



Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
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Agenda Item 6.7 Transforming Southbank Boulevard and Dodds Street

Southbank Residents Group would like to convey our gratitude to Council for finally considering the open space needs of Southbank residents.

This was first identified some 8 years ago in the 2007 Southbank Plan and then subsequently in the in the 2010 Southbank Structure Plan.

In 2005 Council conducted extensive community consultation and produced a summary report for this project. I have not seen any mention or reference to this community consultation in the Officers draft functional layout plans. There is no mention of it in the project evolution on page 8. Were the findings from the consultation in 2005 used for the compilation of these plans? Or did the Officers disregard those findings and start from scratch?

Nevertheless, the residents of Southbank are excited to be able to contribute further to the development of this much needed public open space. However it should be noted that even with the completion of this project Southbank residents will still fall far short of the 20 square meters per resident as per the recommendation of this Councils' Open Space Strategy. We further ask Council what plan, if any, they have to address this shortage or is it just a case of bad luck for Southbank residents?

Once again, we wish to convey our gratitude.

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