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The Moonee Ponds Creek (directly abutting the Arden Project Precinct) is about to receive some significant trail and habitat upgrades via this funding. (I am an ordinary member of the Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek). Not before time....but a very credible improvement to

the Creek environs never the less.

What I have personally started to lobby for, in addition to the recent successful community effort to 're-wild' the Moonee Ponds Creek is the creation of a 'cyclist access point' from Melbourne Airport into the CBD along the Moonee Ponds Creek. And I speak of an access point that was 'Gateway' standard. The target market would be a percentage of the staff, visitors and arriving passengers, frequenting the airport. (It is the largest employer in the immediate region).

So.....here arguably, the cycle journey from the Airport could end in the Arden Project Precinct via a drop off point for the hire cycles that was situated near the Metro Melbourne North Melbourne Station. That covers the most environmentally significant proportion of the route into the CBD. Any passenger luggage would have to have been consigned via the Sky-Bus service to an appointed hotel in order that the cycle journey could occur' uninhibited.

Melbourne Airport would have one of the worst carbon footprints of any industry in the country. As usual in so much of Australia....there was zero planning....the airport being built out beyond the borders of the then city of Melbourne....vehicular access and taxi service promoted.....belated bus connections....and then when the road congestion and parking costs finally become too exorbitant, a rail connection considered. This is simply not good enough. Cycle access is an immediate response even where it only represents a proportion of the total journeys.

The Arden Project could potentially play a major role here....for example, by hosting a sizeable depot and deposit point for the share hire bicycles currently in use in the City of Melbourne, by encouraging the opening of smaller accommodation facilities (AirBnB, a 'Backpackers' or Boutique Hotel) in the Precinct...including appropriate way-faring signage within the Precinct ...ensuring safe and clearly legible access to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail...and so on. That the Precinct be conceived as a nodal point for cross town cycle traffic accessing the Moonee Ponds Creek trail.

These are the matters I would wish to see given consideration in the current community consultation process.

The Lime Public e-bike Share Program currently in place, deserves wider promotion. I submit that it would be next to impossible to hire and ride one of these bicycles either to, or from, the Arden street Precinct departing from / arriving at Melbourne Airport unless the

Airport provided some nature of collection and drop off point outside the street level access to the Passenger Terminals (in the shape of a bicycle cage with racks). There cannot be 'through traffic' via the Arden Precinct if major potential destinations refuse to cater for cycle traffic.

I believe that some nature of executive 'follow up' would be valuable.

Melbourne Airport are currently reviewing their Strategic Master Plan. A contact point would for any submission to this Plan would be [REDACTED]. Ms Collier appears to have routinely ignored any correspondence from me. While I will be organizing some queries to her on the part of some State MP's, it is likely that she (or Melbourne Airport) would feel more obliged to respond to communication from either the Victorian Planning Authority or from Melbourne City.

What needs to be studiously avoided is 'green-washing' Planning Documents with anemic 'Mother-hood' statements.....('Bikes are nice. We like them. Climate Change is bad. Someone should do something').....in lieu of serious commitments to providing the physical facilities, routing, and signage that will serve to make the Arden Precinct, and its Metro Station, a major modal point on the Principal Bicycle Network and arterial cycling routes. The airport via the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail would serve a fundamental destination and arrival point into the Arden Precinct if permitted to so

With my regards

Malcolm Wrest

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