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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

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Agenda Item 6.3: Reintroduction of Capital City Zone Notice Rights

On face value, it would appear Council officers have drafted their report around their concern for the additional work that this amendment may bring.

Southbank Residents Group maintains this is an integral component to our livability through being informed about planning which may affect resident livability and amenity and to be afforded the right to have a say.

Once again I reiterate, we are not asking for appeal rights to be reinstated, but merely to be informed.

The cost to developers would be insignificant, but regardless, this small cost should be considered by any developer fair and equitable for their social responsibility.

We don't see this as difficult. What is so complicated (and so cost inhibitive) about sending out a few notices to neighboring properties, erecting a sign on the proposed site and/or even a notice in the local newspaper?

While the proposed improved accessibility to information is always welcomed, this is not the complete answer. Surely Council officers would not expect all residents to be checking the Council website every week to see if there are any notices which might affect them. But moreover there are a number of community members who don't have the same accessibility to this information (the aged, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged).

Southbank Residents Group cannot understand why Council, or its officers, would be so unaccommodating on this matter.

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