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Agenda item title: GREENING OF RODEN ST, WEST MELBOURNE

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

"As we are currently determining whether the community will support the Greening Roden Street Proposal"

We do not believe that you have adequately contacted 8,000 people about the GREENING IN RODEN ST details.

And informed the people that actually live in the street, we demand a new request for the people by the people to ascertain if they want this.

MCC contacted – 8,647e-newsletters sent plus 405 letters sent etc etc,

but on 110 people wrote in. By your own records, that's only 1.03% replied to your COMMUNITY CONSULTATION" Not a resounding mass of people leaving feedback?

COMMUNITY REQUEST How many actual came from Roden st? CAN WE SEE THE FIGURES on this please? Most people we have spoken with have no idea this is happening ?

Q- what's do you say about that?

COMMUNITY REQUEST – We feel since this has been worked on by council team members, really really hard for over

2 years, lets not be hasty and conduct a more streamlined vote to every household in the street.

Q- we want a street vote via a mailbox drop – that says ‘ "yes we want to keep our street and the trees the way they are".... or your version" 91% of poeple that did vote, being over 1:05% of locals we contacted, being over 8,000. only 110 participants speak for over 8,000 people? thats really no the way democracy works, and we say, "DOWN TOOLS" and lets get this right for a change." FOR GOOD"...

IN SHORT YOU CONSULTED WITH OVER 80 PEOPLE FOR 1 HOUR ON A Saturday MORNING

BEWTEEN 9:30–1030AM and 3 MCC team members spoke with everyone?

Thats a hard pill to swallow.

All trees in this section of Roden Street (Spencer to King Street) were assessed by an independent arborist.

COMMUNITY REQUEST – we would like out own ‘INDEPENDANT ABORIST TO ATTEND AND MAKE AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Q- Can you assure the community by halving our current footpath to 2meters in width and installing another footpath, that this will not be used as a bicycle and electric scooter path?

COMMUNITY REQUEST – I have requested that an EIS findings be provided to us before you commence – EIS is an ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT SURVEY>

Q- where will all the migrating rainbow lorikeets nest with all the 25= year old bottlebrush trees being removed? Where will all the bees feed from as the First Nations TREES PROVIDE NECTOR FROM THEIR RED BOTTLEBRUSH.

COMMUNITY REQUEST – we request another community onsite visit, with MCC team member wearing property ID lanyards and I would suggest if it is 80+ people attending for only 1 hours then you provide more team members to engage with and answer all their questions.

COMMUNITY REQUEST — we propose an injunction on the GREENING OF RODEN ST, until we have an EIS and notified all residents adequately,

We will submit a notice of intent to motion an INJUNCTION with VCAT of our findings pursuant to our legal and constitutional rights.

Discovery – 3 weeks notice was simply no enough time for people to apply and appeal and receive information

about an incredibly important cross roads in this gorgers streets life.

The trees can't speak, we are there voices and we must save them at all costs.

MELBOURNE CITY CHARTER –

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Q–How does cutting down and killing 13 BIRDAKS is being respectful?, (Bottlebrush),

They have been living here for well over 200,000 years and why are they a threat to you and your artist 3D vsions, ?
You state that you “respect” the land we govern”–

I state – as a proud First nations Wurundjeri elder, I say “no” you don't., we all say No, You have already cut down over 95% of our native rainforests, This madness must stop now !,

We demand more transparency and there has been little to no robust devate on this very important issue, its matters to us. The residents concerns and questions have not been adequatley heard or have been attended to. We need Green action to save what we have and not more killing of what trees we have. This is not the right way to go, by pretending to address climate change by cutting down own urban ecosystem, What is your agenda?

Do preserve or to destroy what we already have?

Plant more trees.

LEAVE THE First Nations CITY FOREST ALONE!

Thank you.

Please indicate No
whether you
would like to
verbally address
the Future
Melbourne in
support of your
submission: *

Dear friends and neighbours of the future Melbourne council. I make this submission in absence of Attending in person. My name is Niall Maguire, I moved to Australia in 2008 and have received Citizenship in 2015. I bought my apartment in [REDACTED] in 2017 and adore the street dearly, that and the whole neighbourhood and indeed my neighbours too.

Thank you for allowing my humble response to the proposed "Greening of Roden Street." I appreciate fully the time and work put into the project and the endeavour for these works to run concurrently so as to reduce burden on residences. We are grateful our street has been given an opportunity for such improvements.

I will be brief, structured and strive to win, at least in part your appreciation in these following objections and responses to this appreciated project. Proceeding this submission, I should only expect the new realisations, both legitimate and now "thought-out" are met with genuine consideration and acted upon with agreement and in consideration of those who chose this street as their home and part of Melbourne. I'd also suggest that practical and systematic steps are continued to be made public ongoingly while maintaining the engagement with both Jet and I until final stage of planning is met.

