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Dear Councillors,





Please see attached a submission regarding agenda item 5.2 for Council's meeting on Tuesday, 30 May.

I urge you to read the submission in full prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the matters raised in the submission, please don't hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Regards,

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Lord Mayor and Councillors  
City of Melbourne  
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Via email to Councillors; com.meetings@melbourne.vic.gov.au

30 May 2023

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

**RE: Agenda item 5.2: Referral of motion from the Future Melbourne Committee Meeting 16 May 2023 – ATET**

I write in relation to the above agenda item and to urge Council to defer any decision regarding the Crown Land Licence for Floating Spaces Pty Ltd (trading as ATET) until all suitable alternatives and mitigation measures for the business have been explored.

As Councillors are aware, I am the director of Floating Spaces. As you are also aware, I have been engaged in a thorough, robust and – until now – collaborative process with City of Melbourne officers and Council to address noise complaints arising from our operation.

To revoke ATET's Crown Land Licence now would represent a denial of due process, bankrupt a family business, undermine confidence in the City of Melbourne as a music and entertainment destination and set a worrying precedent for any venue that holds all appropriate permits and licences.

I do not deny the challenges ATET faces, nor am I unsympathetic to the residents whose amenity has been affected by the noise from our venue. However, until all avenues to find a mutually agreeable solution have been explored, revoking our Crown Land Licence is a premature, extreme and unjust step.

### **Background**

In early 2021, the City of Melbourne granted Floating Spaces a licence to operate from North Wharf in Victoria Harbour. In August 2022, Council also granted a planning permit to operate the venue. We separately obtained a Liquor Licence from the Victorian Liquor Commission.

At the time, ATET was heralded as a significant milestone in the evolution of Docklands. Decades of failed attempts to activate Docklands, especially its night-time economy, are well-documented. Welcoming the approvals at the time, the Lord Mayor perhaps said it best: "The ATET floating barge is another addition to our beautiful waterways that will give people the chance to enjoy Docklands from a new perspective."<sup>1</sup> Even after our opening weekend and the resulting noise complaints, the Lord Mayor continued to offer her support for ATET both publicly and in private text messages.

It is important to note that the location in which ATET opened differed from the site first selected. The venue was originally intended to be located 250m to the west, near the Bolte Bridge and further from residential apartments. The original site was chosen after 18 months of due diligence conducted with City of Melbourne and Development Victoria.

However, due to the failure of Development Victoria to appropriately assess and remediate the selected site, the venue was forced to commence trading in its current location. This is an important factor in this matter as the current site is a major contributing factor to offsite noise impacts.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/floating-nightclub-to-sail-into-docklands-20220826-p5bd0q.html>

Nevertheless, based on the security afforded by holding these vital approvals, my family and I proceeded to invest almost \$2 million – including my parent’s retirement savings – into opening ATET.

We acknowledge the noise complaints and amenity concerns raised by Docklands residents but note these seem to be concentrated to a small group within the immediate vicinity of the venue and its current location. This group represents a fraction of the 18,000 residents who call Docklands home. Since complaints began, my team and I have worked constructively, collaboratively and extensively with Council to improve and rectify the issues.

Throughout this process, Floating Spaces was unaware of any non-compliance arising from our operations. To be clear, until late Friday evening 26 May – when Council notified us of new EPA advice suggesting the venue was non-compliant – there was nothing to indicate ATET was operating in a manner that was not compliant with its Crown Land Licence, Liquor Licence, its planning permit and relevant EPA regulations. On the contrary Council, had repeatedly assured us that ATET is compliant with noise regulations.<sup>2</sup> I will address the new EPA advice separately later.

### **Attempts to resolve the issue**

For more than eight months, we have worked with Council officers and acoustics experts to identify and implement measures to reduce the impacts of noise spilling from the venue. These measures include:

#### *1. Relocation*

Council has always been aware of Floating Spaces’ preference to operate in its original location as it is situated further away from high concentrations of residents. Development Victoria is on the record saying it expects remediated works to the preferred site to be completed mid-year. Mid-year is mere weeks away<sup>3</sup>. Meanwhile, Council separately confirmed it intended to move the venue to reduce impacts<sup>4</sup>. This alone would go a significant way to alleviating noise and amenity issues.

Further, on 8 May 2023, in response to the surprising revelation on 26 April that Council would not support the move to the end of North Wharf, I wrote to Council officers advising them of a new potential location on the northern side of Victoria Harbour, to the west of the Bolte Bridge. Officers were advised:

“We are extremely confident this location will dramatically reduce the noise impact on residents, both due to the increased distance from apartments, but also the improved positioning, with the residential areas located much further behind the venue.

“In the new location, all the apartments in Victoria Harbour and New Quay will be over 500m away, and the majority a lot further than that. But importantly, they will be behind us, so the cardioid dispersion pattern of our speakers will really minimise any impact on them.

We have run acoustic modelling calculations to international standard ISO 9613-2 ... [and] it looks to be close to 10db better as well. For reference, a 10db reduction is effectively half as loud, which would be bring the noise down to an exceedingly reasonable level for a mixed-use zone.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.docklandsnews.com.au/council-faces-further-grilling-on-atet-but-nightclub-not-in-breach-of-rules/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.docklandsnews.com.au/north-wharf-works-due-for-completion-by-mid-2023-as-atets-push-for-sunday-trading-heads-to-council-in-december/>

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Council officers were provided the modelling for independent verification. Both my email and the modelling provided to Council on 8 May are enclosed for reference. This email received no response, and no meeting was scheduled, despite assurances.

We note that this site is currently controlled by the Port of Melbourne (though it is not used for Port operations and is separated from operational areas by the Moonee Ponds Creek). We are confident that with the support and advocacy of the City of Melbourne and the State Government, the potential of this site as a long-term solution can be realised.

## *2. Sound system changes*

The key driver of noise impacts is low-end frequencies (bass). To address this issue, we advised Council that we would explore replacing the current sound system, which is required to operate at higher volumes to provide appropriate sound quality inside the venue, with multiple smaller systems with effective noise-cancelling technology.

Put simply, this change would involve replacing two main speaker stacks with a series of smaller speakers located throughout the venue. The effect of this would be to maintain volume levels inside the venue, while reducing the spill of noise outside it.

This solution was assessed by an acoustic engineer, who determined that this would be the single most effective change that could be made to ensure the venue could continue to operate without impacting nearby residents.

Following the arson attack on our venue on 30 January 2023, we have not been in a position to fund the new system, but have advised we are working to secure finance to enable this. We first presented this solution to Council on 11 April, and again on 8 May, but have received no feedback on this proposal. We are confident a new sound system, combined with a new location, would resolve these matters favourably and are frustrated Council seems unwilling to provide this opportunity.

The 11 April correspondence to Council officers regarding the proposed changes to the sound system is enclosed for reference.

## *3. Close PVC walls and install a sound barrier*

Assuming ATET would be able to move to its original proposed location, Floating Spaces has explored additional measures that would provide a long-term solution to the issue. These include having the PVC walls of the venue closed during hours of operation and installing a permanent sound wall to the south of the venue, parallel to the wharf edge. A 4m sound wall made of sound-absorbing material, combined with the greater distance to residential apartments, would greatly reduce the potential for offsite impacts. Should it be necessary, we would also consider operable glazing to provide better sound attenuation.

## *4. Reduced operating volume*

ATET continues to test new ways of reducing its impact. Having learned of the new EPA advice late on Friday 26 May, and out of a concern for the now-apparent non-compliance with noise regulations, the venue operated at reduced volume, 6db lower than it had been previously during the weekend 26-27 May 2023. Sound is measured on a logarithmic scale, and 6db represents a significant reduction of 50 per cent of the sound pressure level. Notably, we did not receive any complaints regarding noise. For comparison, we received a significantly higher number of complaints the previous weekend. This provides immediate relief until such time that we are able to implement other solutions such as relocation and change of sound system.

## **Timing of Council meeting and recent EPA advice**

Given the exhaustive work we have done to provide Council with a solution that would allow ATET to co-exist in Docklands, including the extensive proposals provided to officers on 8 May, we were shocked when, on 16 May, Future Melbourne Committee resolved to refer to this Council meeting the question of whether our Crown Land Lease should be revoked.

To be clear, at the time Future Melbourne Committee referred the matter to this Council meeting, aside from the opening weekend, ATET had no demonstrated non-compliance with its planning permit, Crown Land Licence, liquor licence or EPA regulations.

In this context, we were doubly shocked when on 26 May we were advised that Council had received new information from the EPA that found “noise levels from the venue are unreasonable and clear non-compliances have been established, with multiple exceedances of noise limits identified during the measurement period.”

The agenda for this meeting notes the advice was received on 23 May. We did not learn of it until 6.15pm last Friday, leaving little time to consider and respond prior to a Council meeting less than two working days later. At best the timing is unfortunate and unfair, at worst it stands as an example of the denial of due process that has occurred in Council’s haste to bring an end to this matter by revoking our Crown Land Licence. We are yet to be provided with the EPA advice, and it is our submission that it is only fair that we are afforded the opportunity to consider and respond to these new findings.

## **Council’s recent failure to engage**

Despite having worked constructively with Council over many months, we have received no substantive response to our recent proposals to resolve these issues. These proposals were provided to Council on 8 May 2023 and were received with the assurance of a subsequent meeting to discuss them.

It is apparent that by that time, Council was already determined to resolve this issue once and for all by having our Crown Land Licence revoked. In referring the matter to this Council meeting, the Lord Mayor described the step as “unprecedented”. We couldn’t agree more, though we would add it is premature, extreme and contrary to the good faith in which we have always endeavoured to work with Council.

Given the financial consequences for our business and our family – as well as the consequences for the City of Melbourne as an entertainment and music destination – to describe Council’s recent disengagement as disappointing would be an understatement.

## **Consequences of revocation**

By revoking our Crown Land Licence as a means to force ATET to close, Council will:

- Force into bankruptcy a constituent business holding all appropriate permits and licences. This is not an abstract concept. Floating Spaces’ primary investors are my parents, who will be forced into bankruptcy having poured their retirement savings into this project on the basis it held all relevant approvals. They now face living out their lives on an aged pension.
- Undermine its own Council Plan 2021-25, which prioritises “support for the night-time economy”<sup>5</sup>
- Is inconsistent with the purpose of the Docklands Zone (Schedule 2) in the Melbourne Planning Scheme, which includes providing for: “provide a promenade environment for urban art and waterfront events and festivals.”

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/council-plan-2021-25.pdf>

- Create sovereign risk for the City of Melbourne economy which can manifest by way of political intervention to force the closure of a business that holds all appropriate permits and has a demonstrated record of compliance (noting the most recent EPA advice was received after the Future Melbourne Committee meeting).
- Set back a decades-long attempt to activate Docklands.

## Conclusion

In light of the matters raised in this submission, I respectfully submit that a Council vote to revoke Floating Spaces Crown Land Licence is premature, extreme, and unjust.

I urge Council to defer any decision on this matter until all proposed mitigation measures have been properly and thoroughly assessed and – where possible – implemented, in order to ascertain how ATET can co-exist in Docklands.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely



Jake Hughes  
Director  
Floating Spaces Pty Ltd (trading as ATET).

## Documents enclosed:

1. Email to [REDACTED], 8 May 2023, 10.22am.  
Includes attachments:
  - a. 0\_ATET Proposed Locaion.png
  - b. A010 SITE PLAN 1\_500\_c.pdf
  - c. 98dbA Vseries dbA.pdf
  - d. 98dbA Vseries dbC.dpf
2. Email to [REDACTED], Tuesday 11 April 2023, 11.34am. Includes attachment
  - a. ATET new sub configuration V2

Hi All,

Thanks for taking the time to meet last week. As discussed, we have identified a potential new location for ATET on the North side harbour, just past the Bolte Bridge. We believe this location provides a genuine solution which will alleviate the noise issues while enabling us to continue operating in our current form, providing a unique social experience to Melbourne.

We are extremely confident this location will dramatically reduce the noise impact on residents, both due to the increased distance from apartments, but also the improved positioning, with the residential areas located much further behind the venue. We currently have apartments around 270-300m to the North at New Quay and to the South at Yarra's Edge, but they are both at right angles to the venue, with some apartments at Yarra's Edge up to 25° in front of a right angle, so they are much more exposed to the sound.

