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6.2 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Southern Site Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR–2023–10

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- > premature informal approval
- > vision relating to building height, mass and affordable housing and relation to the Hoddle Grid as well as heritage
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- > considerations of wind impact on the QVM traders and neighbouring residences and pedestrians.

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**Re: Future Melbourne Committee Agenda Items 6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-7 and 6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-10 Queen Victoria Market 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne.**

Dear Councillors,

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (National Trust) provides the following submission to the above planning referrals for an early works planning permit application and the proposed Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Southern Precinct Development Plan, December 2023.

The National Trust has a long-standing interest in the City of Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program and has been actively engaged in the process for many years, including as a member of the Queen Victoria Market People's Panel in 2018. The National Trust recognises the Queen Victoria Market's national significance as one of the great nineteenth century markets of Victoria. It has been in continuous operation since the 1870s and is the only Melbourne market to survive from a group of important central markets built by the City of Melbourne Corporation.

We also recognise the social significance of the Queen Victoria Market as a record of change and continuity in market activity over a long period and as an important shopping, leisure and meeting place for generations of Victorians and visitors to Melbourne. The complex of enclosed food halls, open sheds, shops, and stores perpetuates distinctive forms of trading, providing a very tangible continuity from the nineteenth century to the present. The social significance of the Market is reflected in its function as an affordable and diverse retail market serviced by small, independent businesses, from many different cultural backgrounds.

Furthermore, the Old Melbourne Cemetery is located underneath the current at grade carpark and is recognised through the edge of the Franklin Street Stores which are built on this alignment. It is Melbourne's first official cemetery, established in 1837, and is of archaeological significance as many burials remain on the site.

The National Trust advocates for the values of both the Market and Old Melbourne Cemetery to be maintained during and after the Market Renewal process. In particular, we expect the open character of the Market sheds to be maintained, and for the market to continue to be an affordable place to shop for locals and visitors.

## **1.0 Summary of National Trust Position**

In 2017 the National Trust conditionally supported the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal. The National Trust continues to consult with the Market Renewal team to provide input and advocate for positive heritage outcomes on the site.

We acknowledge that this permit application seeks to implement key outcomes that were terms of the 2014 agreement between the City of Melbourne and the State Government as part of the Market Renewal. We also recognise that the proposal is subject to the requirements of a Development Plan Overlay (DPO11), Design and Development Overlay and outcomes of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Master Plan.

The National Trust recognises that funds secured through the development of the Southern Development Site will be reinvested into the Queen Victoria Market as part of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program. While we acknowledge the precinct benefits to be delivered by this development, the National Trust believes these benefits do not require the cost of the Market's integrity as a site of rare significance in a location of the CBD that has to date been distinguished by its relatively low-density surrounds, enabling public appreciation of its intactness and distinguished role.

- We support the proposal for the replacement of the open-air carpark with Market Square. However, we have concerns regarding certainty around the design and consultation process for this new public open space, and the excising effect on the Franklin Street Stores from the rest of the Market site.
- We support the proposed adaptive reuse of the Franklin Street Stores. However, we object to the temporary and permanent demolition of the canopy to facilitate the encroachment and cantilever of the tower developments behind the Stores.
- We object to the scale of development proposed behind the Franklin Street Stores. We submit that the bulk, height and encroachment of the proposed towers on the Stores overwhelms the Market. It is our position that these elements must be reduced to minimise the impacts of the new development on the state and national heritage values of the Market complex.

## **2.0 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-10 Early works permit application**

With regard to the application for early works associated with the redevelopment of the site being concurrently considered under development plan application DP2302292 (CoM ref TPMR-2023-7). We submit that early works should not be considered until the key matters of the Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Southern Precinct Development Plan have been fully resolved and the plan finally approved. Approval of works and planning for this significant site should not be driven by pre-determined outcomes.

## **3.0 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-7 Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Southern Precinct Development Plan, December 2023**

We acknowledge that in light of the Heritage Victoria permit approval, heritage is not a required consideration for the Committee. However, we implore the Committee to view this site and the proposed changes in a holistic manner, accounting for all significant values to the Melbourne and Victorian community.

We note that the [Heritage Victoria Officers Report](#) concerning this permit application states, 'It is a poor heritage outcome that a place of State and National significance should have to be physically altered to allow for an improved development outcome, however in this case there is little alternative.'

### **3.1 Public Realm**

The National Trust conditionally supports the proposal for the replacement of the open-air carpark with Market Square. While we acknowledge that the design of Market Square is subject to change based on City of Melbourne led community consultation, we have concerns regarding certainty around the proposed design, particularly with the shared one effectively excising the Franklin Street Stores from the rest of the Market site.

We therefore approve of the Shared Zone Design Principle 3,

*The north-south crossings for laneway pedestrians that should denote pedestrian priority and ensure that the shared zone is not a barrier between the Southern Development Site and the activation of the northern tenancy areas of the Franklin Street Stores, Market Square and the Market.*

We submit that the detailed design for Market Square and the treatment of the shared zone should ensure that the Franklin Street boundary can continue to be read as the southern extent of the Market, rather than the public open space visually excising the Franklin Street Stores from the rest of the Market site.

We would seek more detail and certainty regarding the Ground Plane Design Principle 2,

*Provide for a continuous north-south connection between Franklin Street, Market Square and the Market. Where possible, the view lines through this space at ground level should not be obscured.*

This Principle should go further to guarantee that a connection between the Franklin Street stores to the Market will be maintained in the design of both the shared zone and Market Square.

We also seek greater transparency regarding what design elements of Market Square are subject to change through the City of Melbourne led community consultation. It is not clear what level of public interpretation of the Old Melbourne Cemetery will be expected. While this element may not be the concern of the Southern Precinct Development Plan, the National Trust encourages ongoing meaningful community consultation on how the history of the site is to be acknowledged to engage and raise public interest in the archaeological significance of the Old Melbourne Cemetery site.

### **3.2 Landscape Design**

The National Trust supports the vision and principles of the Market Square landscape design. We acknowledge that species selection has not been finalised and Traditional Owners will be consulted.

### **3.3 Franklin Street Stores**

The National Trust supports the adaptive reuse of heritage buildings to ensure they have an ongoing purpose and remain viable assets to their communities. We generally

support the plans to adaptively re-use the Franklin Street Stores, and the required conservation works and removal of non-original fabric to facilitate this.

However, we have serious concerns with the removal of the Franklin Street Stores canopy as part of the development of the T1 and T2 towers. We disagree with the comments in the delegate report that this constitutes a 'high level of retention of the Franklin Street Stores' (Page 42 of 45).

We are not satisfied that the demolition and partial removal of the Franklin Street Stores' canopy has been sufficiently justified. Demolition of original fabric should be avoided, and retention of some significant fabric is not a justification for demolition elsewhere.

### **3.3 Tower developments**

Regarding the proposed tower developments behind the Franklin Street Stores, we submit that,

- the height of the proposed towers should be reduced to mitigate the overwhelming nature of their mass;
- the separation between each tower should be increased to mitigate the cumulative bulk and walled effect of the three towers;
- the development should be further set back from the Franklin Street Stores and not cantilever over them, which it has been argued necessitates the partial demolition of the Stores' canopy.

#### **3.3.1 Impact of height and bulk**

The National Trust objects to the proposed bulk and massing of the tower developments behind the Franklin Street Stores, as they overwhelm the Market and would result in an unacceptable and unreasonable impact on the significance of the registered place.

The National Trust finds that both the intactness of the Franklin Street Stores and the ability to appreciate the noted architectural elements of the Market would be threatened by the height and bulk of the proposed tower developments encroaching on the Stores.

We find that the height and proximity of the three towers creates a wall effect on the Franklin Street boundary which overwhelms the Franklin Street Stores and looms over the rest of the Market.

