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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, West Melbourne Baptist Community Centre,
15 March 2022, 6pm – Meeting No.30
Agenda Item FMC 6.5: Night Time Economy Advisory Committee

The SRA is generally impressed by the work of the NTEAC and on the whole endorses their recommendations to activate the city.

However, given the breadth of responsibility of the City of Melbourne, in particular

- plan and provide services, facilities and infrastructure for the *local community* (from functions as in Local Government Act 1989, SRA emphasis) and the NTEAC ‘terms of reference’:
- The recovery effort needs to be coordinated, timely, informed, considered and consistent with the best interests of the city’s stakeholders, *residents*, businesses, workers and visitors. (SRA emphasis)

one would have expected some mention of how the proposed increased night-time activation might impact on local residents and what protocols would be put in place in regard to hours of operation and sound level as well as the steps to be taken to ensure that such protocols are respected.

Similarly, some encouragement of courteous behaviour of patrons as they make their way to their cars or public transport, after a night on the town, would be appreciated by local residents.

In this instance it would have been preferred if the NTEAC report had fully addressed its brief.

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