In the new location, all the apartments in Victoria Harbour and New Quay will be over 500m away, and the majority a lot further than that. But importantly, they will be behind us, so the cardioid dispersion pattern of our speakers will really minimise any impact on them. The apartments at Yarra's Edge to the South will be the closest, but even this will now be 390m away, and about 25° behind a right angle, which will provide a vast improvement on the current conditions. This distance is also only to the closest apartment, there will be a much bigger percentage of apartments at a greater distance at the new location. The closest apartment tower will be 460m away and the second one will be 560m away, whereas they are both currently within 350m at a right angle to the venue.

We have run acoustic modelling calculations to international standard ISO 9613-2 and it looks very promising. This has been tested both in dbA for compliance, and dbC to help us better understand the impact on residents. Looking at the dbC version, the apartments in Victoria Harbour and New Quay look to be 10-15db quieter for the nearest apartments, and even at that, there is a much smaller number exposed. For the apartments at Yarra's Edge, it looks to be close to 10db better as well, or maybe just slightly under, but again there is a much smaller number of apartments exposed. For reference, a 10db reduction is effectively half as loud, which would be bring the noise down to an exceedingly reasonable level for a mixed use zone.

In addition to solving the noise issues, this location ticks a number of boxes from a viability perspective:

- Removed from development areas and closer to other Docklands entertainment establishments.
- Accessible from the CBD as opposed to Port Melbourne or Fisherman's Bend.
- Large undercover carpark with 79 parks.
- Tram stop within walking distance (700m) serviced by trams 35, 70, and 86.
- Power supply approx 100m away - assuming we can connect here.
- Water supply approx. 150m away – assuming we can connect here.
- Sewer approx. 150m away – may be possible to pump directly to this.

In order for relocation to this site to be possible, we will require the following:

- Understand the legal framework around the use of the site and licences and permits.
- Support or approval from Port of Melbourne.
- Determine the mooring system, which will require design and engineering.
- Extend the driveway from the existing car park to enable access to the venue for vehicle drop off and service trucks.
- Connect power supply, presumably from the nearby tower ~100m away.
- Connect water supply, ~150m away.

If this location is determined to be a viable solution, we are ready to work with City of Melbourne to facilitate a move as soon possible.

We look forward to discussing further this week.

Kind Regards,


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**Jake Hughes**

Director



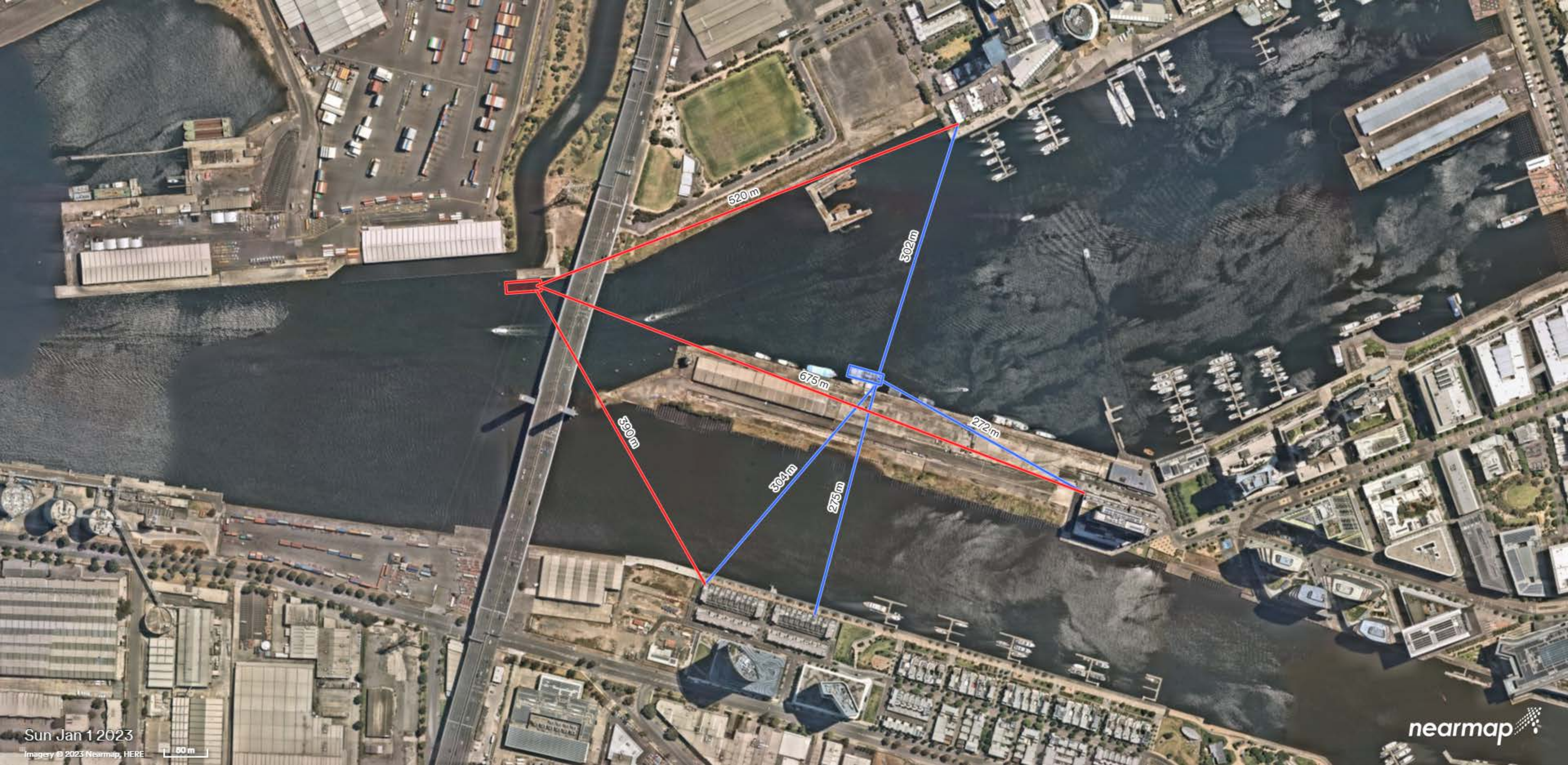
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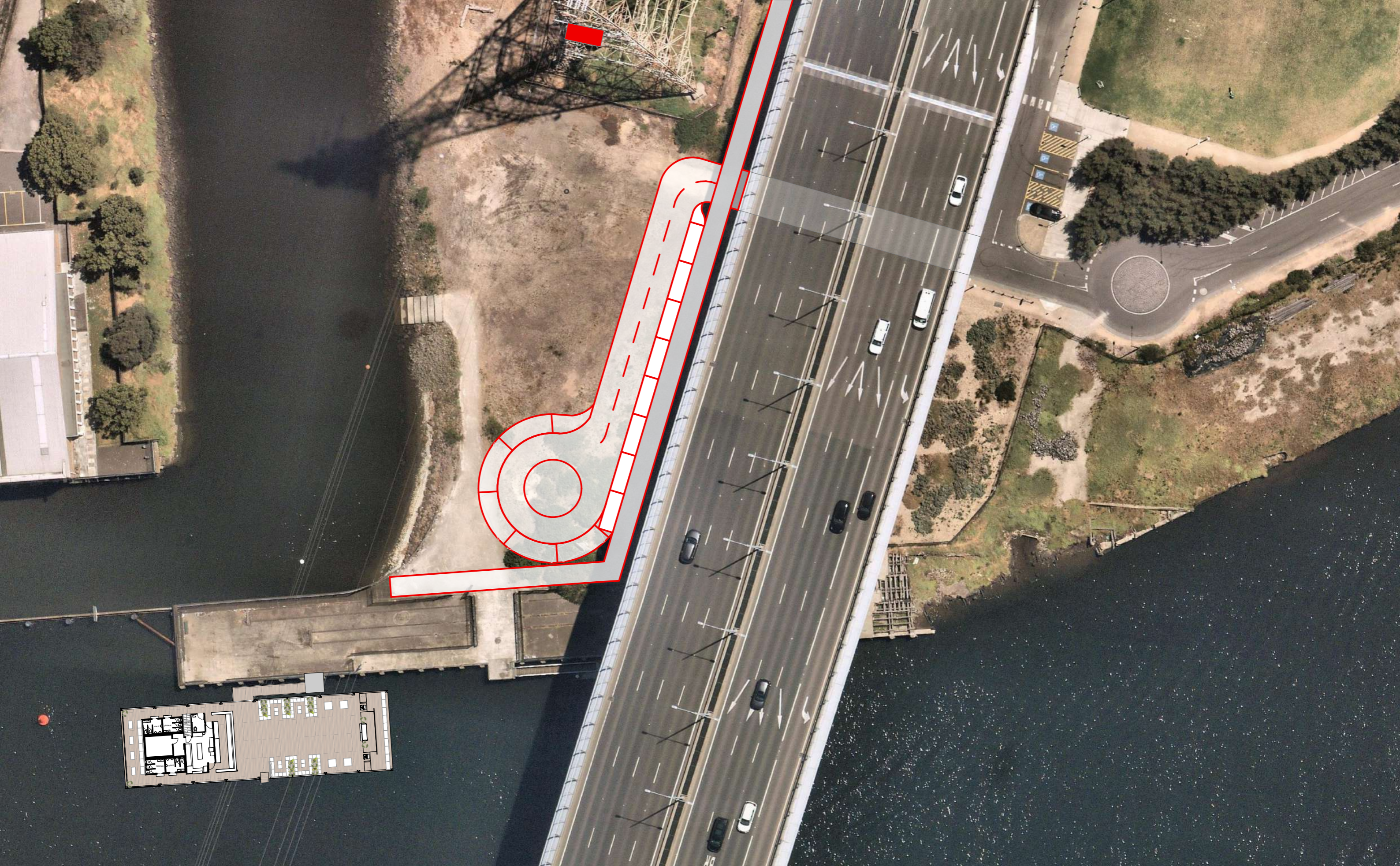
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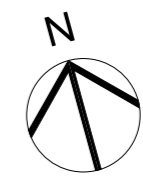


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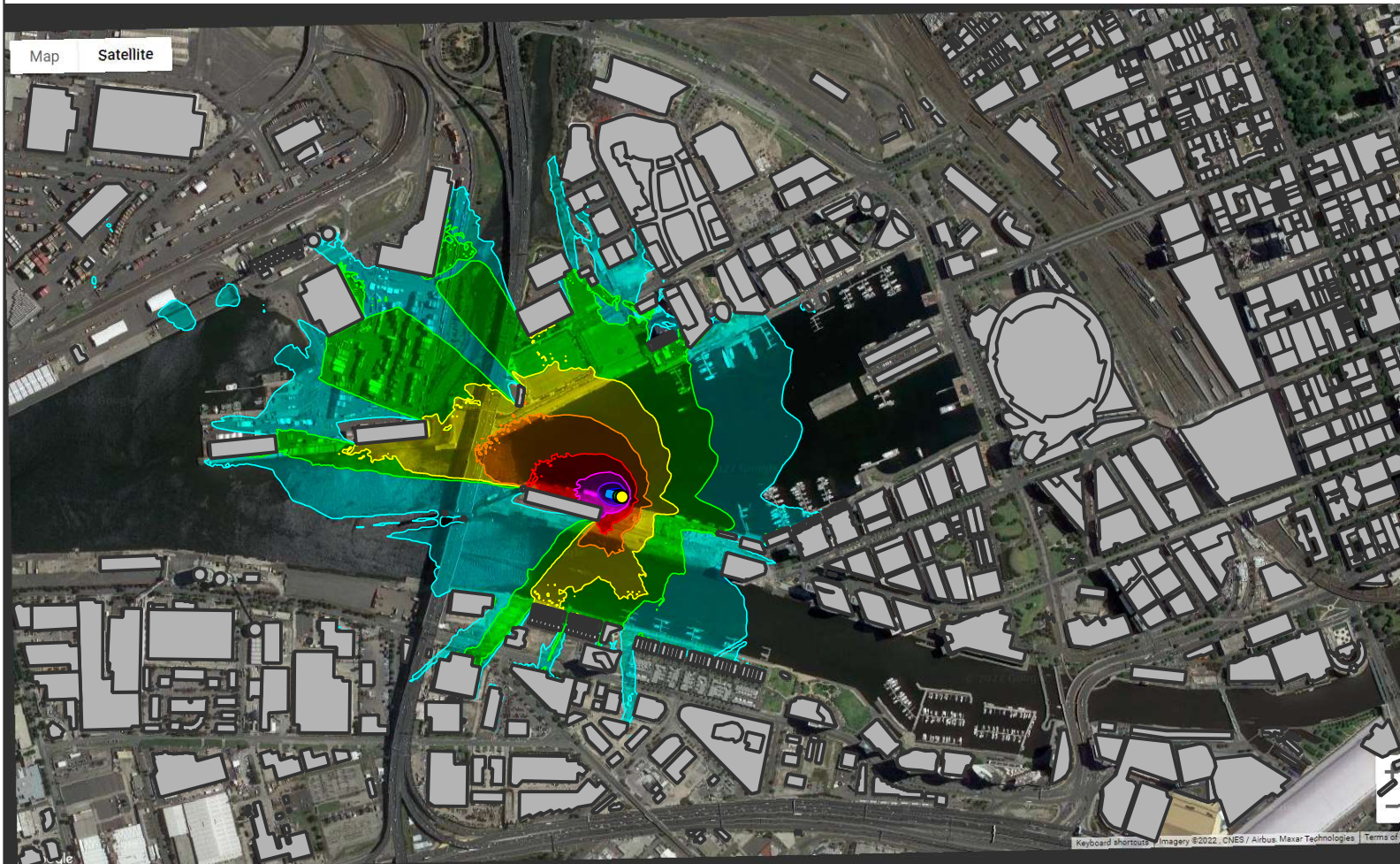
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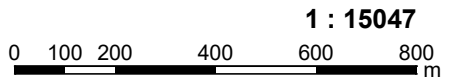