Furthermore, we fundamentally disagree that large-scale development on the fringes of the Market will not diminish its intactness and legibility as an early market complex. The overwhelming nature of this proposed development, and the encroachment and cantilever over the Franklin Street Stores, prevents the appreciation of these structures in their own right. We also submit that these towers will impact the wider site and its important value as a distinct market complex due to the significant impact on the traditionally low scale density sightlines of the site. Additionally, the transition from the higher built form of the central city to the very low scale of the Market will be starkly disrupted if these tower developments are approved.

To mitigate these negative impacts, the height and bulk of the proposed towers should be reduced, and their separation, and setback from the Franklin Street Stores increased.

### 3.3.2 Impact of the cantilever

The National Trust objects to the cantilever of T1 and T2 over the Franklin Street Stores. We acknowledge the proposed cantilever is not as extensive as DPO11 allows, however, we submit that just because it is not as extensive as it could be, this does not make the cantilever a good design outcome.

The National Trust also disagrees that the Franklin Street Stores are provided with sufficient breathing space from the cantilevered parts of T1 and T2. We submit that necessitating the demolition of the canopies would indicate the cantilever produces an overwhelming effect on the Franklin Street Stores, in that elements of their built fabric must be removed to accommodate the towers.

We submit that the design of the cantilever over the Franklin Street Stores should be removed from the development proposal.

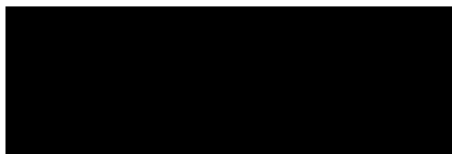
## 4.0 Conclusion

We respectfully request that the Future Melbourne Committee refuse to support either application TPMR-2023-7 or TPMR-2023-10 in their current forms.

We encourage the City of Melbourne to oppose the partial demolition of the Franklin Street Stores canopy, as well as the height, bulk and cantilever of the proposed tower developments, on the basis they would have an adverse and irreversible impact on the significance of the Queen Victoria Market.

For any enquiries regarding this submission, please get in touch with this office on 03 9656 9844 or with me directly at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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My comments relate to the following material:

Lighting

6.1.2 (part 2)

Page 50 of pdf (page 108):

Design Principle 10

Specialist lighting will be provided throughout the public realm, which will provide a range of lighting settings to suit different requirements, and provide atmospheric and functional requirements.

Page 51 of pdf (page 109):

“Design Principle 17

Public realm spaces should be well lit to provide for safe and inviting spaces, during the day and night.

This material is clearly based on the notion that lighting prevents or deters crime. The scientific evidence is

strongly against this. In future, use of light at night will need to be greatly curtailed because such exposure increases mortality. I have plenty of scientific evidence on this. Contact me by email if further information is desired.

Dr Barry Clark

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** Great to see the Gurrova place making progress through the system. A few improvements which would make a world of difference to cyclists:  
– Add a contraflow bikelane on Franklin st westbound roadway that is retained  
– Add dedicated bike facilities at Gurrova place (there are none indicated, and QVM has limited facilities  
– Add safe connections from shared bike lane and Franklin Street across Queen street and, across Peel street. No way to get from bike lane to west side of Peel.

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I am formally lodging my objection to the proposal on the basis the City of Melbourne has failed in its duty to effectively engage and consult the various Aboriginal custodians of the Queen Victoria Market precincts on the potential vision and potential opportunity of the site.

No stakeholder consultation report is submitted in the detailed development documents, there is no archaeological report and attachment, and no detailed report on the human remains located at this site.

Why has the applicant on behalf of the City of Melbourne not included any public engagement in the proposal being presented for approval?

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# QVM SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT SITE

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HERITAGE

February 2024

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# Statutory listings and controls

## ***Heritage Act 2017 (Victoria)- Victorian Heritage Register***

State-level values are historical, archaeological, social, architectural and aesthetic

## **Melbourne Planning Scheme**

Queen Victoria Market Precinct (HO7) includes the immediate environs

Heritage a key input to built form controls under Amendment C245 and DPO11

## ***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (Commonwealth) - National Heritage List***

Listed as an outstanding example of an Australian metropolitan food market established in the nineteenth century and for its research potential as the site of the Old Melbourne Cemetery



*Southern Development Precinct and VHR extent of registration*



# Engagement and response

Heritage considerations to the fore in the design process

Extensive engagement with Heritage Victoria prior to and following lodgement of the Heritage Permit application in June 2023

Heritage also a focus of the OVGA reviews of the Development Plan

On 20 December 2023, Heritage Victoria granted permit P36779 for works within the VHR extent, being for Towers 1 and 2, the works to the Franklin Street Stores and Market Square. Extensive conditions on the permit are directed at the appropriate protection of the heritage place including archaeology and resolution of design details.

EPBC Act Referral - The project as a whole is to be referred to the Australian Minister for the Environment, currently in pre-referral phase with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water



*View across the carpark to the Franklin Street Stores*

# Heritage outcomes

Active repair and conservation works to the Franklin Street Stores (including reinstatement of missing elements and details) and adaptation for new use

Franklin Street Stores continue to be understood as part of the QVM

Works for Market Square and within the Stores designed to avoid disturbance of the Old Melbourne Cemetery and subject to strict archaeological management requirements under the Heritage Act

Archaeological testing in 2023 found no evidence of the cemetery extending into the road reserve on the southern or eastern boundaries

Landscape design seeks to acknowledge and interpret the Cemetery including the original layout and path system, site interpretation layer to be included

Contrasting tower forms located outside/on the southern edge of the heritage place, with careful resolution of interface and ground plane treatment

Project as a whole will provide funding for infrastructure and improvements to the QVM



*Franklin Street Stores and carpark, c. 1969 (photographer K Halla, State Library of Victoria)*

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19 February 2024

Friends of Queen Victoria Market does not support the 'informal' Ministerial Referral before the Future Melbourne Committee meeting 20 February 2024 to accelerate the early works to the Southern Site.

The City of Melbourne, a partner in this commercial enterprise with Lendlease, and which stands to profit from this development, supports this application for 'early works associated with the proposed QVM Southern Precinct Plan' despite the fact that a planning approval by the State Government is still under consideration. This is an Alice in Wonderland scenario where the planning authority is referring the matter to the organisation proposing the development.

Friends of QVM are concerned that in considering this 'informal' Ministerial Referral to accelerate the early works to the Southern Site (which do not have planning approval) is for Lendlease's benefit, ignoring proper process and the concerns of the indigenous stakeholders and local residents. Both, Friends of QVM and the Wurrundjeri Woi Wurrung Elders are key stakeholders, which unlike the CoM, are without financial investment in property development.

The public statements by the Council and Lendlease indicate that there is Aboriginal approval. However, Friends believe this is questionable although an arm of the Wurrundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Corporation has given approval for the use of the name, Gurrova Place only.

We question the relationship between a public authority, the City of Melbourne, and a commercial development company, Leadlease, and feel acute disquiet. This is not in the interest of the rate payers of Melbourne, nor the interests of the local residents and Queen Victoria Market, nor the interests of the Aboriginal custodians of their significant site.

Recent media has reported that the CoM is cash-strapped. Council should recognise that grandiose Queen Victoria Market renewal plans

originally devised in 2014 and the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Framework 2017, are now dated and outdated, and beyond the financial means of the Council.

Melbourne has undergone radical change in the intervening years yet the vision for the market remains the same.

Since the renewal plans in 2014 began under former Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, the profitability of the Market has decreased. Since then, QVM has lost one third of its traders. The empty sheds are testimony to poor decision-making, incompetence, and ignorance of the decision-makers of the importance of our market to Melbourne. The rot set in well before COVID which accelerated an attrition of Market businesses in the Upper Market that was already well on its way and is continuing.

Lip service is given only by the Council and its partner Lendlease to the Market as a place registered on the Victorian and National Heritage list. By describing the market as the QVM **precinct**, it diminishes its significance as a discrete place of elevated significance to Aboriginal people, Victoria and Australia.

