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## **Submission to Participate Melbourne Northern Undercroft and City Road Park**

Our committee has reviewed the City of Melbourne draft concept plan for the Northern Undercroft as part of the City Road masterplan. We thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Firstly, we won't add too much as to what should/ could or shouldn't be part of the space except that from our understanding within the community a basketball court/half courts would be well received as evident by the previous Boyd court and now the courts at Melbourne Square. Owing to the temporary nature of the current courts, this is essentially not negotiable.

We will allow your consultation to take its course and allow the community to feed into that.

However, what we feel is critical that needs to be considered and where possible mitigated is noise and pollution/dust from the overhead road. This will go a long way to making the space appealing to its likely many uses.

Ideally we feel if the space was designed in such a way to attract family groups a by-product will be that sense of connectivity with community through their encounters with each other. A good example of this at present is at the rock playground on the corner of Kavanagh St and Southbank Boulevard.

We know that the City of Melbourne is aware of strategies for 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)'. We note that one of the principles of CPTED is 'personal and community ownership' of the outcomes'. SRA looks forward to working with the City of Melbourne to achieve this worthy goal.



We look forward to continuing this discussion with the City of Melbourne as the project progresses.

Regards,

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

Tony Penna  
President  
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