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## Metro Tunnel Project Development Plans: *Have Your Say*

To whom it may concern,

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed designs for the Arden/ North Melbourne Station precinct. This is a very exciting project and we are very much looking forward to the opening of the system and the benefits it will bring the local community, of which Fencing Victoria is a very active member.

In brief, Fencing Victoria operates from the North Melbourne State Fencing Centre (SFC) located on Arden Street within the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve, a facility managed by the City of Melbourne and co-tenanted by the North Melbourne Football Club. We hold up to a dozen events each year that attract typically up to 350 athletes, staff and supporters. In addition to this we hold training sessions every night of the week, which require up to 100 people moving to and from the SFC every afternoon and evening, many of whom use public transport.

Our comments are focused on the following aspects of the provided documentation;

- access for pedestrians and cyclists, and
- overall transport integration.

Our primary concern is the ability for our athletes, coaches, staff and supporters to safely access the SFC both during construction and post completion of the overall station and the surrounding precinct.

We would like to mention safety specifically. Many of our members are school aged children, women, girls, gender indeterminate and from diverse backgrounds. Their safety in this neighbourhood when travelling to and from the SFC is a very serious concern for us. We seek confirmation that these considerations are being taken formally into account and will be demonstrated in forthcoming documentation.

The safety of your patrons and our members will not start and stop at the immediate station surrounds.

**Section 4.3.9 of the Development Plan for Arden** does note CPTED, although does not include (at this time) consideration of specific known vulnerable groups. CPTED is a general measure, is a minimum standard, and needs to be developed further through clear and specific objectives relating the context, likely user groups and an assessment of real and perceived threats over time.

Fencing Victoria would very much welcome the opportunity to work with MMT/ CYP and the City of Melbourne to develop a specific plan for our members, staff and their families.

In summary our suggestions and feedback points are;

- Ensuring safe and inclusive places and access to public transport for the more vulnerable members, staff and family members using public transport needs to be further defined, objectives clarified and consultation sought. Impacts on these groups when accessing the SFC requires further definition and integration with the City of Melbourne and key user groups in the surrounding area.
- Access to parking in the border precinct (including Arden, Fogarty, Green Streets and Macaulay Road) need to be further defined, planned, and managed through construction and in perpetuity. Presentation of an integrated circulation and parking strategy with the City of Melbourne would very much satisfy this need.
- Need to more clearly define expected disruption during construction short and long term (Environmental/ Social Impact Assessment only relate to the immediate station surrounds) including potential loss of access to, through and from Arden, Fogarty, Green Streets and Macaulay Road.
- Need to clearly understand the expectations for notifying and working with Fencing Victoria so that we may plan for known disruptions well ahead of time.
- Inclusion of public open and recreational space for the future residents and employees (this is a high-density proposal, open space is included although the detail needs to support more active recreation).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this very exciting and critical project,

Sincerely



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