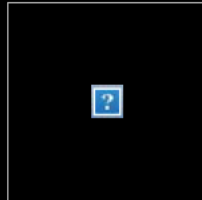


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I was born in 1972 at Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and lived on the border of Preston and Thornbury until I was 20. My parents bought all their food from the Market from the first day it opened, in 1970, since they first moved to the area. No matter where we moved in Melbourne: Ivanhoe, Bulleen, Carlton, we still go to the Preston Market for all our provisions several times a week. Consequently, we know many of the stores and traders. I have grown up with many of them and their kids. The market has a unique character that would be destroyed if the proposed development is allowed to proceed. Firstly, it will greatly diminish the open spaces and box-in the remaining market areas. The feel of the market will change for ever, and will risk driving traditional shoppers away. If the market is closed for any time during the development, traders and customers will leave and likely never return. The market will change for ever, if not die. Within a few years, the remaining stores will be abandoned and will have to be redeveloped again for some other purpose. The whole idea

that the space is wasted is a fallacy. Developing every open space just because it's open is the same philosophy that causes the destruction of the natural world. There is a distinct lack of open spaces. There is an opportunity to "green" the open carpark with trees between the rows of cars and planted strips; not build ugly, multi story, enclosed, tight carparks. Also, the last thing the city needs are more high-rise apartments. There is already an oversupply. I maintain, that the unique character of Preston Market, different from other markets like Queen Vic or Prahran, will be destroyed with this development. When I travel around Australian, no other city has the Melbourne type markets. My friends from other capitals comment how lucky we are in Melbourne and especially Preston, to have such a market. Furthermore, our older people, people of all ages and cultures value this open meeting space. I hear Italian, Greek, Arabic, Maori, Chinese, Croatian, Russian, Hindi, and pretty much any language spoken in Melbourne, all in the melting pot of the market. The development would wreck that sense of multi-cultural community, which has slowly been nurtured over many years. It's not something you can just re-invent through "redevelopment". Please don't change and ruin the place that is the multi-cultural heart of northern Melbourne. I strongly object to this proposal to "redevelop" the Preston Market district.

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