Heritage Victoria despite disapproving of the many aspects of the City of Melbourne/Lendlease proposal, approved the Lendlease's application. Heritage Victoria states in the Heritage Victoria Officer's Report and Recommendation the following:

Page 53:

*'The reporting officer does not support the construction of Towers One and Two (or Tower three and the Queen Corner Building) in such close proximity to the Franklin Street Stores. Towers One and Two cantilever over and directly abut the Stores and would dominate and overpower them. It would be necessary to remove sections of the southern canopy to ensure the Stores are functional and inviting. .... The bulk of the towers are outside the extent of the registration (ie Heritage listing) and will be constructed regardless of whether this permit is approved or not.'*

Page 14:

*'... the towers will have a substantial impact on the cultural heritage significance of QVM. They are massive in scale (both height and width) and will dwarf the single storey Franklin Street Stores located at their base.'*

The Heritage Victoria's Officer's Report, which in an unprecedented move by Heritage Victoria (HV), is posted on the HV website for the

public to view. Statements such as ..... *'The surviving Franklin Street Stores were designed to be visible and accessible for both the north and south elevations'*(page 14);

*'The reporting officer does not agree that the decision to remove the canopy should be informed by the new urban condition created by the towers. **Rather, the location of the towers should have been informed by the cultural heritage significance of the Franklin Street Stores in the context of QVM in its entirety. It is a poor heritage outcome that a place of State and National significance should have to be physically altered to allow for an improved development outcome ....'***(page 14) to quote just a few.

The above excerpts suggest that the Heritage Victoria decision was reluctant and implies pressure was applied.

How can you appropriate one third of the Victorian and National Heritage listed place, subsume the southern storage sheds (also on the Victorian and National Heritage register) into the overwhelmingly high wall that will divide the western end of the CBD to the Market's south, rip off part of the storage shed canopy because the proposed walkway beneath would be 'dark and dingy' while at the same time extolling the virtues of our marvellous 19<sup>th</sup> century heritage Market loved by Australia.

Ratepayers expect Council to operate in a fiscally responsible manner which does not include speculative property development. We urge you to defer this decision, pause and review your outdated strategy.

The City of Melbourne is now forced to subsidise the operation of the market which it can ill afford. Prior to QVM 'renewal', the Market generated \$4million+ annually to Council coffers by doing what the market does best – serving Melbourne as a traditional fresh food and general market.

In essence what it comes down to is that Lendlease, supported by the City of Melbourne, its commercial partner, is supporting its commercial development partner to begin preliminary construction and demolition work on the site before the development has actually been approved. This is bizarre!

Tony Barry of RedBridge has found in polling that people are increasingly distrusting institutions like this Council because they don't represent community values.

Is this not another example of community values not being valued?



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# Queen Victoria Market Southern Development Site

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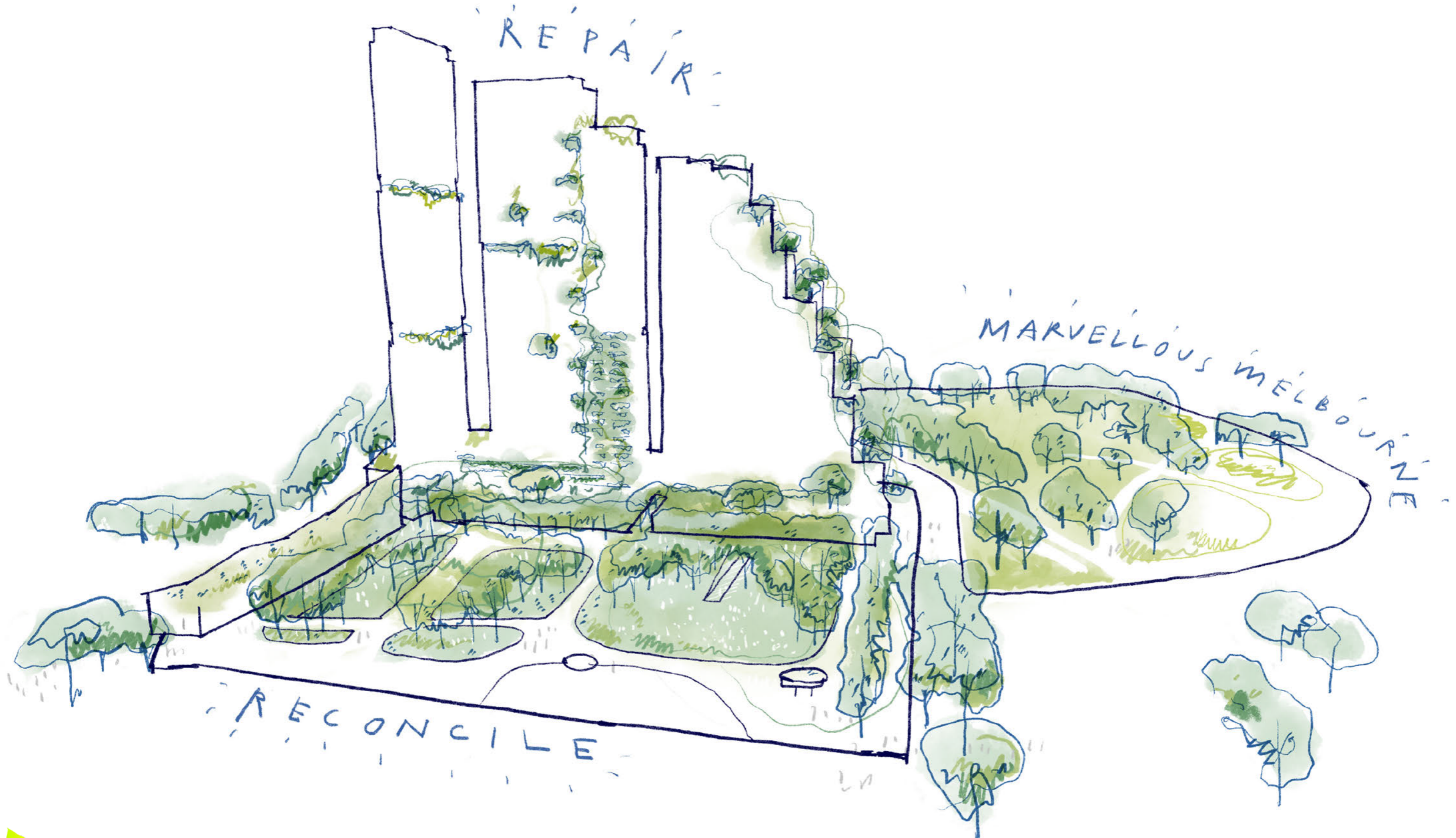
# Gurrowa Place

A WORD FROM THE FIRST LANGUAGE  
EVER SPOKEN ON THIS LAND

A PLACE FOR EXCHANGE AND INTERCHANGE  
OF IDEAS, DIALOGUE, CULTURE  
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# Design Vision

