satisfy the community so that the developer can build expensive and poorly made apartments around Preston market. Once again, to reiterate, the only ones who would benefit this plan are the already well-off developers NOT the community.

Furthermore, as previously mentioned, Preston Market is the heart of the North, meaning our neighbouring communities also rely on the market for their weekly shopping and other leisurely activities. They would travel by public transport or a car just to come to Preston market. This brings me to my next question, how will you cater to these extended communities? I don ♦ see any parking lot area in your current plans or any consideration for them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I encourage you to urgently revise these plans and to listen to the community's concern surrounding a much loved and historic market.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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