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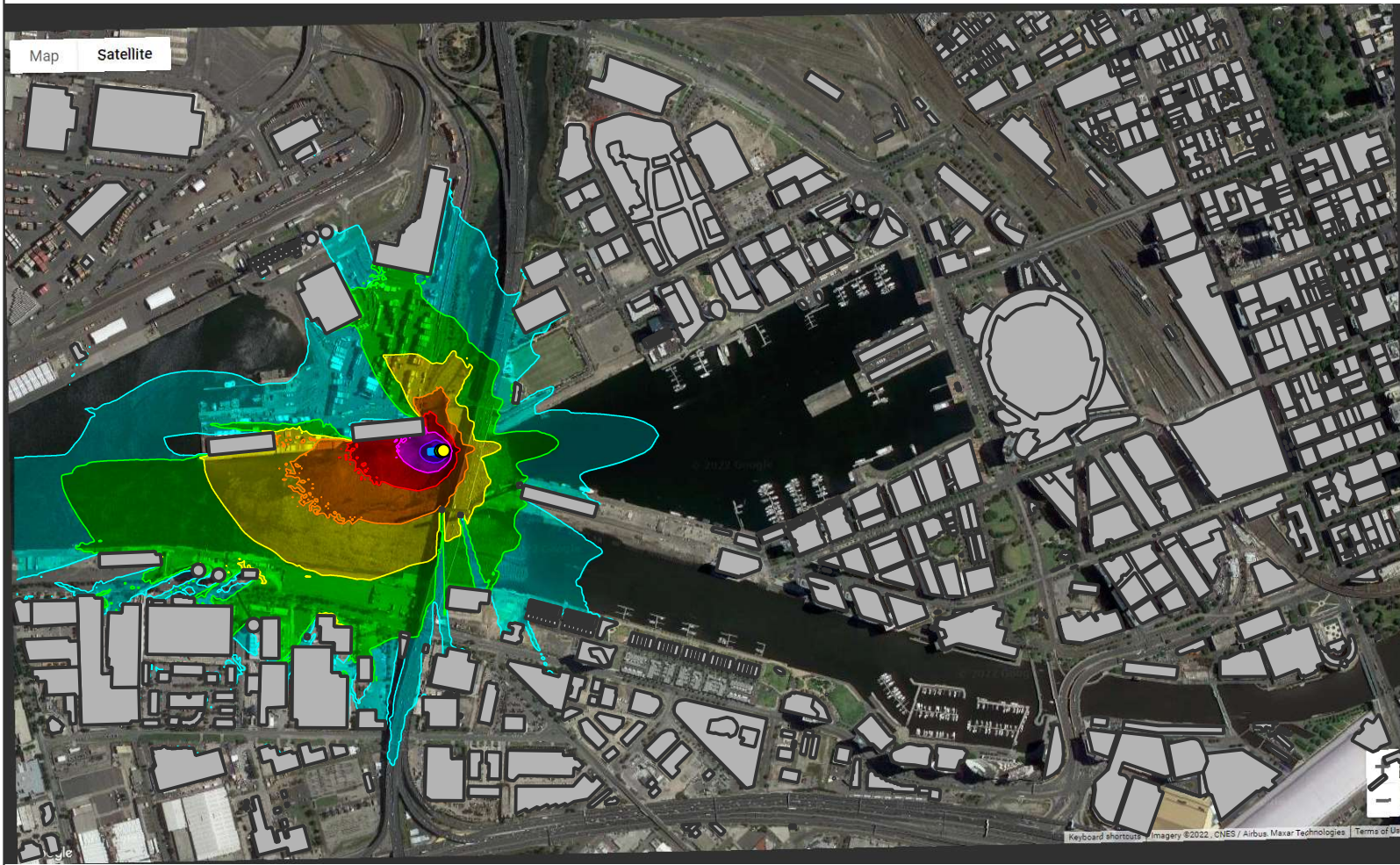
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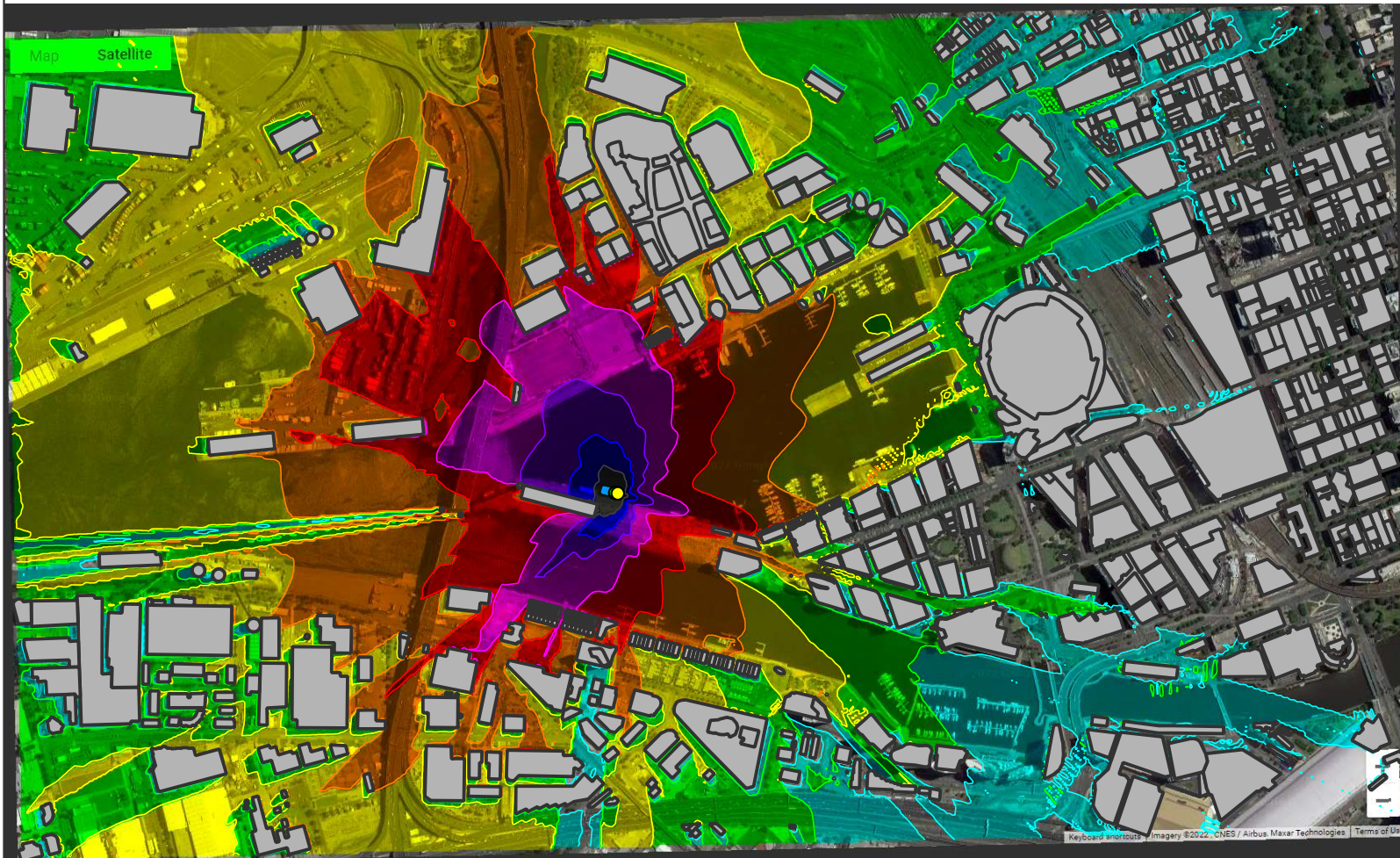
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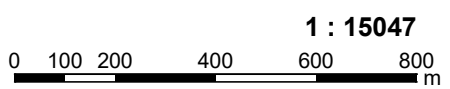


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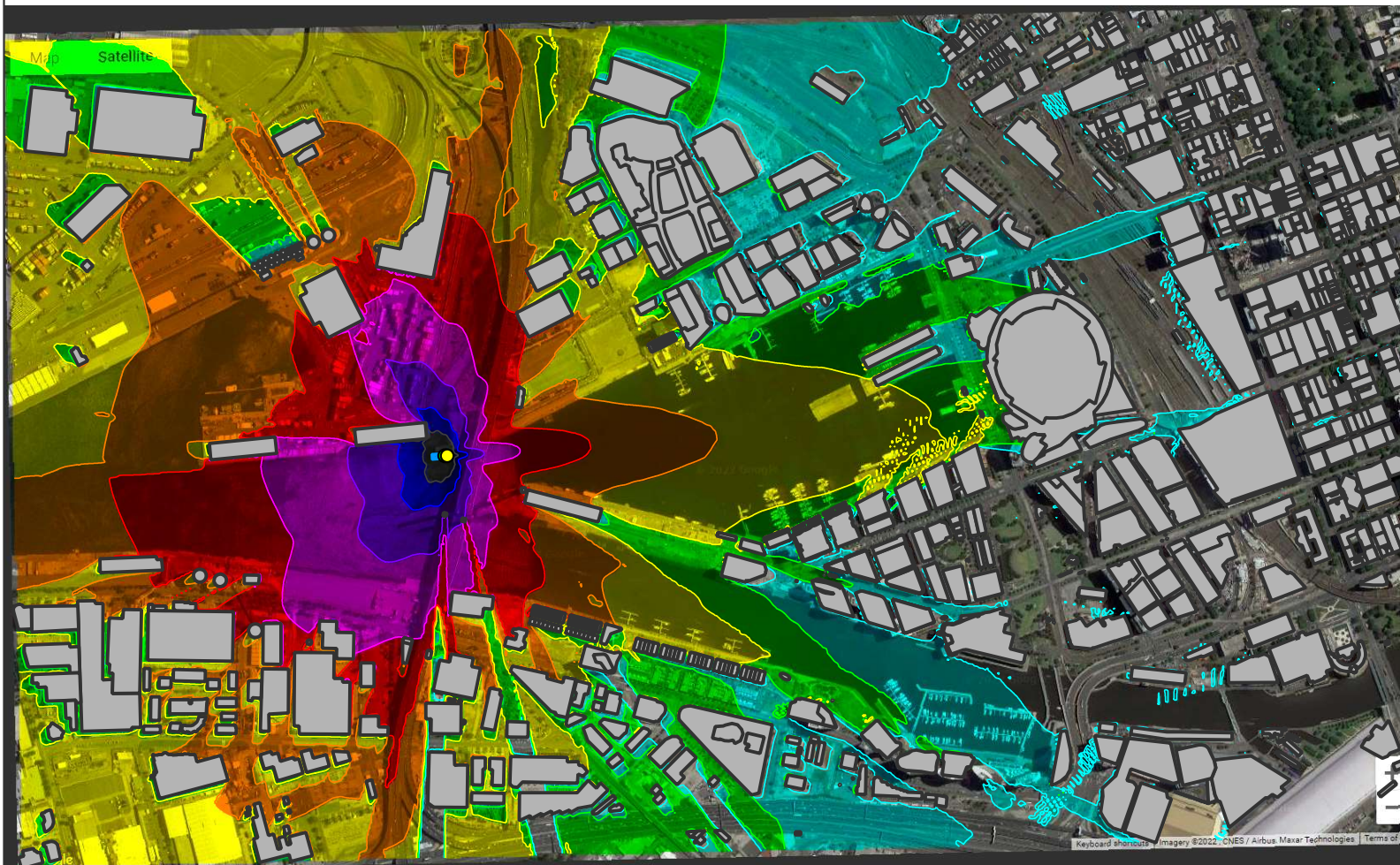
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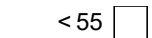
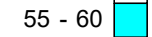
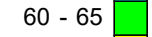
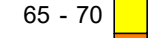
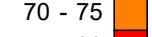
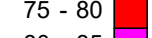
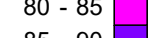
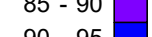
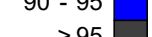

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Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delayed response again! We've still been flat out dealing with insurance and working to refinance to relieve some of the pressure caused by the arson attack.

