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Arden Precinct submission

Homeowners: Lyr	da Pham and Laurie Showler
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21 September 2021

We support the draft and have suggested a number of improvements to the plans that have been suggested below, that take into consideration the livability of the area for families and learnings from Covid-19.

Key points:

- Add more traffic lights
 - Ensure there are give way to pedestrian signs to improve family friendliness for young children and the elderly, in particular at the main streets and streets surrounding the proposed primary school, community facilities and future hospital. There are currently issues with cars and busses turning into or cutting off pedestrians on main streets like Dryburgh St and Victoria St/Queensberry St/Arden St/Dynon St and that's without an increase of traffic in the area.
 - Use a mix of female, male, same sex and elderly traffic light signals to represent diversity and gender-equality
 - Add bicycle traffic light buttons, to allow for bikes to ride first and improve traffic flow and safety
- Improving the aesthetics of the area and attract people to the area:
 - Make it a requirement for more buildings to have vertical gardens and green rooftops, on a number of blocks/streets
 - Allow for dedicated council approved art work on building walls on a number of streets to attract people to the area and support /commission local artists
- Stormwater open space
 - Create dedicated water play areas/fountains for child play and signs to ensure children don't play in the integrated stormwater areas
- Learning from Covid-19:

Outdoor exercise:

 Add a rain/sun cover over playgrounds/sports/potential scooting areas/North Melbourne recreation outdoor areas, to allow for outdoor play/exercise for families despite extreme weather (rain or shine)

Covid friendly pedestrian buttons

 Add contactless pedestrian buttons or knee height pedestrian buttons to allow people to press the button with their knees and primary school children to press the button with their elbows (and to discourage people pressing the buttons with their feet). It will also help teach the kids about traffic safety.

Dog friendliness

- With the increased number of people with dogs, the area could be improved by adding dog bowls to all drinking fountains in the area; It would also be helpful to have more off leash dog areas in the Arden precinct
- Be the first area to have dog compost bins

Proposed primary school

- o Ensure there's a school crossing
- Allow for a dedicated, effective drop off area to avoid cars banking up and creating flow on traffic jams
- Ensure bicycle lanes and footpaths (for primary kids) from the primary school link into the dedicated bicycle lanes
- Ensure footpaths are smooth to allow for scooters (many inner city children ride their scooters to school)