## Repair and Reconciliation



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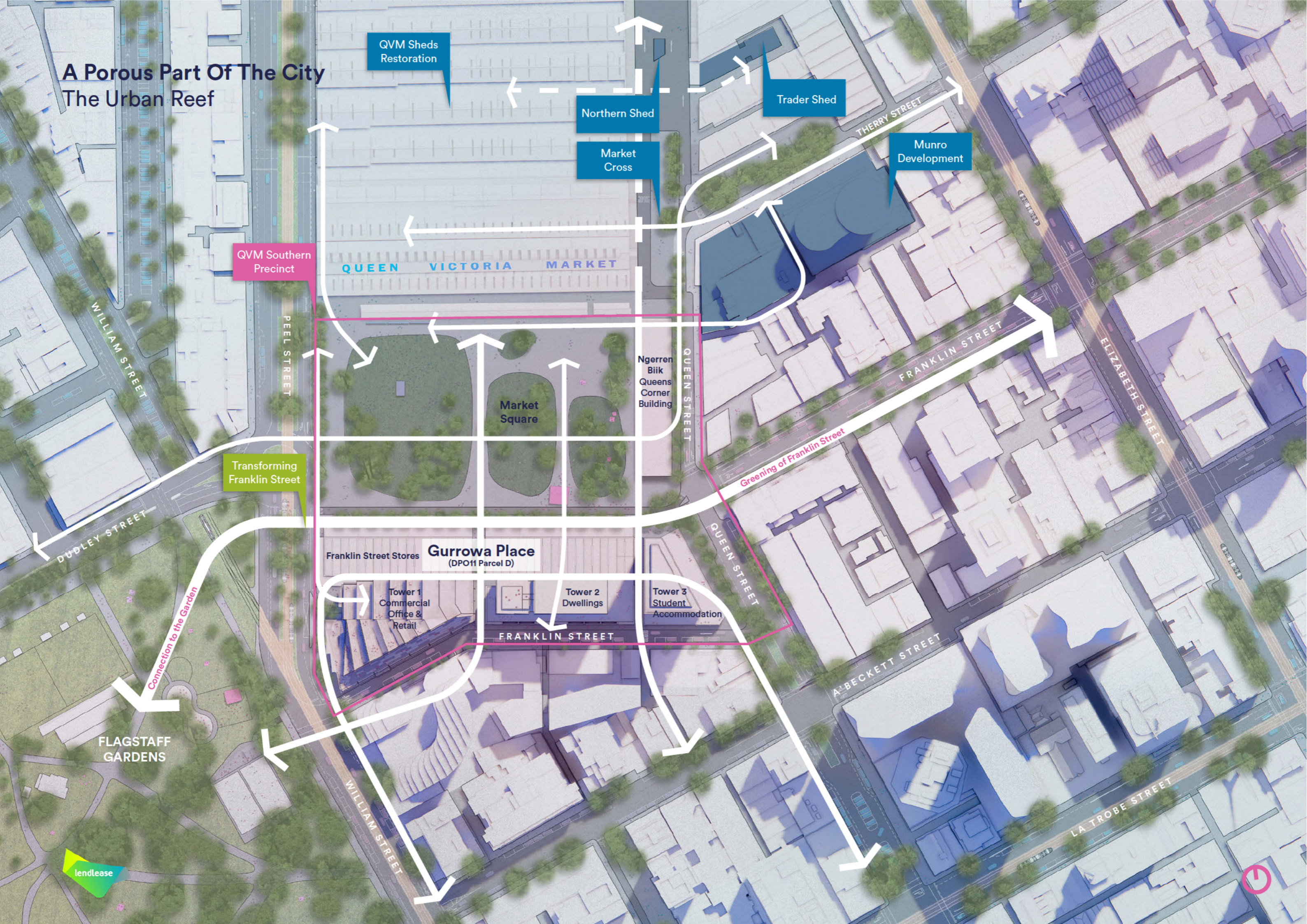
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Queen Victoria Market | Southern Development Site | FMC Feb 2024

# A Porous Part Of The City The Urban Reef



QVM Sheds Restoration

Northern Shed

Trader Shed

Market Cross

Munro Development

QVM Southern Precinct

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET

Ngerren Biik  
Queens  
Corner  
Building

Market Square

Transforming  
Franklin Street

Greening of Franklin Street

Franklin Street Stores

Gurrowa Place  
(DPO11 Parcel D)

Tower 1  
Commercial  
Office &  
Retail

Tower 2  
Dwellings

Tower 3  
Student  
Accommodation

FRANKLIN STREET

Connection to the Garden

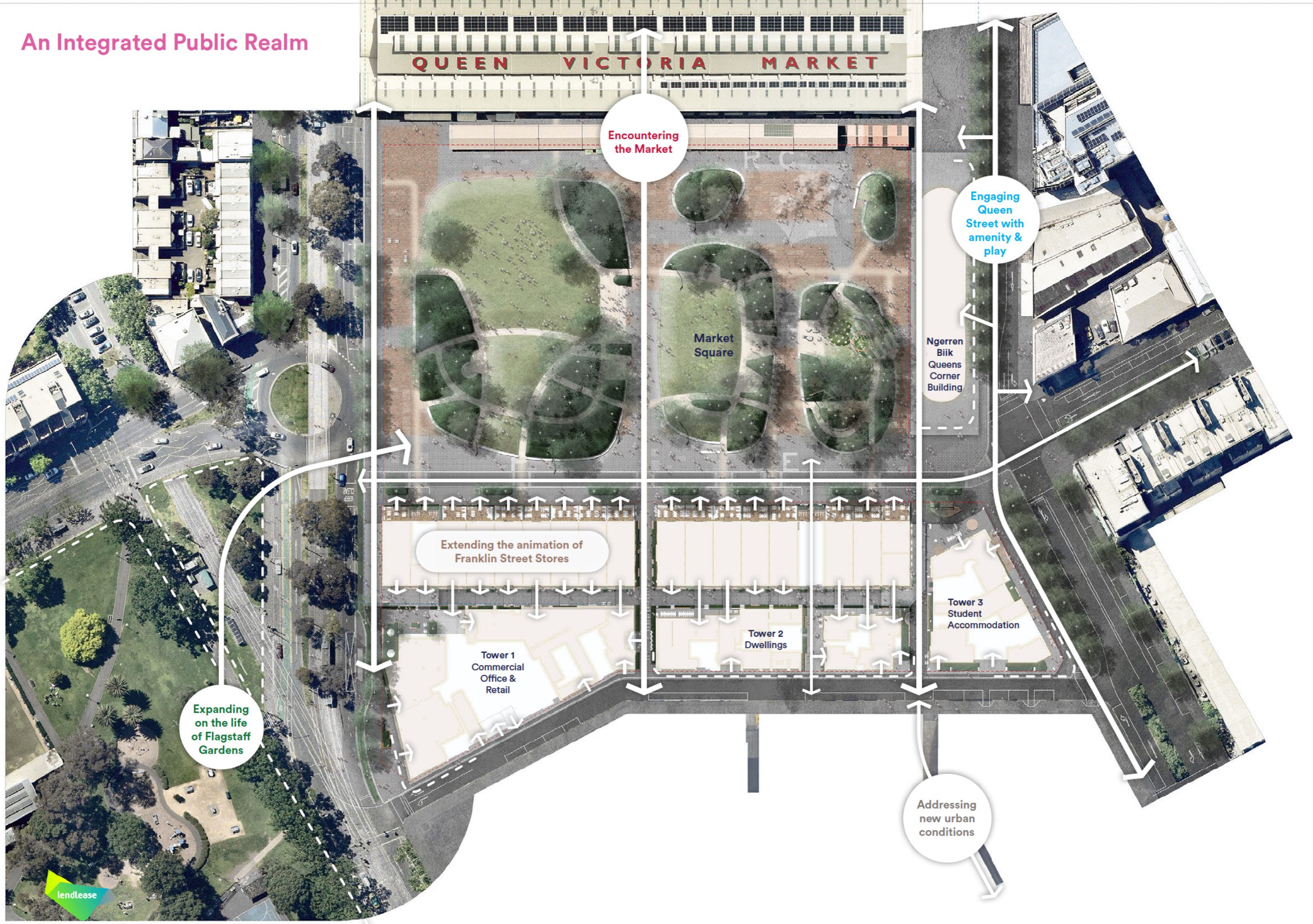
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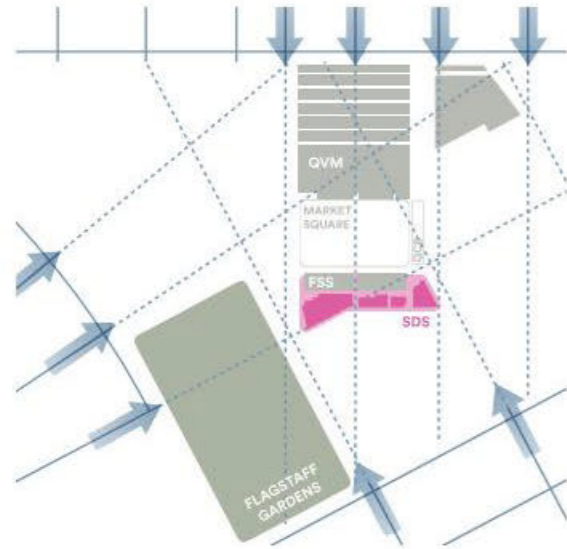




