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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Town Hall. 01 July 2025, 5.30pm – Meeting No.11 Agenda Item FMC Agenda item Agenda item 6.3 Draft Fishermans Bend Place Naming Framework

Fishermans Bend and Lorimer St are not part of Southbank, but the areas have a common boundary. SRA has had a long interest in that area and many Southbank residents either work or visit there.

The Place Naming Framework is an impressive document that will be of long-term value.

It is noted that the Framework is dated April, yet is coming to the FMC at the beginning of July. Also, the planned consultation was for June to August, 12 weeks. However, June has now passed. Is there still adequate time for the 8 week consultation to be completed? If so, what components have been compromised?

Point 34 in the executive summary states 'A detailed community engagement plan has been prepared to guide Phase 2 engagement which aligns with Council's Community Engagement Policy.'

Given that this engagement plan is likely to start the day after the FMC meeting in order to meet the 8 week schedule, it would seem appropriate that the plan itself was tabled along with the Framework. Has the plan been devised? Can we see it? If it hasn't been devised as yet, or ready for release, then it brings us back to our last question, is 8 weeks enough?

SRA commends the document and look forward to hearing more about the consultation plan.

Regards

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