I've also been waiting for our audio engineer to provide a detailed explanation of the change of sub speakers and why we expect it will reduce the noise impact on neighbouring residents, which is attached.

As discussed, we are well aware that the main issue for residents is the low end frequencies, or bass. In order to reduce this, we have swapped out the two larger subs for two smaller subs, as detailed in the attached document. Although this is not required to achieve compliance with EPA regulations, we believe it will make a significant difference to the perceived loudness.

While this is the first small step that we could implement in the short term, there are a number of additional measures we can take to further reduce the impact on neighbouring residents, without significantly compromising the experience for our patrons and the viability of our business.

#### **1. Relocate to the Western end of the wharf as originally planned.**

We originally pursued this venture on the basis that the Western tip of North Wharf provided the ideal location for our business model, given that it is relatively accessible, but also uniquely secluded. The distance to the majority of residential buildings in the area enables a reasonable level of sound for our concept to work effectively. Despite working closely with Development Victoria with fortnightly meetings since June 2020 to ensure all planning and logistics were resolved, we were never informed that the structural condition of this section of wharf was entirely unknown. It wasn't until October 2021, after we took possession of the barge and attempted to move it to this location that we were informed that a structural assessment and remediation work would need to be undertaken before the area could be used. The project was delayed a further 10 months and we suffered significant losses as a result of this oversight. We were left with no other option but to amend our planning permit and liquor licence to the current, temporary location.

Relocating to the end of the wharf will almost completely resolve the noise issues for all residents throughout Victoria harbour, including the apartments along Collins Street and Bourke Street to the East, and New Quay to the North and North-East. The closest of these apartments will be 500m from the venue (currently 250m), and the speakers will be oriented in the opposite direction, facing the Port of Melbourne docks. At this distance, the noise levels at the apartments will be reduced significantly. However, the situation will be only marginally improved for the residents at Yarra's Edge to South, as the distance to the venue will remain similar to the current conditions. Therefore, the relocation to the end of the wharf won't be a silver bullet, but it should eliminate more than half the complaints immediately.

#### **2. Change the sound system to a design with more, smaller speakers spread throughout the venue.**

Our current sound system design relies heavily on the large speaker stacks at the stage to provide sound coverage throughout the venue, and the volume of these speakers needs to be relatively high to provide a quality listening experience to patrons throughout the venue. By changing to a system which has more smaller speakers spread throughout the venue, the volume levels can effectively be lower, as the listener will always have a speaker closer to their ear. To illustrate this concept, consider the example of personal headphones. Headphones have tiny speakers which are practically inaudible at even a small distance, but they can be extremely loud for the listener because the speaker is so close to the ear. While this is an extreme example, the concept is the same. If we have numerous smaller speakers spread throughout the venue so that patrons always have a speaker no more than ~5 meters away, the volume can be lower while maintaining the same perceived loudness.

There is also a new speaker range available with full cardioid technology across all frequency ranges. Cardioid dispersion is where noise cancelling technology is implemented to reduce the sound levels at the rear of the speaker. This provides greater control of sound directivity, where the sound levels are far louder in front of the speaker than at the rear or sides of the speaker. Our current sound system has cardioid technology, but only for the sub speakers, ie the low end frequencies. d&b have recently released a new speaker series which has cardioid technology for all speakers, across all frequency ranges.

I have spoken at length with [REDACTED] from Enfield Acoustics, and he strongly believes this change of sound system will be the single most effective change we can make, and is probably the long-term solution to ensure we can co-exist with neighbours peacefully while ensuring the experience for our patrons is maintained.

The challenge for us is how we finance a new sound system. After years of delays throughout Covid and the change of location, and now with the arson attack, we are not currently in a position to fund this. We are working with banks to see if we can refinance to free up some additional funds which may be an option. We are also planning to reach out to d&b and see whether they would be interested in sponsoring a new system through a payment plan option. This would be a wonderful case study for d&b cardioid technology, and solving the noise issues for ATET would present a valuable marketing opportunity, especially after all the media coverage we have had.

### **3. Close the PVC side covers at peak times when the volume is full.**

We have had a few emails from residents suggesting that the noise is reduced when the PVC side covers are closed. Currently, the PVC covers can only be opened and closed manually, with zips at the top of the panel which requires a large platform ladder to access. This makes it extremely difficult to open or close them during operating hours. During the warmer months, we often needed these open as the space can feel like a sauna with no air flow, and it was not possible to close them with a large crowd in the venue. Now that we are coming into colder weather, it will be much easier to keep these closed more regularly, so hopefully this will further reduce the noise levels for neighbouring residents. However we lost a number of PVC covers in the fire which we haven't been able to replace yet, so we can't completely enclose the space currently.

We have considered that we could replace these covers with motorised PVC blinds in time for next summer. This would enable us to open and close them with the push of a button, so we could have them open earlier in the day to provide air flow when the temperature is higher and the volume is lower, and then close them in the evening when the volume is raised. The blinds would probably only need to be closed around the South side of venue, as this will be the only direction with affected apartments, especially once we relocate to the end of the wharf.

### **4. Install a sound barrier wall along the wharf, to the South of the venue.**

As we have explained, once we relocate to the Western end of the wharf, the only apartments that will be affected are those at Yarra's Edge, to the South of the venue. These apartments could be further protected by a sound barrier wall constructed parallel to the wharf edge, between the apartments and ATET. The wall would ideally be around 4m high and constructed with sound absorbing material. We have discussed this concept with [REDACTED] from Enfield Acoustics, and he feels this would be an effective measure to reduce noise levels at Yarra's Edge.

We believe that a combination of these interventions will be enough to provide a significant improvement on the current noise levels and ensure that we are able to co-exist with residents long-term. We are currently working on these ideas and exploring options on how we might be able to fund them.

Please feel free to call any time if you would like or would like to discuss further.

Kind Regards,



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**Jake Hughes**

Director



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North Wharf, Docklands

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are located and we pay our respects to them, their culture, and their Elders past and present.*

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2023 4:00 PM  
**To:** Jake Hughes [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Reminder - notes and sub woofer specifications  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jake,

Thanks for your time on the phone last week.

As promised, just a friendly reminder to send me through the specifications for the subwoofers you installed last week along with some notes outlining the noise reduction measures you described during our conversation.

Could you include:

1. Actions you have already taken and intend to take, including dates/timeframes.
2. Measures you are currently exploring and are prepared to take if necessary.

Kind regards



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Melbourne 5, April 2023

Modification of the sub array configuration at ATET 1 North Wharf, Docklands.

In order to reduce the emission of unwanted low end frequencies, it has been decided to modify the sub speaker configuration at the venue ATET. On the 28th of March 2023, we replaced two D&B Audiotechnik SL-SUBs with two smaller cabinets, the D&B Audiotechnik V-SUB.

The innovative technology shared by those two models of speakers, the cardioid system that cancels the sound energy radiated at the back of the array remain the same, but the main differences between those cabinets are the size and the number of drivers present in the enclosure, reducing the amount of sound pressure and power required. Three 21" drivers present in the SL-SUB against two 18" drivers in the V-SUB. By using smaller drivers and their numbers we are convinced it will help reduce the level and amount of low end frequencies radiation.

It is known that 32hz and 63hz are the most traveling and difficult frequencies to control, it has been reported by many acoustic assessments and specifically at ATET that those low end frequencies could be responsible for the noise perceived by some neighbors, even when the venue noise emissions are fully compliant.

Speakers work by converting electrical energy into mechanical energy (motion). The mechanical energy compresses air and converts the motion into sound energy or sound pressure level (SPL). As an audio signal is sent through the voice coil and the musical waveform moves up and down, the voice coil is attracted and repelled by the permanent magnet. This makes the cone that the voice coil is attached to move back and forth. The back and forth motion creates pressure waves in the air that we perceive as sound. The lower the frequency induced the lower frequency waves are produced. In order to reproduce low frequencies, larger model drivers like the double 21" present in the D&B Audiotechnik SL-SUB are used to displace more air and create lower frequencies traveling through it.

As you can see in the figure 1 to 5 from page 3 onwards of this document, the amount of low end emission is drastically reduced when we compare the SL-SUB and the V-SUB at same levels and frequencies, the purple rectangle representing the barge.

In combination with this solution we have also decided to use a High Pass filter in order to cut all emissions below 32hz in order to eliminate any possible emissions below this point.

## Technical specifications:

### SL-SUB:

The SL-SUB is a cardioid subwoofer actively driven 2-way bass-reflex designs housing three long excursion 21" neodymium drivers. Two drivers face to the front while one radiates to the rear. The front and rear facing drivers operate in independent bass reflex chambers and are driven from separate amplifier channels. The cardioid dispersion pattern reduces unwanted energy behind the system, resulting in less excitation of the reverberant field to deliver highly accurate low frequency reproduction. The frequency response extends from 33 Hz to 84 Hz / 30 to 65 Hz.

Frequency response (-5 dB standard) 33 Hz - 84 Hz

Max. sound pressure with D80 144 dB

Nominal impedance front/rear 3/6 ohms

Power handling capacity front (RMS/peak 10 ms)1000/4000 W

Power handling capacity rear (RMS/peak 10 ms)500/2000 W

Components 3 x 21" driver

### VSUB:

The V-SUB is an actively driven high performance cardioid subwoofer powered by a single amplifier channel. It houses two long excursion neodymium drivers, an 18" driver in a bass-reflex design facing to the front and a 12" driver in a two chamber bandpass design radiating to the rear. The cardioid dispersion pattern resulting from this approach avoids unwanted energy behind the system that reduces the reverberant field at low frequencies and provides the greatest accuracy of low frequency reproduction.

