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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
19 Nov 2019, 5.30pm – Meeting No.68
Agenda Item 6.3 Planning Scheme Amendment C308 Urban Design in the Central City and Southbank

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

The residents of Southbank have long been concerned about the direction their community is destined to head and the impacts of livability and amenity through never-ending development of epic proportions.

While this amendment certainly goes a long way to addressing many of these issues, we still feel it is much too late for Southbank. While this amendment will force compliance of developers to consider the public realm, our estimation is that 90% of Southbank is already developed or has a development application already approved and as such this change to the planning scheme will have little impact on the future outlook of Southbank. We only wish this review happened a decade earlier.

In any case, we understand the importance of this amendment for the broader community and so we engaged with a planning consultant, at significant cost to the Association, to guide our feedback for the consultation process and the panel hearing. We also reached out to the community for their views to shape our feedback, which garnered great interest and input.

Notwithstanding, there is a lot of good outcomes from the amendment and we certainly look forward to them being adopted within the remaining undeveloped lots within Southbank, to provide a lasting, practical and worthwhile public realm.

Southbank Residents Association thanks the City of Melbourne for taking the lead with this initiative.

Tony Penna President

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