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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

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Agenda Item FMC 6.2: Review of dogs in open space

The Southbank Residents Association welcomes this comprehensive initiative.

We note the designated reserve at Kings Way and Moray Street Reserve in Southbank is now complete. It will be a welcome asset for dog owners in Southbank as there are no other off-leash areas in the area.

It is noted in the report there was no mention of the proposed off-lead dog park on the north-eastern corner of City Road as identified within the Southbank Boulevard concept plan. The dog-owning community of Southbank would like to know why this is and whether this is an indication that this proposed dog park is not going to come to fruition. If this dog park is still anticipated the community would appreciate an update of the progress with this component of the Southbank Boulevard plan.

While it is acknowledged that Southbank now has a dog park, it is noted that compared to other areas of the municipality Southbank dog owners don't have access to the same high-quality space as dog owner in other areas of the municipality. It is therefore seen imperative this additional park be given priority consideration.

Our popular Boyd Park has suffered the consequence of dogs being an unofficial off-leash park since it was completed. With the new nearby designated reserve now open, the Southbank Residents Association recommends there be appropriate signage displayed at Boyd Park indicating the nearby off-leash area.

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