

Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building 14 July 2015, 5.30pm – Meeting No.63 Agenda Item 6.7: Car Share Services Review

Southbank Residents Group would firstly like to commend the City of Melbourne with their successful car share program to date. This has proven to be a great initiative for the City with massive room for growth if the Sydney model is any indication of what could still be to come.

The car share vehicles are visible throughout Southbank and are utilised by a great number of the residents frequently.

Southbank Residents Group has carefully reviewed the Officers recommendations and should these recommendations be adopted then Southbank Residents Group holds grave concerns for the future success of the program should the operators feel the need to increase costs or remove vehicles.

Personally I am a user of this service and I, along with a number of our residents, would either reduce our usage or cease using it altogether. This would be travesty for the program and subsequently the City of Melbourne with achieving its targets.

The review appeared to have been thoroughly researched and considered, of which I as Southbank Residents Group, was a participant in one of the forums. However I see no mention of, or comparison to, other users of dedicated parking spaces within the municipality, such as busses but more relevant, the commercial taxi operation, and what charges, if any, those operators are being charged or subsidised. I trust this Council is treating car share fairly and equitably relative to these other users.

Southbank Residents Group requests Council reconsider any option which will increase the costs to the operators of this program which may subsequently flow through to the residents.

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