Frequency response (-5 dB standard) 37 - 115 Hz

Max. sound pressure with D80 137 dB

Nominal impedance 8  $\Omega$

Power handling capacity (RMS/peak 10 ms) 800/3200 W

Components 2 x 18" driver

Figure 1 SL-SUB dispersion patterns at 32HZ :

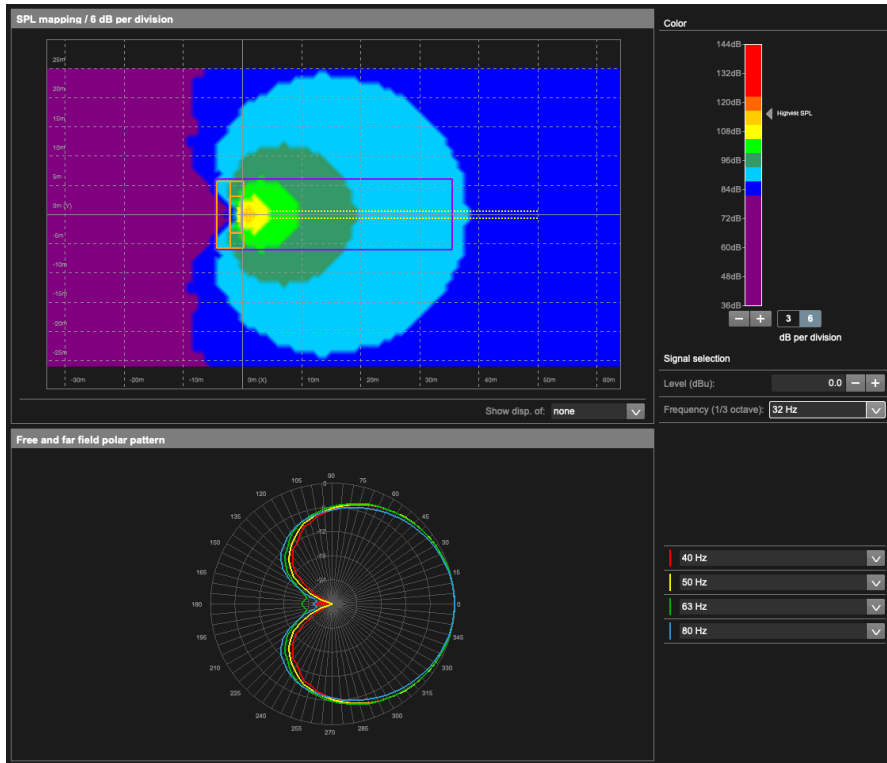


Figure 2 V-SUB dispersion patterns at 32HZ :

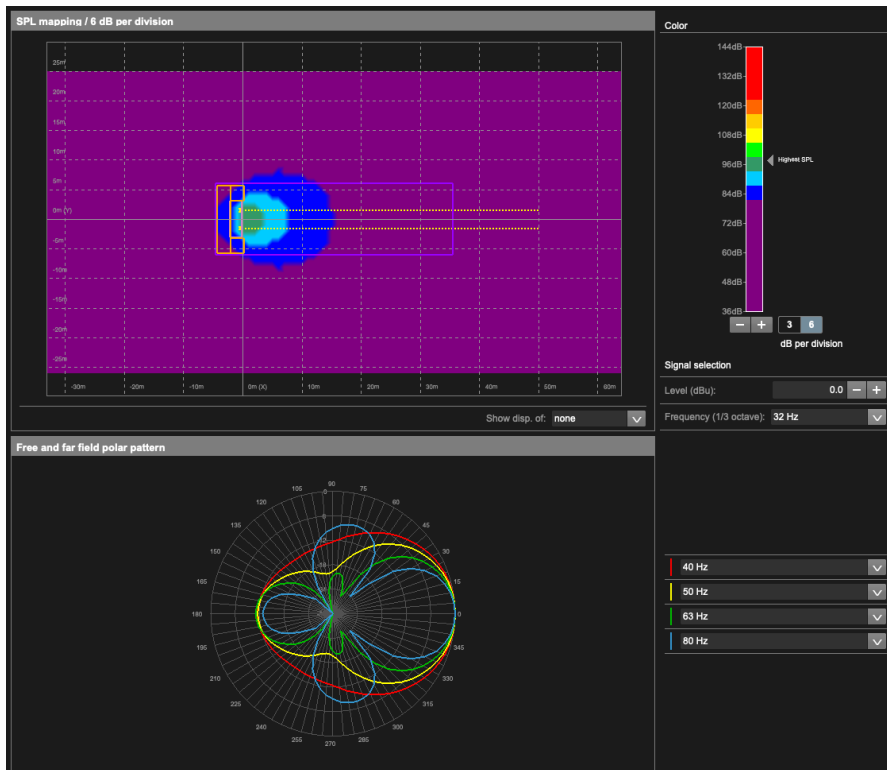


Figure 3 SL-SUB dispersion patterns at 63HZ :

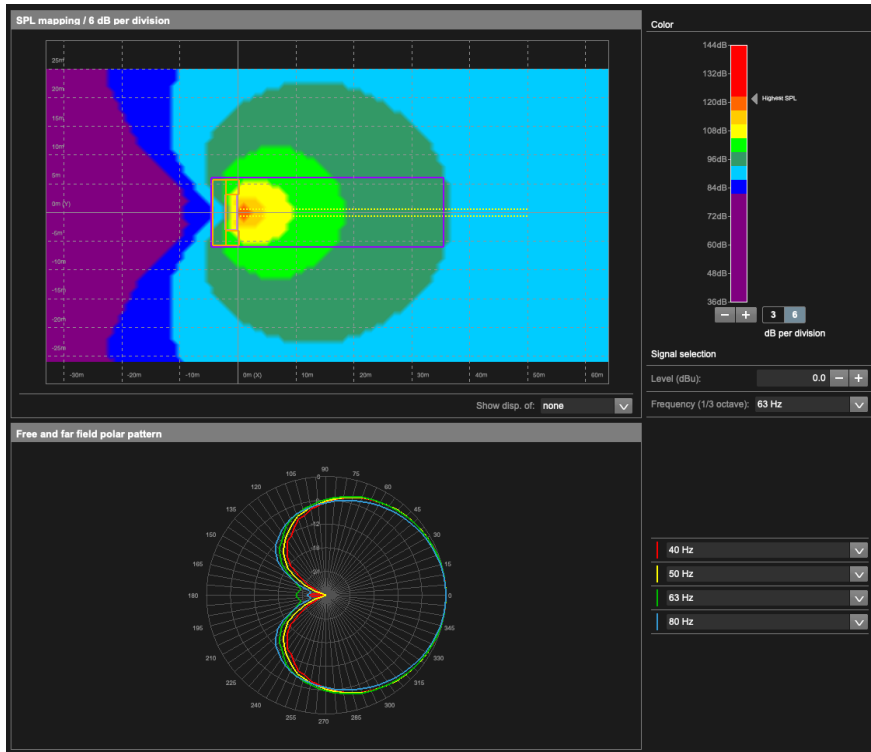


Figure 4 V-SUB dispersion patterns at 63HZ :

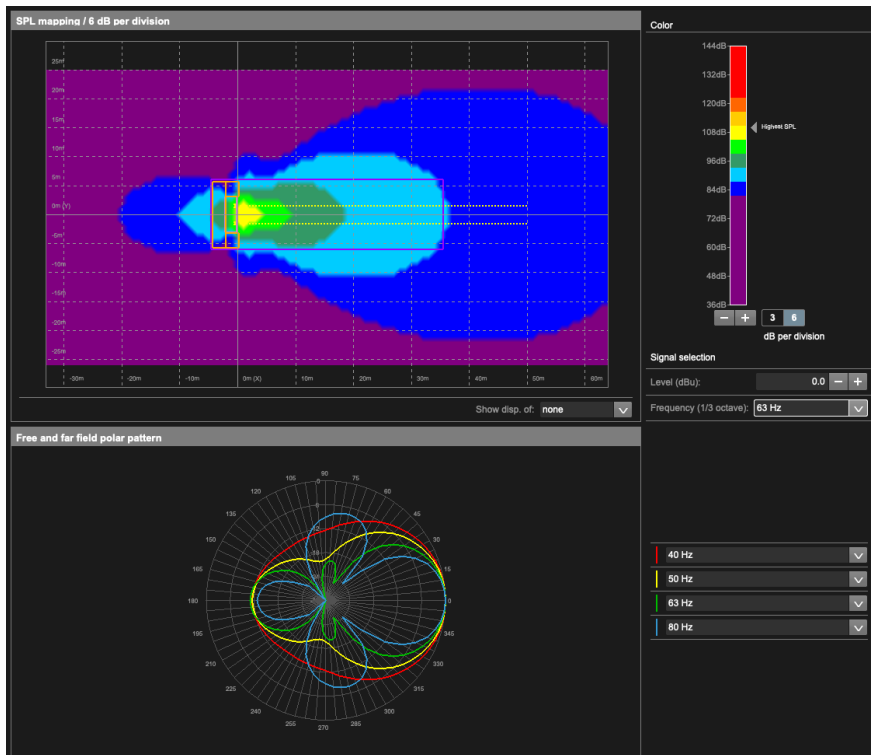


Figure 4 SL-SUB dispersion patterns at 80HZ :

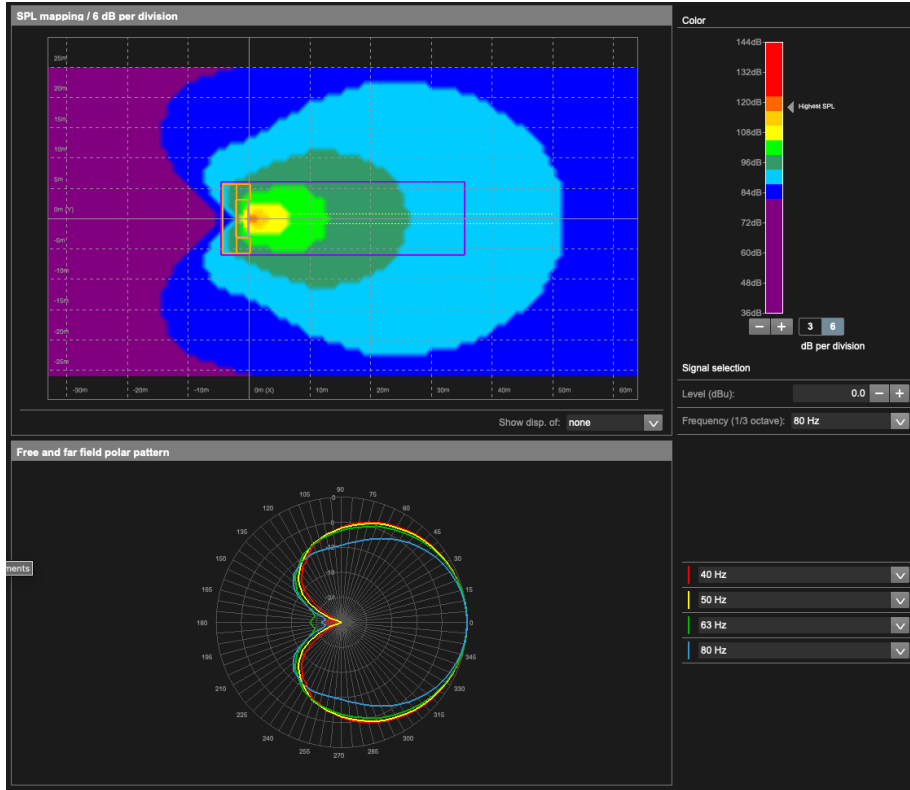
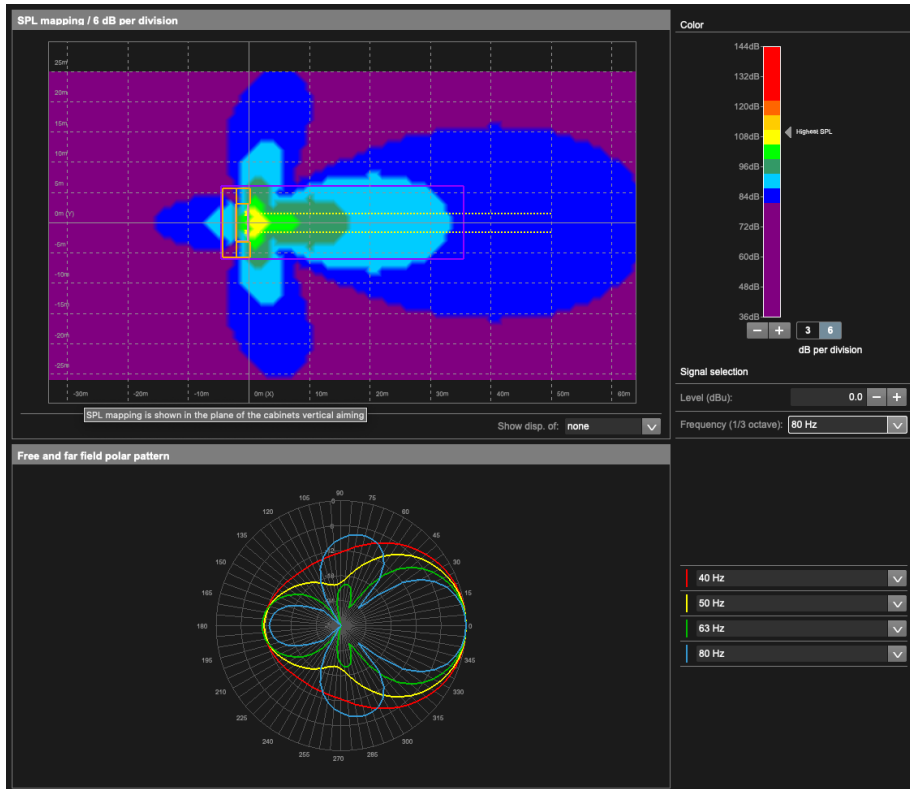


Figure 5 V-SUB dispersion patterns at 80HZ :



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<b>Phone number: *</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email address: *</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Date of Council meeting: *</b>	Tuesday 30 May 2023
<b>Agenda item title: *</b>	2. Conflict of Interest
<b>Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.</u> We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.</b>	Unfortunately I cannot attend the council meeting as my husband is very ill and is in hospital so I would like to ask the following :  I would like to request that all CoM council members state that they have no conflict of interest in regards to the Atet Floating Night Club. It has come to my attention that a council member is related to the owners of said vessel and I would like it on the record that every council member states their relationship to the owners of Atet.
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Unfortunately I cannot be at the meeting but I need to ask you to act with your hearts when you vote on this item. My husband is terminally ill and we don't have the luxury of escaping Docklands every weekend to get away from this incessant doof doof noise pollution from Atet. It has been extremely loud these last few weekends. My husband suffers from Stage 4 cancer and is in severe chronic pain constantly and this noise pollution is affecting his health, both physically and mentally. I know it is affecting thousands of people's lives also.