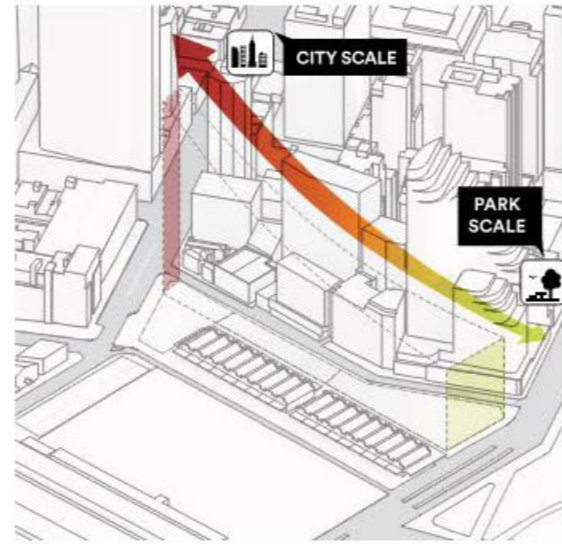
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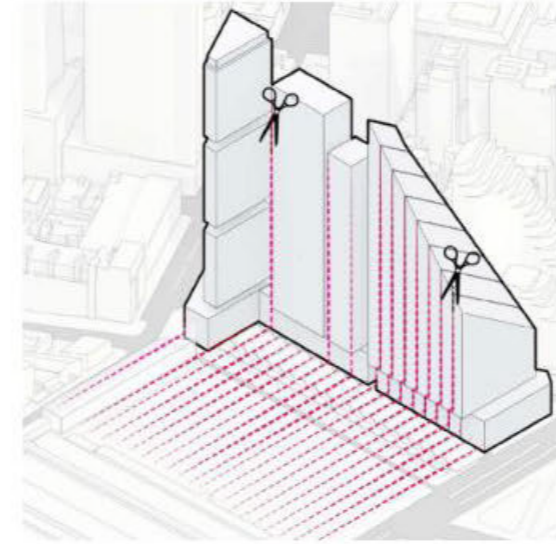
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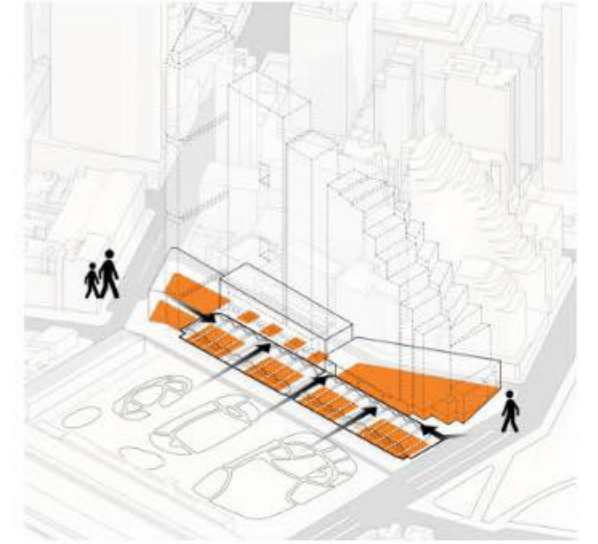
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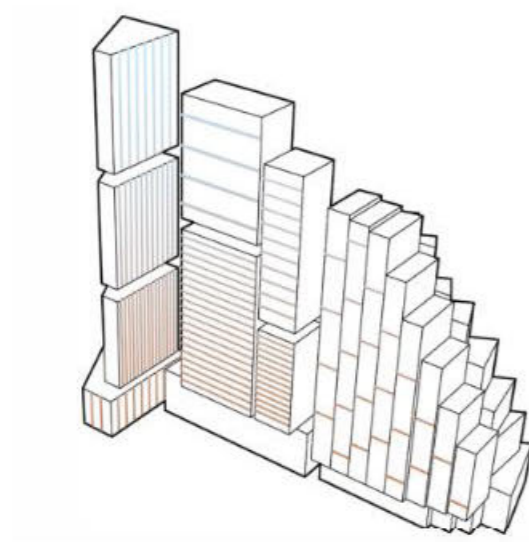
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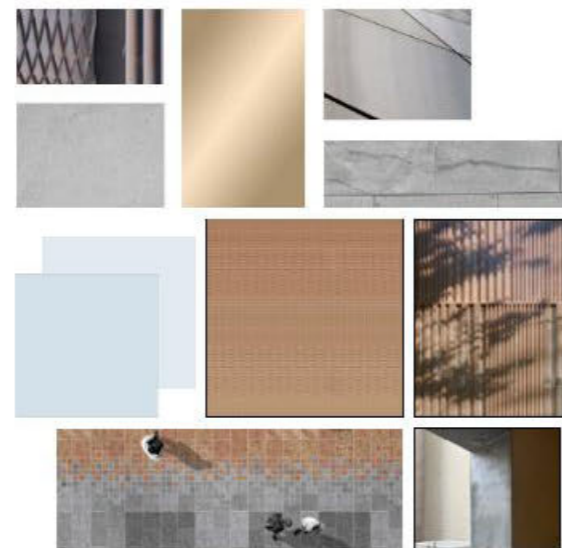
**The Rhythm of the Franklin Street Stores**



