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I'm writing as a concerned Preston resident. We were recently provided hard-copy documentation about the Preston Market Precinct redevelopment, which is being led by the Victorian Planning Authority. I believe that the Preston community deserves better than this proposal. This plan and proposed amendment to the Darebin planning scheme effectively threatens our renowned Preston market.

My particular concern is the intention to amend planning controls to build three even-higher residential towers on the market site. Specifically the tower, which is 20 stories high,

exceeds any sensible projection for the area. Residential development on the market site should adhere to planning controls that are more appropriate to the surrounding buildings and the future above-ground Preston station.

The VPA does not provide enough appropriate information, or evidence, as to why the existing planning controls should be adjusted to accommodate even-higher residential towers. The proposed residential towers will dwarf the market complex entirely. Three residential towers at such height will inevitably lead to a community dead-zone, where all green spaces are overshadowed by the grey multiplexes.

The emphasis on high-density residential development in the Preston Market Precinct Structure Plan risks the market's viability. It is questionable whether high-density residential development is able to co-exist on the same site as a flourishing fresh-food market at all.

The market is a vital community asset. Preston is a desirable suburb to live in because of the market. This proposal jeopardises the market and thus jeopardises the community as well.

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