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Domain Parklands Master Plan Submission

City of Melbourne,

Southbank Residents Association (SRA) is a community non-profit organisation, aiming to bring together and support the interests of all who live or work within Southbank. SRA is the convener of the Southbank Owners Corporation Network (SOCN), which is a forum for our building memberships to work together and discuss common areas of interest when it comes to apartment living in Southbank. This submission is made on behalf of Southbank Residents Association and all our members both individuals and buildings alike.

We at the Southbank Residents' Association (SRA) are pleased to be able to submit our feedback on the City of Melbourne draft Domain Parklands Master Plan. Firstly, I would like to commend the responsible officers at the City of Melbourne (CoM) for the dedication and hard work that obviously has gone into the development of the draft report as well as through the provision of explanatory walking tours which highlighted the key master plan actions.

Overall we believe that the masterplan is very positive with a clear commitment to improving the amenity of the Domain Parklands which are so vitally important to the physical and mental health of the growing population of Southbank. Access to open space is a critical component to livability in a high-density built-up area such as Southbank, and is something the precinct clearly lacks. The Domain parklands are critical as the major source of open space within walking distance to many of Southbank's residents. In addition, close access to the Parklands has large economic benefits to the city and investors in the area.

Some of the key concerns of the SRA included the provision of:

- more toilet facilities
- rubbish bins
- pedestrian connections over city road to connect the parklands



- separation of cyclists and pedestrians on thoroughfares
- public outdoor gym equipment near The Tan track
- more child friendly activities, and
- improved lighting to allow for a safer after dark environment.

We felt that all of these concerns were addressed during the guided walk and in the document itself.

It is the particular concern of Southbank Residents that the Domain Parklands be protected and nurtured for the benefit of the whole community now and into the future. Considering the increasing population and its density, current green-space must be retained and sustainably managed for the benefit of future residents and workers of Southbank. Access to this green-space facilitates relaxation, socialising and physical recreation. Many of the identified improvements are essential for making these areas accessible and enjoyable for all people, which currently is not the case. We believe that the recommendations of the report should be prioritised in future budgets.

We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important Masterplan.

Kind Regards

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(on behalf of)
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