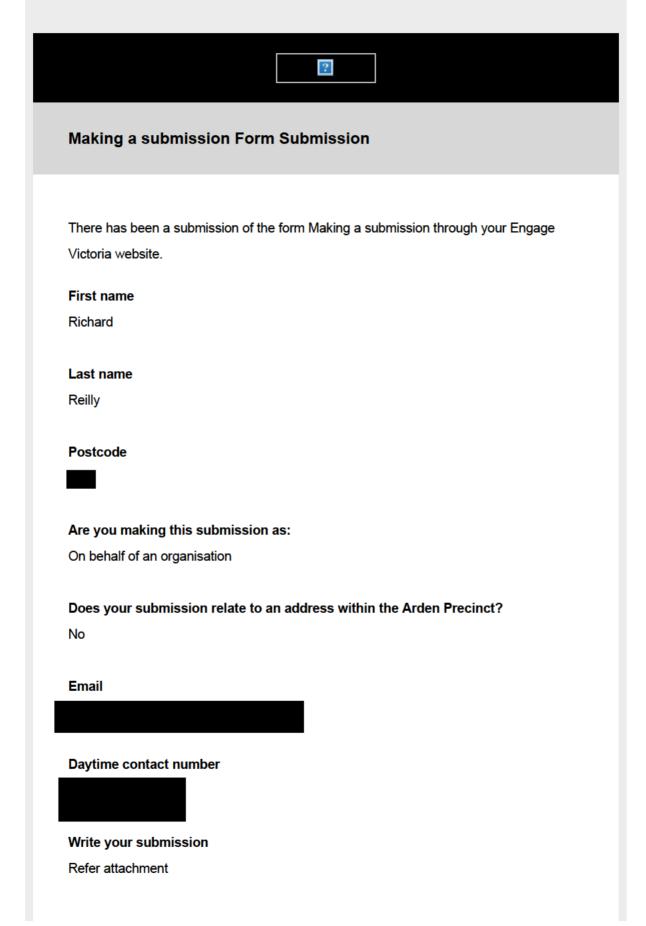


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Dear Madam/Sir

## **ARDEN STRUCTURE PLAN AUGUST 2021**

I am writing to comment on the Arden Structure Plan August 2021 to ensure the Plan contributes to a world class community sports and recreation hub which connects and is embraced by the local community.

I want to congratulate the VPA on its community engagement throughout the process of designing the Arden Structure Plan - both the presentation of the draft and enabling further submissions on the final iteration.

It is important that the local community can contribute to the design and development of future community assets.

As has been previously flagged, the current lack of open space within the community will be further exacerbated if new, open space and facilities are not included in future development plans, especially with the anticipated increase in residents into the area in the years to come.

Therefore, we commend the reclassification of certain inactive spaces to active spaces in the current plan – especially the proposed development of a new oval on the western side of Henderson Street.

The Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club (KFJSC) has a proud 130-year history. The KFJSC has a strong community identity and strives to foster inclusive opportunities for girls and boys from North Melbourne, Kensington, Flemington, Footscray, and Ascot Vale across a range of sports including football, netball, basketball, soccer and cricket.

The KFJSC is also fully supportive of the submission to the Arden Structure Plan made by our Netball Club, which seeks the development of netball courts for local use within the Arden area.

The KFJSC is experiencing significant growth. A current lack of ground availability in North Melbourne, including the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve being at capacity, has significantly impacted our ability to deliver Auskick and junior football training and competitions for our members. I reiterate our support of the construction of a new oval in the precinct.

The Club is fully supportive of the series of green links and spaces proposed for active recreation and the innovative use of water management. The Club supports the proposed future investment in community infrastructure.

The Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club wants to emphasise the importance of quality, multipurpose community infrastructure. The community needs additional open space now, and would urge that these community assets be developed in tandem with other residential and business infrastructure now, rather than developed later in the process.

The KFJSC would like to see community assets being developed at the commencement of any redevelopment, to allow community access and use in a timely manner. I would ask that both local and state governments continue to engage with the local community for future input.

I would be happy to discuss this submission at any time.

I can be contacted on or via email at

Yours sincerely

Richard Reilly

**Richard Reilly** 

Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club