**Activated, Granular, & Connected Ground Plane**



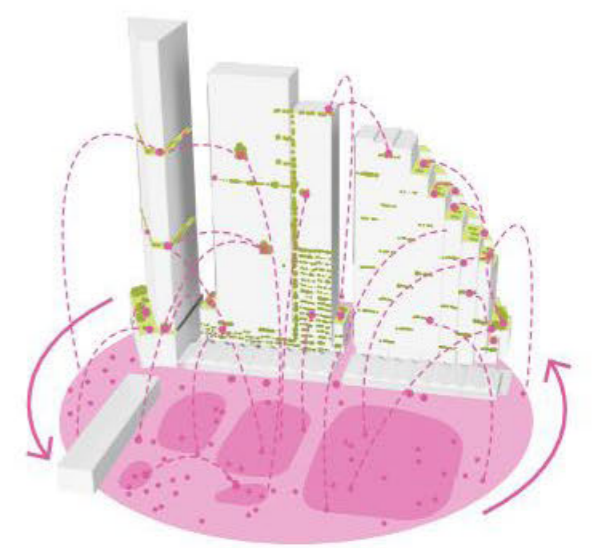
**Tonal Gradient of Earth and Sky**



**Quality Materiality, Textures, Louvres**



**Design Differentiation, Diversification**

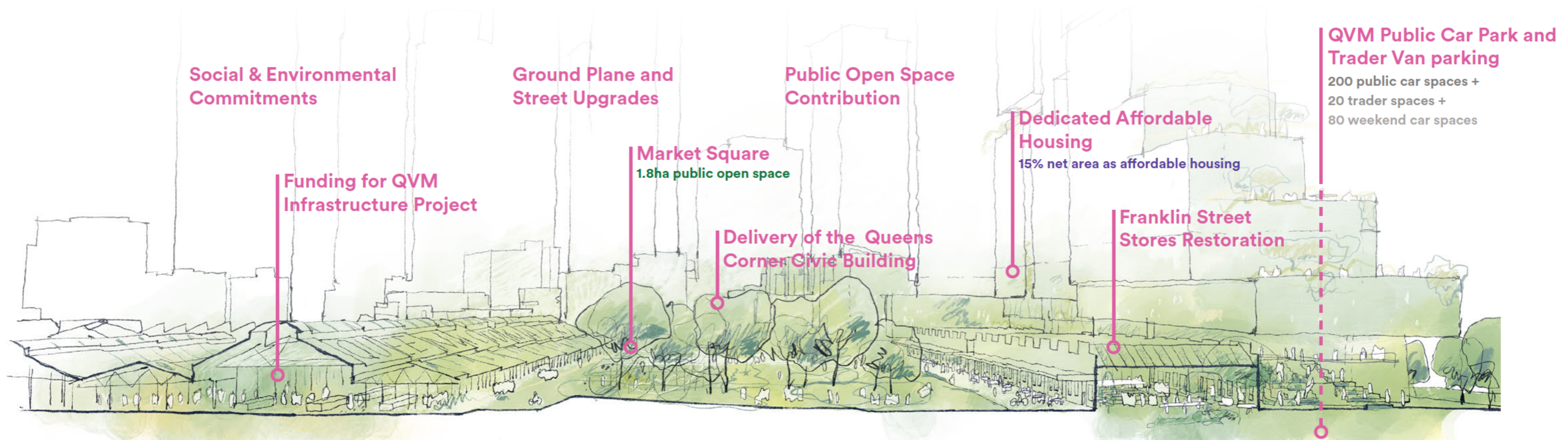


**Low Maintenance, High Impact Landscape**

# Public Benefits

## Value For Today, And For Tomorrow

Artist impression, subject to approvals and consultation





**Thank you**



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**Name: \*** Ray Tonkin

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** 6.1 Ministerial Referral: Queen Victoria Market

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Melbourne City should not be supporting, in any way the current proposal for the Lend Lease development of the Franklin Street land.

The Minister (and by this referral the Council) have an obligation to protect the environs and heritage significance of the Queen Victoria Market.

The current scheme is an overpowering and excessive development of the land immediately to the south of the market.

Not only will it overpower the low scale form of the market but its proximity to the heritage registered storage sheds results in those structures being seriously compromised including by the removal of most of the southern canopy to the sheds.

The issue of a permit by the Executive Director, Heritage for these works should not provide a reason for the Council to overlook its obligation to use its planning powers to protect the environs of the market.

The size of the development is excessive and makes little effort to acknowledge the existence of the market. The new towers should be set further away from the storage sheds such that the sheds can continue to be a part of the market rather than an odd and compromised appendage to the new development.

The Council has an opportunity to seek revisions to this development and show that it treats the conservation of this nationally significant heritage place seriously.

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**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPRM-2023-7 Queen Victoria Market 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne

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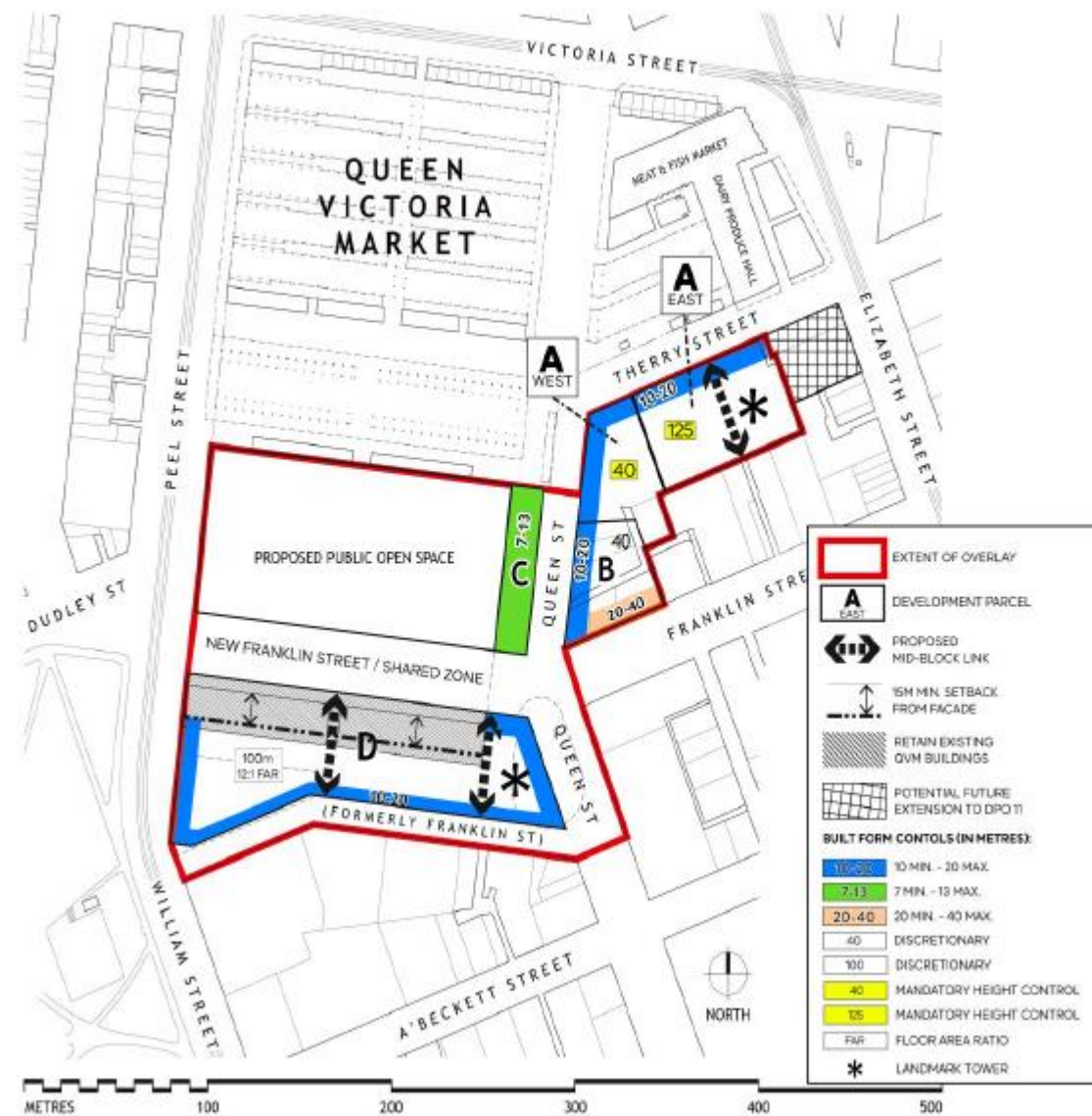
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# QVM SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

