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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

Future Melbourne Committee Meeting No. 13, Tuesday 15 June 2021
Town Hall Commons, Ground Floor Melbourne Town Hall
Agenda Item 6.8 City Cleanliness

Many of the complaints received by the Southbank Residents Association (SRA) relate to the overall cleanliness of the suburb, and we welcome this agenda item before the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC).

The already transient nature of many of our Southbank residents was compounded with the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 and the subsequent high turnover of residents from repeated lockdowns. This has resulted in a surge of rubbish dumped in front of apartments as residents moving out abandon their belongings on the street.

In summer, this situation is made worse when visitors to the area enjoying the use of the botanical gardens and the variety of festivals and events in our municipality overflow our public street bins, which aren't emptied often enough. The fact that the CoM collected 3,223 tonnes of street sweeping material and 1,085 tonnes of dumped rubbish and processed 2,554 tonnes of waste collected from public bins from April 2020 to March 2021, is evidence of this.

As such, SRA was pleased to see the additional cleaning activities planned for 2021–22 which are proposed to be carried out in addition to the standard city cleaning regime.

Furthermore, the allocation of \$16.3 million within the draft 2021-22 Budget to meet these street cleaning and graffiti removal objectives is welcome news. In Southbank, we hope these funds will extend to the much needed installation of public recycling bins past Grant Street to Dorcas Street in particular.



SRA members have noticed the new on-street pedestrian street cleaners operating in the area, and the fact that they are making a positive difference in reducing litter in the area. A welcome addition!

Therefore, SRA are in favour of FMC endorsement of the proposed additional activities to improve city cleanliness as part of the 2021–22 Council cleaning program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Penna".

Tony Penna
President
Southbank Residents Association