- 1) It is shortsighted, and frankly a waste of money to increase parking at the expense of the existing unique beauty of our street. I don't need to point out the global shift towards car reduction, motorised scooters, and the 15 minutes city concept. As someone who is already living the 15 minute city life and uses the scooters can attest to its merit. It is conceivable that when Melbournians surrender to these experiences and the countless benefits of this shift, they will wonder why they ever thought traffic and expensive polluting cars were a good idea.
- 2) The removal of the central median grass divide, a unique feature, in order to revert Roden Streets traffic system back to a boring "copy and paste", generic replica would be a terrible loss for the following reasons:

It is conceivable this has come into existence through a case of compounding mistakes, one to cover up the other. IE - the soon to be useless increase in parking spaces also requiring the removal of this superiorly functioning natural divide in place of lines and thus robbing Roden of one of its defining features.

If the council might rather apply logic here and take the time to go back to the drawing board, it would result in a major concern of Roden st residents being alleviated. I recall Simon mentioned in our meeting, a lot of moving parts are at play and the pressure to complete the project simultaneously weighs heavily in this apparently hasty move towards completion, short sighted decisions in tow.

Essentially, I can determine from our chat with council on our street, it's the endeavour to raise manhole covers half an inch, in effort to comply with the latest standards while works are going ahead elsewhere on the street are

giving cause to other mistakes as if they were secondary. Understandably it will always be a challenge to revert this plan back to the drawing board but we are demonstrating here a flaw in the basic rationing of said works.

- 3) We protest, the removal of any of the street's trees to be felled stemming from the report condemning them based on the following criteria:

Poor – Serious pest and disease, a.k.a. dead
Poor – Structural failure likely

Firstly, we argue these outcomes and push for further arborist's opinions.

Many bird's nest in these trees, eating there while safely resting and joyfully fly back-and-forth across the road tree to tree and in and out of the walled garden on our building at 89. Their songs and playfulness are a part of our street and should not be diminished for any reason especially if convenience becomes the deciding factor.

Let it be noted that not only does it feel like this project is barreling ahead with what can be shown of an approval rating of 91% pretty much jeopardising these actual objections from gaining as much if not more weight as they are being presented in front of you today it also seems a project primarily taking place for sake sake rather than actual improvements to form or function. On top of that it is also undeniably a waste of the valuable budget which I will hopefully demonstrate to the council could be used for a greater use elsewhere if you'd please bear with me.

- 4) We challenge that installing small grassy areas are a good use of space whatsoever. They are neither an improvement to the overall character of Roden St, rather they are diminishing it and another point I will raise again, it's uniqueness we all intuitively would like to retain. These grassy patches are also not only almost functionally useless they involve removal of paving stones admired by all. It's nothing short of inconceivable to remove the existing paving stones attributed as aesthetically harmonious to the environment, heavy and robust, and also an historically defining character adding to Melbourne's back street charm, this unique feature is being scrapped for generic tarmac footpaths which also rob those on the north side of their god given space and function alike, no doubt a factor which may have played into a decision to buy here. It is very generous frontage, its aesthetic and functional and we propose it should remain as so.
- 5) Now, I'm glad to have had this opportunity to contest the current plan on such clear and critical mistakes in order to offer a cost-effective and timely upgrade. I have demonstrated why these benefits should take higher position in the hierarchy which resulted us this as a final plan negating any need for a reassessment. Continually, when taking into consideration "The Dynon Road Bridge Project" which has potential to surpass that of Bolte and Westgate bridge in it's contemporary design and combined function serving both car and bicycle traffic, Its also clearly evident Footscray will soon seamlessly join the city; combining that with the quite tasteful developments converting old

commercial buildings to grand residential of very character, it will leave our beautiful corner Melbournes newest and possibly last corner that has waited patiently for its turn. This naturally strategic location is a gem which is outgrowing its "edge of city" status finally now becoming a very significant gateway and new city centre giving travellers a place to rendezvous and hang out should they enjoy a change of environment for an afternoon. West Melbourne now holds the exciting possibility to become a new centre precinct with commercial potential such as dining, cafe, pub and even nightlife opportunities.

Mcmahons pub may very well extend its capacity for hostel and bar / beer garden alike. Embassy cafe holds a very rare 24 hr license and closes for only 5 days a year at christmas and serves all customers to their satisfaction should that need arise even at 4am. When you take these inevitabilities into prominence, when assessing, or in this case, reassessing the development on Roland Street, you will find yourself pondering the potential of something more suited to accommodate the increasing foot and bicycle, and serve as a landmark place to meet, perhaps sit and enjoy a table, or perhaps avail of features such as a water fountain, a permanent bicycle pump and what I know would be the best way to spend the budget on some beautiful aboriginal art that could perhaps second in function. Also, I have made accrued design which is basic and conceptual, but will assist in communicating the idea clearly.

- 1) Install seats tables and bicycle pumps to existing paved bays
- 2) Plant grassy verge along the southside of the street to balance out the endeavour to break up concrete from landscape. These areas can also be landscaped better by simply cutting through the paver stones and making way for increased shrubbery, thereby satisfying to as much as an extent possible the future climate developments goals.
- 3) Improve the box junction incorporating additional arrows in the middle of king street asap in order to alleviate the indecisive, confused and awkward manoeuvres currently frustrating traffic users and continuing to slow traffic and cause a hazard.

Kindest regards,

Niall Maguire