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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

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Agenda Item 6.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C308 Urban Design in Central City and Southbank

Southbank Residents Association whole-heartedly supports this amendment to the planning scheme.

As mentioned in our submission in this forum in February, we believe this review is long overdue and as such maybe a missed opportunity. As we are all aware, Southbank does not have much land remaining that does not already have a development approval. We argued in the C270 built form review that it didn't go far enough. We are now concerned with the potential roll-back of C270 should a Liberal government win office this Saturday. If a roll-back does occur, then how will/could that impact this proposed amendment?

Owing to the importance of this amendment, SRA engaged the professional services of Rob Milner from 10 Consulting Group to inform the community through our own community forum and guide us with what this amendment will mean and its potential impacts. Rob Milner came at a cost of several thousand dollars to our association, and we are most grateful to Rob Milner for his guidance and suggestions. Rob Milner's report formed the basis of our submission. While overall Rob was also very supportive of the amendment, there were a few points raised for consideration with the final report, which we are satisfied have been considered by management with this final draft.

We would also like to make particular mention and thank Andy Fergus for his walking tour through the CBD highlighting various aspect of street design and how this amendment will address those. Andy was most engaging and demonstrated his passion and knowledge of the subject. If Andy is ever conducting another design-focused walking tour, then SRA commends all Councilors or anyone within the City of Melbourne who has an interest in this area to join as we believe they will not be disappointed. It was disappointing not seeing any Councilors taking part in this.



Overall this amendment was a brilliant effort from the entire team, right down to the drawings in the guide, of which we noted a number of submitters commenting on the guide and its ease of reading to understand.

Southbank Residents Association is looking forward to being able to present at a Panel hearing and further contribute to this important amendment.

Once again, Southbank Residents Association thanks the City of Melbourne for taking the lead with this initiative. We hope there is enough undeveloped parts of Southbank for C308 to have a lasting, practical and worthwhile outcome.

Tony Penna

President

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