Please vote to cancel the permit that was given to this business to operate an open air Night Club in this residential area, so close to homes, affecting children, sick, elderly, business people, shift workers and many more.

The EPA have found that they are not compliant so surely this is enough to shut them down. Please act on this.

Please let us have some peace back in our lives.

I am begging you to please put a stop to this noise and, if they have to be given notice, then please monitor them every time they are open, as it is obvious that Jake and his team are purposefully making more noise than ever since it was published that their permit may be revoked.

Thank you for listening and please please help us.

Regards,

Christine

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**Agenda item title: \*** City of Melbourne International Engagement Framework

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The city of Melbourne has consistently demonstrated international leadership and a resilient engagement on pressing global issues. The new international engagement framework sharpens this approach and reiterated this resolve, with clear principles and an explicit and much welcome commitment to city diplomacy – just like some of the most innovative major cities overseas and a nation's first.

As proven time and time again in our city–university collaboration through programs like the city's VLR of the SDGs, Night Shift, or the latest hosting of the City Diplomacy Masterclass, the City has all the right ingredients to be a proactive and innovative host of global connections and conversations that also advance its key strategic priorities. To this end, the framework demonstrates clarity of purpose and a targeted regional positioning well suited to ensure the city's continued performance as an internationally recognised best practice hub and a truly "global" city in outlook. I commend this effort and looking forward to seeing it coming to fruition over the next few years.

Prof Michele Acuto, Director of the Melbourne Centre for Cities, the University of Melbourne

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As Australia's pre-eminent Trade, Investment and Promotion Agency with over 70 locations worldwide, Austrade understands the importance of building strong international relationships and connections through clear and purposeful global engagement. For this reason, we welcome the development of the City of Melbourne's Framework for International Engagement and recognise that core guiding framework principles, such as strong collaboration across all levels of government to support Australia's global ambitions, is vital for building successful international partnerships. In supporting international engagement efforts, Austrade is pleased to have the City of Melbourne as a TradeStart Partner delivering Austrade services to export ready businesses. The City of Melbourne TradeStart Advisers focus on core Health and Technology sectors and are integrated into Austrade's global network of specialists, assisting Australian companies succeed in priority international markets. We look forward to continuing that partnership and in further driving Australian exporter success on the global stage

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 23 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** Melbourne as a global city' International Engagement Framework

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

RMIT was pleased to contribute to the Expert Advisory Panel in developing Melbourne's draft International Engagement Framework.

RMIT is an international university of technology, design and enterprise. Beyond our communities in Australia, we have campuses in Vietnam, an industry and innovation centre in Spain, and offer programs with partners through the Asia Pacific including in Singapore, India, Hong Kong and mainland China.

RMIT welcomes the regional focus of the draft International Framework, including its focus on South East Asia, South Asia and East Asia – and the aspiration for the City to be a leader on the SDGs in the Asia Pacific. We also welcome the focus on the knowledge and innovation economy, and Melbourne to act as an economic hub for the region.

The draft Framework aligns with RMIT's strategy to 2031 'Knowledge with Action', and will open opportunity for further partnerships in Melbourne and the region, including through RMIT's campuses in Vietnam. RMIT is committed to being a leading University of impact in the Asia Pacific region, and partnering to make a lasting

impact in the communities we serve. We are also committed to act as a front door in Melbourne to understand and engage our region, including through hosting in the heart of the city the Asia Society Australia in a partnership to create Melbourne's Asia Trade and Innovation Hub.

We look forward to partnering with the City of Melbourne in the activation of this Framework.

Layton Pike

Executive Director (Interim)

On behalf of RMIT University

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**Agenda item title:** Sister City Relationship with St Petersburg

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

We are writing as City of Melbourne rate payers.

We understand that Melbourne City Council has suspended a sister city relationship with the Russian city of St Petersburg. As rate payers of Ukrainian heritage, we are requesting council cancel the relationship immediately. The full scale unprovoked war against Ukraine is totally unacceptable as are the ongoing war crimes committed against innocent children, women, sons, husbands and the elderly. Imagine two year old children being raped and son's being tortured and beheaded – that is the reality being inflicted by Russian soldiers! How can anyone possibly support that behaviour?

Simply suspending the relationship does not send the right message to the aggressor country and tyrant leader. Please show some courage and backbone by sending the right message to Russia by cancelling the relationship effective immediately. In not doing so, it is not only an insult to every rate payer of Ukrainian heritage but what kind of message is Melbourne City Council sending to the world?

We sincerely hope you can accommodate this request.

Regards

Andrew, Diana, Christopher and Harrison Pawluk

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**Agenda item title:** Melbourne as a Global City International Engagement Framework

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In the above Agenda as a Director of the Association Of Ukrainians in Victoria Item 12 Council agreed to Suspend the sister city relationship with St Petersburg. Our Association would suggest not only suspension but also cancellation of this alliance due to the Russian Aggression since February 2022. The Russian Government is destroying not only military property but has purposefully bombed Schools, universities, hospitals and private dwellings throughout Ukraine causing the displacement of some 10million Ukrainian people.

Suspension cannot be tolerable in these circumstances especially with the growing amount of war crimes being committed by the Russian Government. The aggression is Akin to Hitler and cannot and should not be tolerated. Although council Management has endorsed continued suspension it is the Associations view that the relationship be cancelled and cities outside of Russia be considered even like Odessa in Ukraine which is more Mediterranean and a member of a non aggressive country and leadership

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Representing 22 Peak Ukrainian Organisations in Australia  
Member of Ukrainian World Congress

**May 28, 2023**

**Lord Mayor Sally Capp  
And Councillors City of Melbourne**

Australia's Ukrainian community urges the City of Melbourne to cut all ties with the Russian city of St Petersburg, given Russia's ongoing brutal and illegal invasion of Ukraine. The temporary suspension of sister city relations isn't enough – We need a permanent cancellation!

The City of Melbourne, at its meeting on May 30, 2023, will be reviewing the sister-city relationship and intends to vote for continuing the suspension of its association with St Petersburg.

The Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations, on behalf of the 52,000 Ukrainian community and the Ukrainian WOrld Congress representing 20,000,000 Ukrainians in the diaspora, call on the Council to show courage and take a stand against Russia's aggression.

We appreciate Council took the initial step to suspend relations. But now, each Councillor must reassess the decision, take the next step, and vote to cancel all connections.

The mass destruction, the war crimes committed by Russian troops, the destruction of hospitals, kindergartens, sports facilities, and apartments in Ukraine and the vast toll on human life must lead Council to stop relations with St Petersburg entirely.

The International community has now applied sanctions, cut ties and condemned these Russian atrocities. The City of Melbourne should do the same.

The Council should consider starting sister relations with a city in Ukraine, Odesa. This will be a strong and unequivocal message that the City of Melbourne, like thousands around the world, stand with Ukraine .

Please do not hesitate to call me on [REDACTED] if you require further information.



**Stefan Romaniw OAM  
Co-Chair Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ukrainian World Congress**

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title: \*** Agenda item 6.1 Melbourne as a global city International Engagement Framework 14.4 That Council Endorses the continued suspension of the sister city relationship with St Petersburg

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I would like to express my full support for the City of Melbourne's decision to indefinitely suspend the Sister Cities relationship with Saint Petersburg, Russia rather than cancel the relationship all together.

Australians with Russian background are standing with Ukraine in fighting the War with the oppressive Russian regime. They are supporting Ukraine and the Ukrainian community in Melbourne in these difficult and uncertain times.

Our Melburg Association and the Melbourne based Russian community use this 34 years old Sister Cities relationship with Saint Petersburg communities, cultural, as well as educational organisations as an opportunity to continue dialogues, which are ever so important, especially at the time of war, and political and social oppression of the Russian opposition to the regime and to the aggression in Ukraine.

We feel strongly that at this difficult time it is very important for people of the Russian background living in Melbourne to show our full support to the Ukrainian community (and we do help non-stop on an official and personal level).

At the same time, it is important to be conscious of the fact that the Australian Russian community should not be bearing the blame for the current Russian government conducting the War against Ukraine. It should not be subjected to a "cancel culture". In my opinion, cancelling the Sister Cities relationship would be a destructive rather than a constructive action.

Thank you, and

Kind regards,

Alla Petrov

President of Melburg Association

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Australia Vietnam Leadership Dialogue ( <https://www.australiavietnam.org/>) AVLD is an initiative established to nurture relationships, collaboration between Australian and Vietnamese leaders – especially young leaders and is uniquely positioned to lead from a youth perspective in relation to the digital economy. AVLD is a founding member of the Australia Vietnam Policy Institute (AVPI).

Young people are key to the future and connections between the Australian–Vietnamese diaspora and youth in Vietnam is a crucial link to be developed in the bilateral relationship. The refreshed approach to international engagement by City of Melbourne includes a greater focus on Vietnam for cross–border trade, collaboration and people to people exchange. Priority number 6 (Leveraging diaspora and alumni communities to facilitate relationships and investment) & 7 (Continue engagement with important markets in Asia) in the proposed framework are exciting initiatives with clear overlap with and opportunities for interaction with the AVLD’s ongoing work, contributing to the sustainability of outcomes for this framework.

We fully support the proposed framework for international engagement by City of Melbourne as it continues to

strengthen the bilateral relationship between Australia – Vietnam and aligns with our objectives through engagement with young leaders between the two nations.

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St Petersburg

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The relationship between Melbourne and St Petersburg must be cancelled. It is supporting genocide.

**We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

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I strongly believe the City of Melbourne should fully cancel its relationship with St Petersburg, and suggest this question deserves full deliberation rather than as a single paragraph and recommendation within a broader Council strategy. As such, I urge Council to seek further advice on this matter, including through consultation with local Ukrainian–Australian communities, before a decision is made.

As a local resident with Russian ancestry, I am appalled by Russia's actions towards Ukraine, not only since the full-scale invasion last year but also since 2014 when Russia illegally invaded and unilaterally annexed Crimea and parts of eastern Ukraine. These actions have shown a disregard for Ukraine's sovereignty and international rule of law, as well as a disturbing trend of horrific war crimes and genocidal intent.

The scale of these atrocities and departure from rules-based order merits condemnation and disassociation that goes further than conventional steps, as has been made clear by the unprecedented levels of sanctions against Russia since the full-scale invasion last year.

From my point of view, continuing to suspend the relationship implies the intention to resume the relationship once some issue is resolved. While this may generally be a sensible approach, I do not believe it to be the case given Russia's unprecedented levels of aggression and disregard for international law. Any possibility of future relationship with St Petersburg or another Russian city should only be contemplated following an end to Russia's

illegal occupation of Ukrainian territory and full accountability for its crimes. Any potential future relationship should be built from the ground up, rather than a sense of "going back to how things were".

As somebody whose family is associated with the local Russian–Australian community, I know that international collaboration and Council support can be very helpful in fostering good outcomes for the diaspora community. However, I do not think that the interests of the Russian–Australian community can be held above those of the Ukrainian–Australian community in this matter. Russia's aggressions and crimes must be condemned even if this has negative impacts for ordinary people in Russia and those in diaspora communities.

I suggest that in seeking further advice to make a fully informed decision on the sister city relationship with St Petersburg, Council could instead investigate the potential for a relationship with Lviv, which has a number of commonalities with Melbourne including being considered the cultural capital of its nation.

I urge Council to centre the voices of Ukrainian–Australia communities on this issue. I do not speak on their behalf in making this submission.

Thank you for considering my feedback on this issue.

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The city of St Petersburg has passed laws in violation of human rights that discriminate against the LGBTI+ community (a large part of the inner Melbourne community).

