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Submission: Sunlight to Public Space Review

Southbank Residents Association (SRA) is a community non-profit organisation, aiming to bring together and support the interests of all who live or work within Southbank, on matters such as planning and development, traffic issues, lack of public schooling, open space and other matters important to residents.

SRA is the convener of the Southbank Owners Corporation Network (SOCN), which is a forum for our building memberships to work together and discuss common areas of interest when it comes to apartment living in Southbank.

Southbank Residents Association welcomes this review and are glad for the opportunity to participate.

This submission is made on behalf of Southbank Residents Association on behalf of all our members both individuals and buildings alike.

Access to open space is a critical component to livability in a high-density built-up area such as Southbank, but access to sunlight in its own right is equally important. Many dwellings within Southbank are deprived of access to sunlight into their living space therefore public space is the only place they utilise to enjoy sunlight.

Southbank is already void of accessible open space to many of its residents, especially within walking distance, having the smallest space per resident ratio in the entire municipality, therefore the scarce space we do have need to have its sunlight protected, if it currently has any.

The open space currently available to residents and workers in Southbank is used extensively for varying purposes, such as sport, relaxing, social get-togethers (BBQ's), walking dogs and community events, to name a few.



Of concern to the residents to Southbank is that the current space we do have and projected to have in the near future, such as Boyd park, much of it will be in shadow from already approved developments which have yet to commence or be completed.

This emphasises the need to protect space from overshadowing to ensure the benefit can be assured for future residents and workers to Southbank.

We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important review.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Penna", written over a thin horizontal line.

Tony Penna
President
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