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**7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Peter Sagar  
Executive Director  
Melbourne Renewal Precincts  
c/o VPA (Victoria Planning Authority)

Dear Peter Sagar / Sirs / Madams,

**Re : Submission - Public Consultation of the Arden Structure Plan and Draft Amendment C407MELB to the Melbourne Planning Scheme**

I received a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021, from you in regards to planning for this precinct.

We wish to have my say and input to constructively reflect our views and opinions but also very likely to encompass the views and opinions of most hopefully, in our consideration for the community, the area, the environment, the economy and the well-being of all.

In writing this letter, I have been nominated to represent my entire family and extended family living in this precinct totalling 27 of us united in one voice. I also represent a group of relatives and friends affected by this scheme totally 35 people and we all want to be heard loud and clear.

The following should be taken into serious consideration, as I think many would be in agreeance :

We do not want to see another suburb or area swapped with cranes and high rise developments - this is already happening too much and in too many areas, there needs to be moderation to this senseless barrage by developers and town planners with no real regard for anything else except the monetary outcomes.

We would love to see an area preserved with only very low level buildings and up to 6 storeys is already considered an eyesore.

Preserving the area with very strict low level buildings and developments will be important for Arden, Macaulay, North Melbourne we think.

Any development should not only be low rise but have a more environmentally connecting exterior and design to blend into the feel of this neighbourhood and should not be just another concrete or metal or glass slab poking into the sky and blocking out the beautiful skyline or obscuring the horizon.

It should be unique, boutique and more quality rather than quantity. Having over 100+ apartments all cramped into a slab is not desirable.

In light of what Covid 19 have taught us and educated us about the importance of not having too many things cramped together and in order to have the intelligence to learn from a lesson, we should be mindful that a future pandemic could become another reality with potentially equal if not more devastating consequences.

Hence high rises with excessive amount of small living size apartments cramped together is likely to be at much higher risks of nurturing a pandemic outbreak.

We have to learn from our past and current still ongoing mistakes or shortcomings and build better, not bigger or larger or more plentiful.

Less is More.

We must be prepared and be satisfied we can plan better now for any further pandemics or other environmental insults, be it covid 19, or 20 or 21 and so forth...

These may become even more highly contagious with much higher mortality rates that social distancing of 5+ metres may not even be enough.

I am sure we would all love to see more greenery, more parks and recreational areas, more community hubs with better designs, more environmentally friendly constructions with emphasis on liveability and purpose with selfless aims, rather than just the usual boring standard and selfish goal.

We need to create better and give the projects to smaller business with a strong sense of protecting and preserving the old, and not just be focused on the new.

Old is gold, tradition is priceless.

Businesses should also be more integrated with the environment and the people and culture.

Rather than have huge Coles or Woolworths supermarkets, let's have smaller groceries, specialised food stores, individual fruit and vegetable traders, individual butchers and fish mongers, boutique and small scale bakeries and cafes and restaurants with their own special unique touch of character and tradition and old time recipes.

Smaller roads, better design and limiting larger vehicles such as trucks, better traffic rules and limitations - will preserve the area so it is not just another main road congested with traffic and loud engine noises and smoky exhaust pollution, all leading towards more road contractions and bigger roads and highways and ultimately spiralling from bad to worse is what happens when control is not applied.

Finally, last but not least, security and safety is paramount and needs to be incorporated into the development of the area.

Better police and ambulance services and access including fire safe and smart constructions (hence smaller and less cramped buildings as opposed to high rise apartment blocks or large office buildings) would be the ultimate smarter choice.

By promoting all of the above, will naturally draw in the people who appreciate those qualities the most and they will in turn add to that environment what they cherished the most in the first place.

It's win, win and Win.

And having a community that cherishes and shares the same amazing values and promotes those characteristics, will in itself create a happier, more sustainable and safer environment without a doubt.

If you could please consider the full substance of our submission and / or pass on our contribution above to all necessary and important departments involved in the planning and ultimately development and realisation of the plan, we would be most grateful.

I hope our thoughts and input will be taken into much consideration and be utilised wholly and abundantly in the very important job of planning and implementing an Arden structure that will sustain all of us so much better for the foreseeable future.

I would appreciate acknowledgement upon receipt of this submission.

In due course, your response to our submission would be appreciated.

I would also like further information and updates in regards to this matter, and any future / or ongoing communications in this regard, and further advice on the responses to our submission, and what impact if any on the outcomes of your planning, decisions and implementations.

Thank you and regards.

Sincerely

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