20 February 2024

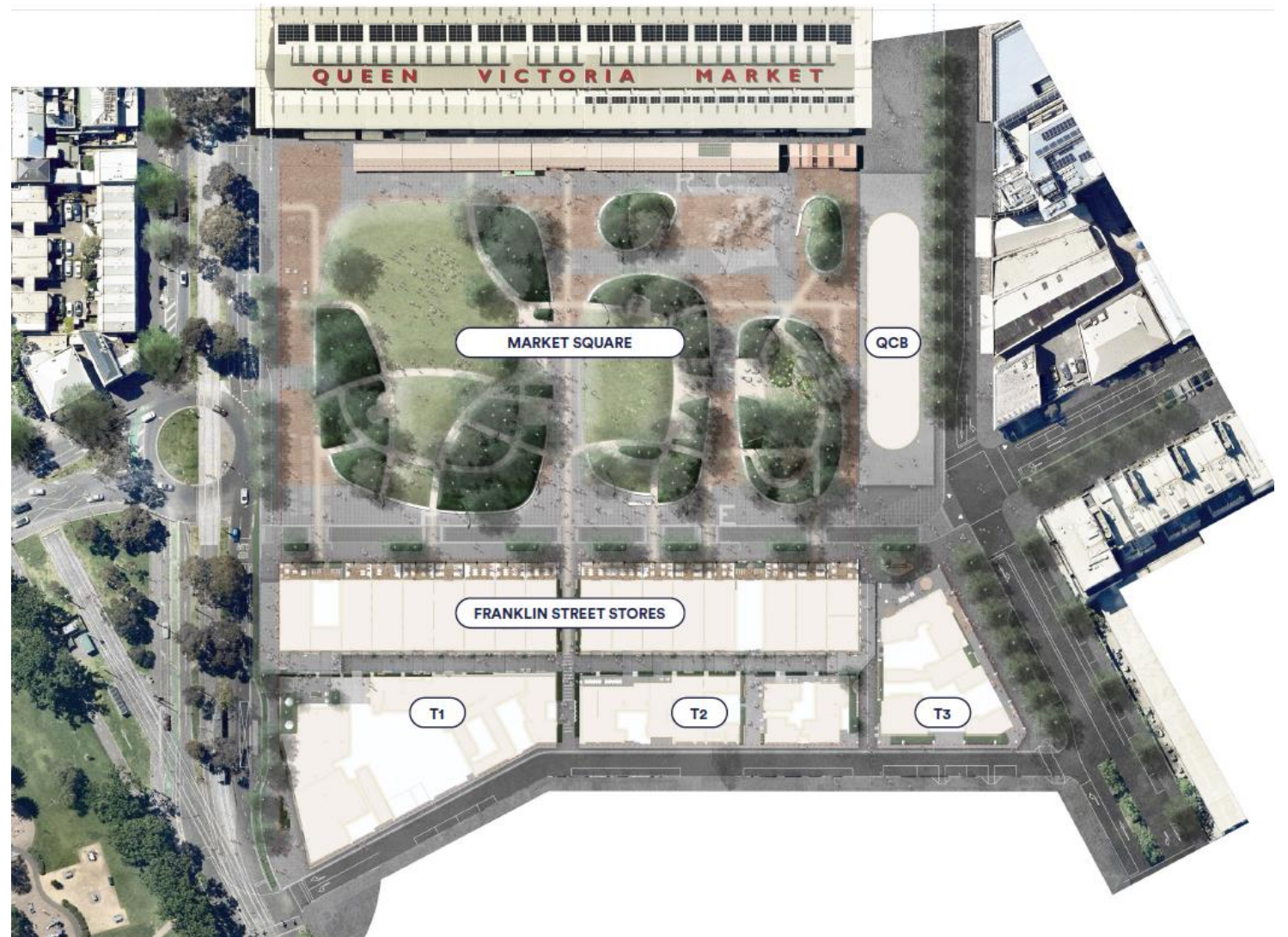
# MARKET RENEWAL : A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- 2015 Queen Victoria Market Masterplan adopted by CoM
- 2017 New planning controls (DPO11) approved – via a public planning panel process
- 2020 State Government/ CoM agreement outlining obligations on Council and land transfer arrangements
- 2023 QVM Southern Precinct Development Plan lodged, compliant with DPO11 + additional public benefits



# RENEWAL PROPOSAL

- 1.8ha Market Square: new public open space for the City of Melbourne
- A new civic building: Queens Corner Building (max height 13m)
- Restoration of the Franklin Street Stores to allow for reuse
- T1 Commercial building
- T2 Residential (including 15% net area affordable housing)
- T3 Student accommodation
- Public realm works



# ROBUST DESIGN PROCESS AND COLLABORATION



**4 Pre-app Meetings**

Jan – May 2023



**11 Authority Technical Meetings**

Department of Transport and Planning  
Heritage Victoria  
City of Melbourne



**5 OVGA Meetings**

Office of the Victoria Government Architect



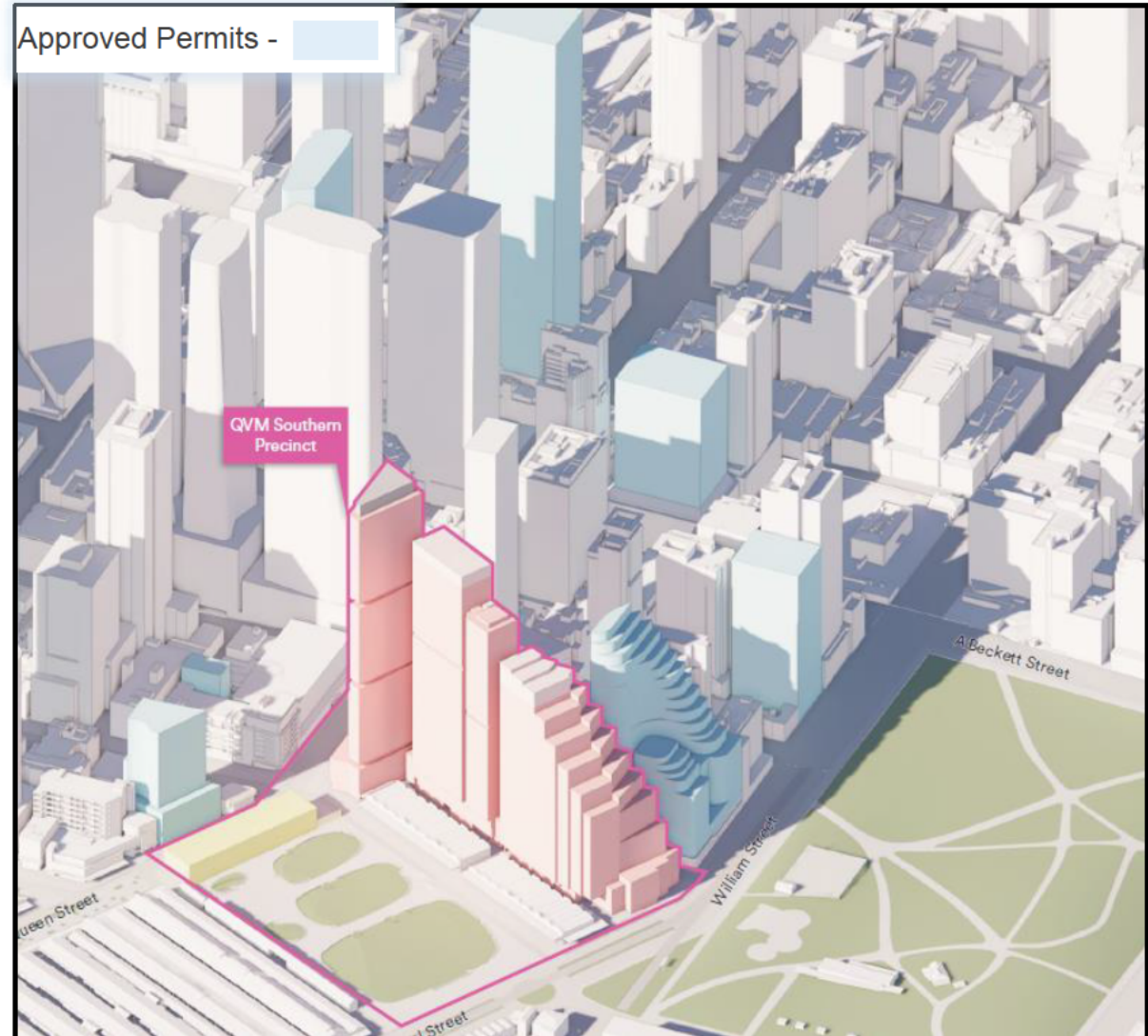
**CoM Consultation on Market Square + Queens Cnr Building**

8 September – 8 October 2023



# DEVELOPMENT PLAN – A FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING PERMITS

- Guide delivery of the southern precinct
- Permit applications will be guided by:
  - building envelope plans;
  - design principles;
  - requirements for detailed technical assessments including wind and shadow assessments.