The city is also part of the Russian Federation, who are committing war crimes in their continued unjustified invasion of Ukraine.

Given this, the city should consult with impacted communities including Ukrainian and Queer communities of Melbourne on the approach moving forward of the council to the currently suspended sister city relationship with St Petersburg.

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title: \*** 6.1 International Engagement Framework

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A suspension of City of Melbourne's sister city partnership with Saint Petersburg is not an adequate response to Russia's occupation of Ukraine since 2014, and 15 months of full-scale invasion.

I believe the City of Melbourne should cancel the partnership. This would take a firm stance against Russia's war crimes in Ukraine and deplorable record on human rights.

This matters to me because I can see the negative impact of these symbolic relationships on members of our Ukrainian community, and believe we should be doing more to support them at this extremely traumatic time for them. We should also be involving them in these decisions and discussions.

The paragraph on this issue in the Council agenda (Item 6.1, paragraph 12) only considers the importance of the sister city relationship to the Russian community in Melbourne. It does not consider the feelings of the Ukrainian community.

It's not good enough to only include the views of the Russian community in this decision as there is obviously a

significant impact on the Ukrainian community in Melbourne, and other communities victimised by the Russian Federation including Georgians, Syrians, Moldavians, and the LGBTQI+ community.

I strongly urge the Melbourne City Council to cancel the sister city relationship with St Petersburg in solidarity with our Ukrainian community members and friends, whose families and communities are currently being terrorised and murdered by Russia in clear violation of their sovereignty and human rights.

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**Agenda item title:** Item 6.1, section 12

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Melbourne is a vibrant city that embodies multiculturalism, harmony and democracy, a city that builds bridges to share culture and enrich people's lives through the partnering up of Sister Cities around the world to grow a global community built on trust and respect.

Sadly, Australia and Melbourne share nothing in common with russia and Melbourne's sister city st petersburg anymore. When russia chose to launch a full scale war on Feb 20, 2022, the largest mass scale war since WW2, it was a shocking blow against global peace and a violation of that trust and respect.

Furthermore, the invasion demonstrated that as people and nations we are nothing alike. It is clear that as Australians have nothing in common with and share no values with russia and russian people.

Whilst the program with St Petersburg is currently 'paused' this doesn't change the fact that Melbourne is still officially a sister city with St Petersburg today. This is a travesty.

Every day, Melbourne's sister city is part of a regime that launches up to 60 rockets every day – cruise missiles,

Shahed drones and hypersonic Kinzhal missiles at civilian sites such as schools, hospitals and residencies killing many. This kind of violence has no place in our community.

War demands action and russia preys on the inaction of governments and people and views inaction as weakness. This is true for russians in Australia who try to distance themselves but chose to do and say nothing. Infact, Putin's approvals have gone up since the war proving that this is the russian people's war as much as it is Putin's. They are one and the same.

Consequentially, Melbourne City's inaction to sever ties and maintain association with St Petersburg demands action today or it risks undermining the values of the sister city program and Melbourne itself. The people of Melbourne deserve better – we expect better.

To strengthen Melbourne's community and build a more meaningful sister city program, we should adopt a Ukrainian city which we share the same values, heritage and culture with that makes us proud Melbournians.

That's the Melbourne way.

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Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title: \***

St Petersburg sister city suspension

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I object to St Petersburg continuing to be a sister city with Melbourne given the current acts of terrorism being committed by Russia against Ukraine. I want any sister city arrangement with St Petersburg to be cancelled.

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Monday 29 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** "Melbourne as a global city: International Engagement Framework"

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to you about the City of Melbourne's sister city partnership with St Petersburg, Russia, which is being considered at today's Council meeting (recommendation 4 of item 6.1: "Melbourne as a global city: International Engagement Framework").

I do not believe the recommendation to continue to suspend the relationship is an appropriate response to Russia's occupation of Ukraine since 2014, 15 months of full-scale invasion, and deplorable record on human rights.

I have made Melbourne my home, but I was born in Ukraine. It is painful to see the single paragraph in the Council agenda on this important issue. This paragraph only considers the length of the sister city relationship, and its importance to the Russian community in Melbourne. I do not believe the City of Melbourne has adequately engaged with the impacted communities or considered the symbolic and material consequences of this decision.

I appreciate the City of Melbourne taking decisive action in suspending the sister city relationship in March 2022, and other actions of support for Ukraine such as lighting up Melbourne landmarks in blue and yellow.

This is a significant issue, and I urge Council to engage with the Ukrainian community in Melbourne, and other communities victimised by the Russian Federation including Georgians, Syrians, Moldavians, and the LGBTQI+ community.

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**Agenda item title:** Agenda Item 6.4 Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Precinct Renewal

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal because QVM is not a 'precinct'. The traditional market is a living community which represents Melbourne's heritage and also its sustainable future.

The Renewal Program has already damaged the physical heritage of the sheds (because the traditional ventilation panels in the roof were not replaced) and the cultural heritage of a working market by removing vehicles from the laneways between the sheds and instead placing them in areas that were formerly used for trading. This is so the car park can be privatised and turned into a 'hospitality' forecourt to the new development planned for Franklin st which will contribute almost nothing to increasing affordable stock in the city.

The new shops in Munros remain empty and the market has changed from an unmissable tourist experience to a disappointing one.

The management of the renewal has been a total failure – apart from the disregard for heritage controls, there are negative health and safety outcomes, failure of numerous initiatives, ongoing disruption to Market operations threatening the viability of the remaining traders (especially the construction of the redundant white elephant that it the Trader Shed) and the remarkable turnover of renewal staff.

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**Name: \*** Trish O'Loughlin

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

To whom it may concern.

I am writing this plea because I'm very concerned about the renewal plan.

- [ ] It seems to me the the MCC is not managing the Heritage Values of the Queen Victoria Market.
- [ ] It does not look as though the renewal plan has been carefully considered with regard to Heritage Values. I find this deeply disturbing.
- [ ] A traditional working market that is treasured and preserved will always be a genuine tourist attraction.
- [ ] When I go to the market I want it to be a real market not a tourist destination.
- [ ] Because after many years of travelling overseas I know that tourists love to visit a genuine market not a glitzy playground.
- [ ] The cultural and social values of this precious area should be carefully protected and preserved.

Thank you for reading my plea for the preservation of one of Melbourne's most treasured precincts.

Trish O'Loughlin

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I wish to request that the council not proceed with its plan to change the QVM as detailed to date. The purpose of the market needs to be to serve the fresh food needs of both the local community and the wider population and not to change its infrastructure and design to become a moneymaking opportunity and become a tourist attraction. The community has opposed councils actions over the yearsxand yet council continues with its appalling plans. Public transport serves the market well and carparking ought not be a high priority except for the traders.

Please do what is right not what is expedient.

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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.4

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal because as a market shopper of over 40 years I have in the last few years, since you commenced the "development", the rapid destruction of the market. As a now not so regular shopper I do not want you to further diminish what was a great market. I do not want to park in the underground, offsite Munro car park, I do not want the continued diminishing of the number and variety of fruit and vegetable stalls by wasting money on installing a 7 level trader shed and I am very dissapointed that the upper level of the market are now a wasteland used for parking, loading and storage. The stalls that were there previously were cheaper and had a greater variety of fruit and vegetables. I certainly do not want the market to become another event / food hall venue.

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<b>Name: *</b>	Philip Watts
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<b>Email address: *</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Date of Council meeting: *</b>	Tuesday 30 May 2023
<b>Agenda item title: *</b>	6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program – Quarterly Report
<b>Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.</u> We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.</b>	<p>I do not give my support to the CoM and its QVM precinct renewal program –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the QVM is not being managed correctly as required as a state and national heritage listed place.</li> <li>2. the QVM should not be managed for other purposes as proposed by the CoM.</li> <li>3. I do not wish to park in the underground carpark.</li> <li>4. I do not wish for the QVM to be an event and hospitality space</li> </ol> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Philip Watts</p>
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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program – Quarterly Report

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

Queen Victoria Market is a National Heritage site and according to the Burra Charter should only be changed in minimal ways. As such, this site needs a discrete Master Plan to preserve and protect it, as opposed to a Precinct Master Plan. CoM should update its Conservation Management Plan, a 2017 federal requirement following its National Heritage listing.

3.3 Market infrastructure– Trader shed. The People's Panel's recommended that a formal review and consultation process be implemented at regular intervals, such as every two years, to ensure that future upgrade work is in line with trader wants and needs. This was when there were 65 fruit and vegetable traders. There are now fewer than 35. A seven level gold plating exercise is totally unjustified and is an abomination in a National Heritage site.

3.4 Market Place and Testing Grounds. This space is an encroachment on the parking space. The People's Panel recommended that 520 parking spaces be preserved at the Peel Street end of the market. This has been ignored by the CoM. The parking is necessary for a working traditional market. This area is also included in the National Heritage site. It is essential to preserving the culture and social fabric of the market.

The council needs to review its market strategy (It is not a precinct) in light of Covid and its economic effects.

The council needs to RESPECT the social and cultural values of Queen Victoria Market and its importance to all Melburnians.

As a loyal market customer, I OPPOSE the council's management and so-called renewal program. The Council is re-purposing and appropriating a significant National Heritage asset, diminishing its significance.

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** QVM – precinct Renewal.

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal because QVM is not a 'precinct', it is & was always to be a fresh food & goods market for the people of Melbourne & tourists.

The traditional market is a living community which represents Melbourne's heritage and also its sustainable future.

The Renewal Program has already damaged the physical heritage of the sheds (because the traditional ventilation panels in the roof were not replaced) and the cultural heritage of a working market, by removing vehicles from the laneways between the sheds and instead placing them in areas that were formerly used for trading.

This is so the car park can be privatised and turned into a 'hospitality' forecourt to the new development planned for Franklin st which will contribute almost nothing to increasing affordable stock in the city.

City of Melbourne seem to be on mission to add to our costs and financial pressures with what was previously free parking, revenue raising & deterrence to shop at QVM.

The new shops in Munros remain empty and the market has changed from an unmissable tourist experience to a disappointing one.

The management of the renewal has been a total failure – apart from the disregard for heritage controls, there are negative health and safety outcomes, failure of numerous initiatives, ongoing disruption to Market operations threatening the viability of the remaining traders (especially the construction of the shambles that is the Trader Shed).

Every week or two when my husband and I complete our meat, fruit, vegetables and deli shop it is becoming more & more of a shambles from parking to finding regular traders to constant works making deterrent from visiting QVM, heart breaking to see how much our world famous market has deteriorated to shambles affecting traders & customers.

We do not want event spaces at QVM we want our traders of fresh meat, fruit & veg, eggs & deli, the increasing cost of living adding to pressures & sad state of QVM caused by QVM management & City of Melbourne consecutive councils.

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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program – Quarterly Report

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the City of Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal.

Preserving QVM's cultural heritage should be paramount, however the proposed Precinct Renewal undermines this.

It is not appropriate for QVM to become an event and hospitality space – its status as a traditional market should be upheld. Furthermore, proper, respectful consultation with stall holders should be a priority.

Retention of existing parking spaces at QVM's Peel Street end should also be confirmed, to ensure the continued survival of QVM as a working market.

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Monday 29 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** Re the Queen Victoria Market Renewal Program

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

Thank you for an opportunity to voice my view on the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program. I do not support the City of Melbourne's plans for the Vic Market. I am amazed that the Council does not understand that what attracts visitors to the market is because they like it as it is now. Modernising in the way you suggest would take away much of it's charm. The market is listed as culturally significant both on a state and federal level. It is an abuse of power to significantly change and 'modernise' the market. South Melbourne Market is an example of a thriving market because it is managed well and retains it's historic character. The Queen Victoria market, on the other hand, is not managed in the interests of those who work there, shop there and visit there.

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Sunday 30 May 2923

**Agenda item title:** Queen Victoria Market

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I was on the People's Panel for the QVM and presented our report to Council. I am a weekly shopper and a MCC rate payer.

I regularly shop at the market from 7.30am to 8.30am on a Thursday, parking in the car park, which is free at that time. I want this aspect of the market to stay the same; an incentive of some free car parking, at the current car park. I do not want to park further from the market or underground in the Munro carpark. I have a two level trolley that extends to three levels when I add boxes on top. Further, the current carpark is heritage protected as it was the site for Melbourne's first cemetery.

