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Hello,

My name is Alicia Doddy and I am writing a submission in response to the Arden Structure Plan.

I would like to express my support for plans to create new green open spaces and integrated stormwater management, as well as engaging with local indigenous groups.

On these points I would also like to suggest that efforts to support and enhance biodiversity

in the area be maximised as much as possible, though the planting of indigenous plant species and the restoration of sections of the Moonee ponds creek that are included in the plan.

The planting of a highly diverse array of understory plant species and native grassland species would assist with this goal. Understory will help support a wider range of birdlife within urban areas, particularly smaller bird species. Native grasslands are one of Victoria's most threatened and vulnerable ecosystems, adding grassland species will both help preserve Victoria's ecological heritage and support species that would benefit from them within urban areas, especially invertebrates.

There are local groups such as Gardens for Wildlife within Melbourne that would be worthwhile consulting with on this subject and indigenous nurseries such as Bili nursery near Westgate biodiversity park that would be perfect for supply.

On another note, it would also be lovely to see efforts to educate the public within these spaces on what this area used to be like and what it was used for by Wurundjeri traditional owners pre-colonisation. This could be through signage, art, landscape design, etc or a combination of these. It is important to acknowledge the country on which this development is being built and acknowledge its history.

Kind regards,

Alicia

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