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Agenda Item 6.1 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C276 and C280 -
Southbank and Fishermans Bend

Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

We are writing in support of *Agenda Item 6.1 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C276 and C280 – Southbank*. Protecting culturally significant heritage sites within Southbank is of paramount importance to our members and we want to see buildings with historical significance preserved in Southbank for future generations.

The fact that the four Southbank sites listed below were not previously protected under the Planning Scheme has been a concern for us, and as such we were relieved to finally see them given priority in the *Southbank and Fishermans Bend Heritage Review*.

1. Castlemaine Brewery, 107-127, 129-131 & 133 Queensbridge Street
2. PMG Postal Workshops Garage and Stores, 45-99 Sturt Street
3. GP Motors Pty Ltd (Opera Australia), 35-41 City Road
4. Crown Chemical Co Warehouse (Photography School), 63-65 City Road

Southbank Residents Association concurs with the *South Melbourne Conservation Study (1997)* that these four places are worthy of heritage protection, although note that Planning Scheme Amendment C280 and Amendment C276 could come too late to save two of them.

While we support Amendment C276 to introduce heritage overlays on an interim basis for the Castlemaine Brewery site and part of 45-99 Sturt Street, it's disappointing that Council isn't seeking interim protection for all four sites.

Naturally we support Amendment C280 for permanent protection for all four of the Southbank locations listed above currently within the planning application process, however this will only come into effect if permits issued aren't acted upon. As a consequence, we can only hope the developments planned for 45-99 Sturt Street and 63-65 City Road fall through or the planning permits expire before they're acted upon, enabling Amendment C280 to 'kick in' resulting in the the opportunity to protect the sites.



We would also like to query the fate of the Victorian Warehouse located at 107 Queensbridge Street. We understand it's been sold to developers however we're not clear whether it will be captured in this amendment as it's included in the address above but not in the map provided. We hope this is a minor administrative oversight in the preparation of the report to FMC, and that 107 Queensbridge Street will also receive interim protection.

In closing, we'd like to acknowledge the good work done with regard to heritage overlays and protecting heritage in Southbank, however we believe more still needs to be done.

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

Tony Penna
President
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