I want to see the QVM as a working market, supplying fresh healthy food at a reasonable price and the retail section to be maintained with quality products. Over the years I have developed friendships with many traders and enjoy the social connection of shopping at the market. I am not interested in the market as an entertainment/event location

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**Name: \*** Jane Howie

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title: \*** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program – Quarterly Report

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program.

Item 3.3 I do not support the development of a 7 story Traders Shed as proposed. A working market does not need such a big, and expensive building. The market currently serves an often-ignored segment of our City of Melbourne population, those struggling with food security. Currently the market provides access to inexpensive and healthy foods, improving living standards of the community. During this time of significant increases to the cost of living the City of Melbourne appears to be out of touch with it's constituents needs.

Item 3.4 I do not support the over development and gentrification of this heritage site for use as an event space. Many families cannot afford to attend events such as Food and Wine Festivals. Once again the City is out of touch with the struggles of the community with respect to the increases in costs of living. I do not support the use of public funds for the over development of a site to transition it's usage to the upper middle class.

Melbourne already has plenty of event and art spaces, indeed attending these events is out of the reach for many families in the area. The Market Square should continue to remain focused on being itself, providing access good quality and inexpensive fresh foods.

I do not support the acceptance of this Report and instead ask the City of Melbourne to develop a Master Plan for



the Queen Victoria Market that reflects and enhances it's current role, and values, in servicing the needs of the community that utilise the market today!

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**Date of Council meeting: \*** Tuesday 30 May 2023

**Agenda item title:** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I object to the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program, because it would destroy a highly significant part of Melbourne's heritage, which in its present form has served the people of Melbourne for over 140 years and is a great drawcard for visitors. Melbourne's Heritage must be honoured and retained for present and future generations.

In particular, I object to point 3.3 – Market infrastructure – Trader Shed.

A 7-level trader shed would completely change the wonderful, personalized experience of shopping at Vic Market to totally impersonal and anonymous, like Southland or Highpoint West.

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**Name: \*** Ellie Fard

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

I do not support the City of Melbourne in its Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal because:

Vic Market is not being properly managed as a State and National Heritage listed place that protects its cultural heritage,

Vic Markers does not have a discreet Master Plan for itself to protect, enhance and manage its cultural heritage values,

I do not want QVM managed for other purposes as the City of Melbourne is doing eg Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Fringe Festival, Testing Grounds

I do not want QVM to be used as an event and hospitality space for the precinct which would blend into the CoM's property interests nearby

I insist that the CoM update the Conservation Management Plan, long overdue since it was placed on the National Heritage Listing in 2017

Point 3.3 – Market infrastructure – Trader Shed. Traders and the public cannot see the need for this grandiose 7 level trader shed when there are now under 35 fruit and vegetable traders and half the sheds are empty.

Agenda point 3.4: Market Place and Testing Grounds. I do not want to park in the underground, offsite Munro car park. The car park is for the traditional working market and should not be seen as empty space by council. The

market car park is included in the market's heritage listing as a part of a working market for the convenience of customers and traders.

Council decisions re the QVM renewal is badly managed and not in the best practice interests of a State and National Heritage listed site

The Council needs to desist with this madness and review the market strategy for the current post-COVID environment

The Council needs to respect the social and cultural values of QVM and its importance to all Melbourne.

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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program

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**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.**

Dear Councillors,

I wish to take the opportunity offered by the presentation of this Report to lodge my deep concern with the direction being taken in the above strategy, which is damaging the Queen Victoria Market and its precinct in a way that will soon be impossible to reverse.

I submit that the current Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program, is deeply flawed and should be suspended pending independent review.

As a market customer and a person concerned with the protection of heritage in Melbourne and its suburbs, I draw to your attention the following fundamental errors in the current strategy–

The strategy taken (and the way the Market has been managed recently) has driven away so many traders so that the market is now a shadow of its former self.

- The shopping experience is marred by the extraneous shipping containers and other junk littered throughout the market, the empty spaces in what should be active trading sheds, and an apparent lack of commitment to the core role of the market as the people's source fresh food.

- The great inconvenience to market customers by the progressive downsizing of the market car park making it harder and harder to park

• The disregard of the market's heritage importance by proposed construction of out of scale and inappropriate buildings on the market campus and

• The apparent belief by Council and its agents that it is entitled to appropriate the people's market space for trendy events unconnected with the market's role as the people's fresh food source.

It is incredible that weak environment and heritage legislation and administration by the State and Commonwealth governments has allowed this extremely misguided strategy to roll forward unchecked.

I request that the Council suspend the QVM Precinct Renewal Strategy immediately, and seek competent advice outside of the current Council and market staff with a view to a revised strategy based on better serving the market's customers with the core products that it has provided for more than a century.

The market belongs to the community and Melbourne City Council and its agents do not have social licence to undermine and transform the Market's traditional role to create some kind of MCC- controlled events space.

Yours sincerely,

Prof E W Russell, [REDACTED].

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I object to the City of Melbourne's planned Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal because the Council seems intent upon destroying the cultural and social values that the market has epitomised for the length of its existence. The purpose of the market is being distorted by the Renewal Program, which envisages a boutique shopping and tourist precinct, instead of a cheap and accessible traditional market that sells a competitive variety of high-quality produce to locals from every socio-economic group. These old values are, paradoxically, what attract tourists to the market, but the Council seems blind to what famous cities around the world understand: that traditional markets have a unique value and place in the native culture that attracts locals and visitors alike.

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I do not support the QVM Precinct Renewal Plan.

The QVM Quarterly Report is an apt time to review the QVM Precinct Market Renewal. As a life-long customer of the market I give it a damning review.

- Our State and National Heritage listed market must not be subsumed into the surrounding precinct in a QVM Precinct strategy. This blends it into the City of Melbourne's other property interests nearby and conflicts with the market's heritage values. The market's significance demands a discrete Master Plan and updated Conservation plan, dedicated to the place itself, to protect, enhance and manage the place.

- In the current environment of inflation, municipal markets are needed more than ever. Melbourne markets such as South Melbourne, Preston and Dandenong are operating at full capacity and thriving. Yet Queen Victoria Market is in a deplorable state with vast vistas of empty sheds in the Upper Market. The market has lost 50% of its traders. It now looks quite shut when viewed from Peel Street from Monday to Friday and often quite desultory on the



weekend.

- The number of fruit and vegetable traders have seriously declined since 2021 from when the QVM Precinct Market Strategy was approved by Council. There were then 65 fruit and vegetable traders. Today there are under 35.

This hardly justifies this expensive, excessive infrastructure that, contrary to Council claims, is not warranted nor wanted by traders.

- Re the Trader Shed, the often misrepresented People's Panel recommendation 1 claims:

'Feedback from traders on the people's panel suggests that the ..... infrastructure in the market is excessive and unnecessary. There is concern that increasing infrastructure to that proposed scale could result in larger redevelopment than what is needed.'

Attached is the full recommendation.

- Restoration works have had a detrimental impact on businesses. eg toxic roof dust spreading over fresh food stalls and cafes eg Café Gilli on Therry Street sandwiched between the noisy, dusty Therry St road works and H & I Shed restoration. Accessing appropriate compensation is onerous, long-winded, expensive and complicated for traders.

- Developers take precedent over trader needs – eg , fruit and vegetable traders have been told they must vacate the storage sheds on Franklin Street by 31 December 2023. (Email to traders attached). This is abominable timing for them – summer and soft fruits, busy Christmas and New Year, and very short notice. The market management has no idea at present where to relocate them within the market. The developer of the Southern Site has demanded control of this area to the detriment of the traders.

- The planned appropriation of the vital QVM car park to make way for the open space at Vic Market to be known as Market Square, located opposite the Flagstaff Gardens which is 17 hectares of open space. It will be the forecourt of the high-rise developments around the perimeter of the market, and will be the final nail in the market's coffin. The majority of QVM market customers avoid the off-site underground car park in the Munro development, preferring the convenient at-grade car park. Furthermore, no provision has been made for large vehicles owned by traders or for disability parking.

- Testing Grounds, adjacent to the soggy Popup Park, taking up a large part of the QVM car park, remains an inactive and desolate introduction to the market from the south.

This current strategy is an adapted realisation of the former Doyle administration which was thoroughly rejected by

Heritage Victoria. Its current form, under the current administration, is to incrementally re-purpose QVM as a hospitality and event space under the guise of 'modernisation' to activate the precinct. Properly managed, the market does not need activation. The Doyle Plan has been, and remains, a contentious issue in the community since its inception in 2013.

Mary-Lou Howie

Alternatively you may attach your written submission by uploading your file here:



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i wish to protest the development of the QV Market. This icon of Melbourne is loved and supported by locals and international visitors alike. We don't want fine dining and apartment blocks – we already have those. We only have one central market, that is loved and supported by our whole city.

i have visited markets world wide and QV is exceptional

We don't need another underground carpark but we do need our market accessible to our citizens and our guests.

Our ancestors are – buried here leave them in peace.

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I am writing to confirm that I don't support the City of Melbourne's current Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal. This has several reasons. I work for The University of Melbourne and many international students shop there as their only real regular fresh food market. Affordability, access and good amenities, a friendly atmosphere with ease of shopping and a high regard for the State and National Heritage listed place is key to them. None of which are reflected in the current Renewal plan. I don't think my students nor I are going to benefit from high end consumption or Festivals. We need a great but affordable market experience, convenience, car and bike parking and conditions such as a clean environment, organic food/ groceries and a toilet for the family. We have many event spaces already. We need good day to day shopping: fruit and vegetable traders we can trust and afford. No fancy (and underground) carparks or expensive developments, please. Accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and bikes pls. Pls listen to the community and review the Renewal strategy and make it a community friendly and social place that is safe. We are all willing to help. We need to be social post-COVID for all Melburnians.

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**Agenda item title:** 6.5 Audit and Risk Committee Charter

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Thank-you for the opportunity to make a submission to this item. I am a resident of the neighbouring municipality of Merri-bek. I have looked at the Audit and Risk Committee Charters of numerous other local councils in Melbourne, as well as the sample policies on the Local Government Inspectorate website, which were published after a recent review of Council policies by the Inspectorate. In my opinion, the proposed changes to the committee's charter do not go far enough to upholding the overarching governance principle of transparency. Some of the changes that I would suggest are (a) the biannual personal interest returns of the independent members to be published on the council website, alongside those of Councillors and nominated Officers. Several other Councils already do this, such as Monash Council and Hume Council (b) the Governance and Management Checklist to be specifically stated as under the remit of the Committee to check annually; (c) full minutes of committee meetings to be presented to the next council meeting. Several other Councils already do this, such as Hobsons Bay, Glen Eira and Monash Councils. I would also like to suggest that the Draft Charter be released for community consultation and feedback. Thank-you.

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**Agenda item title: \*** 6.6 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes and Biannual Audit and Risk Activity Report

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Thank-you for the opportunity to make a submission to this item. I make this submission in addition to the other submission on item 6.5. My suggestions are (a) the Biannual Report is missing the findings and recommendations – in detail; (b) that the minutes should not be designated confidential because the committee is not a delegated committee, therefore section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020 is not the relevant reason for confidentiality. Most other council's release the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meetings to the public – for example, Monash, Hobsons Bay, Glen Eira, Darebin, Moonee Valley, Merri-bek, to name just a few. Thank-you

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**Agenda item title: \*** 7.1 Post Travel Report, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece: China, April 2023

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Dear City of Melbourne,

This is a written response in regards to the Council meeting of 30th May, 2023 and in particular Agenda Item 7.1 Post Travel Report, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece: China, April 2023.

Thank you to the Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece for travelling to Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Beijing and Melbourne's sister city Tianjin in late April 2023. Cr Reece participated in a business delegation led by the Australia China Business Council. The Deputy Lord Mayor reconnected with civic and business leaders in Tianjin.

Melbourne has very strong cultural and historical connections to China and Cr Reeces visit is important for strengthening Melbourne's relationship with Asia. The work Cr Reece did in this journey will enable a greater flow of trade, economics and culture between China and Melbourne. I support Melbournes program of international travel of Councillors to overseas destinations.

Cr Reece visited Haileybury Tianjin College where he was well received and he made a surprise visit to the



Haileybury Micro-Film Festival. Nicholas Reece praised the efforts of the students in promoting cultural exchange and fostering mutual understanding between Chinese and international students.

Cr Reece appeared on 3AW Drive with Tom Elliott on the 11th May to detail his China tril and explain the benefits to Melbourne of his trip.

Bravo Nick Fantastico

Best regards

Chris Thrum

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