**THANK YOU**

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**Name: \*** Tony Penna

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Item 6.4 Draft Homelessness Strategy 2024 – 30

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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Town Hall,  
20 February 2024, 5.30pm – Meeting No.70  
Agenda Item FMC 6.4: Draft Homelessness Strategy 2024-30

When we saw a document with the word ‘Strategy’ in the title, we expected it to include the following:

- An evaluation of the current and numerous interventions and support services that the City of Melbourne undertakes to address homelessness,
- Proposed improvements to these various projects as a result of the evaluation and
- New initiatives to address perceived gaps.

The document provides a detailed analysis of the various cohorts and the unique challenges of each. It also provides comprehensive coverage of the various causes of homelessness. The document is of value for that alone.

However, the section on priorities says the CoM will ‘deliver’, ‘advocate’ and ‘partner’, but there is no detail on the ‘what’ and ‘how’. So, if this document is to be the basis for consultation, it seems that it is too ephemeral to result in concrete and useful responses.

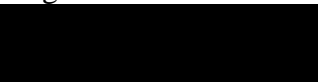
The SRA has been well-aware for some time of the expertise and experience of CoM personnel working in this area. Their presentations on this matter have conveyed an appreciation of its complexity and the need for compassion.

It is therefore surprising not to find information on the dot points above.

The agenda item proposes a consultation with the community on homelessness in its broadest terms. It is almost as if the consultation is starting with a blank canvas without the benefits of any critique of the CoM’s current support and interventions.

The SRA wishes CoM well with this exercise, but it thinks the time and money would be better spent addressing the dot points mentioned at the beginning.

Regards



Tony Penna  
President  
Southbank Residents Association



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**Name: \*** Ahmad Atawneh

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** motion for Palestine

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** Please support the motion for Palestine

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**Name: \*** albert paulose

**Email address: \***

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 – Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

I support the motion Item 7.2 – for the council to support Palestine and call for ceasefire and to fly Palestinian flag in Melbourne CBD for 6 months. And I support all the below points from the motion.

Requests that the Lord Mayor relay the above statement to the Australian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, while calling on the Australian Government to:

- 2.1. Advocate for a permanent ceasefire and the immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza to allow Palestinians in Gaza to have adequate and unimpeded access to food, water, fuel, electricity, medical supplies and construction materials to repair damaged homes and civilian infrastructure.
- 2.2. Demand the immediate release of all Israeli hostages held in Gaza by Hamas, and the immediate release of Palestinians held in Israeli prisons without charge, including children.
- 2.3. Urgently provide humanitarian aid to those in need and advocate for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to the people of Gaza.
- 2.4. Provide assistance to those who have arrived in Australia after fleeing the conflict, including accommodation, food, and access to employment and health services, including mental health services.
- 2.5. Advocate for an end to illegal settlements and the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, in

alignment with applicable UN resolutions and international law, and the establishment of a just and sustainable peace.

2.6. Address the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia in Australian communities through support for local, community led initiatives.

2.7. Urge all parties to uphold international law, including decisions of the International Court of Justice

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**Name: \*** Alyshia Mckinnon

**Email address: \***

**Phone number \***

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Support of the motion to support Palestine

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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.** Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

As a resident of Melbourne city council I support the motion that ;

1. Endorses the following statement:

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the enduring trauma stemming from the conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This pain resonates deeply worldwide and within our community. We mourn the horrific loss of innocent lives in both Palestine and Israel and unequivocally condemn all attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure including hospitals, utilities, homes, and places of worship, education, and culture.

We acknowledge the distress caused by the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza and recognise the profound impact of recent events, including the atrocities committed on October 7th, the hostages held in Gaza and in Israel, the continuous bombing and total siege of Gaza, including the bombing of Rafah, the last 'safe zone', and that these are part of a history of violence for over 75 years. These experiences are traumatising for many Melbourne residents who have relatives or a connection in the region, or who come from war-torn countries. We express solidarity with these communities.

We recognise that Melbourne is a diverse, multi-cultural, and multi-faith community. We stand

firmly against racism, vilification, and discrimination, including Islamophobia and antisemitism.

We support Australia advancing the cause of peace and call on the Australian Government to urgently advocate for a permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, recognition of Palestine and Palestinians' right to self-determination, and the establishment of a just and sustainable peace.

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**Name: \*** Amin Abbas

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I will speak to the motion at the night to round off the speeches

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**Name: \*** Ann Fitzpatrick

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Call for Ceasefire in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** As a resident of COM I am writing to urge you to support the motion to support a ceasefire in Gaza, to allow aid convoys to be allowed to enter Gaza and provide desperately needed relief, and to call for the release of all hostages.  
Respectfully yours  
Dr. Ann Fitzpatrick

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**Name: \*** Anna Barker

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Hi, my name is Anna. I have been involved in circulating information about Palestine on social media and I wanted to represent information coming directly from Palestinians. It's not that hard to find these individuals on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok, where they are able to provide unfiltered and honest perspectives of the absolute horrors occurring in Gaza.

There is nothing more that needs to be said that there is a major humanitarian crisis occurring in Gaza. Innocent Palestinians are trapped and dying daily, nobody is being spared.

There are videos of doctors risking their lives to bring patients into the hospitals they work at, afraid to get struck down in the cross fire that injured the person in the first place. Children who survive bombings are having to face amputations with no anaesthesia or numbing. There are teenagers having to look after many of their younger relatives as they are the oldest people left in their families, so children looking after children because there's no other choice, does that sound like a humane way to treat people?

The Israeli government has been and continues to use an unreasonable amount of force against the Palestinian population, with very little sign of stopping without intervention. It's clear that Israel's goal is to perform an ethnic

cleanse of the Gaza region and we need to bring more attention and support to this issue. One example would be the clearing and burning of olive trees throughout the region, generations of Palestinian farmers have looked after these trees and the IDF has gone and destroyed most of it. This is just a very surface level example.

Many Palestinians see a bleak future, either they stay in the Rafah region and continue to face heavy bombardment, or they allow themselves to be pushed out into the desert, where there is no food and no water. Egypt is also to blame here too, they have shown resistance to allowing Palestinian refugees to enter their country, often requiring twelve to fifteen thousand dollars for civilians to cross the border. The main way the general public are trying to help right now is by donating to these families who just want peace, which is something that should never have to be done in the first place.

I am also thankful that this motion also brings protections in place for both the Jewish and Muslim communities of Melbourne. Although religion is a factor involved in this war, it doesn't mean anyone who follows either automatically agree with the actions of the respective states. Antisemitism and islamophobia are very real problems so it's important that we help to protect our local communities and cultures from unwarranted hate. I could only imagine the amount of generational trauma this is bringing up for them.

I am so thankful we still have individuals like Bisan who are going through these horrors and sharing it with us. I know it's not comfortable to think about, but imagine how painful this is for all of the displaced Palestinians who have no choice. Please stop listening to journalists who only have second hand information, listen to the Palestinian people who want nothing but peace and to have their rightful homes back. From the river to the sea, always was always will be.

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**Name: \*** Anu Fox

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** URGENT BUSINESS

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Please make a statement supporting Palestinian people who have been under genocidal attack from Israel since 1948. However, the murder, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, torture, rape, murdering of children, destroying homes, land, culture and futures has been unprecedented since October 7. The genocide must stop. By not supporting a permanent ceasefire, and Palestinian self determination and right to return you are being complicit in genocide and ethnic cleansing. Israel can't do this alone we must stop supporting them. Stop arming them. Boycott and divest from Israel.

City of Melbourne DO BETTER and stop being complicit in genocide

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## Jordan McKay

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**Name: \*** Anu Fox

**Email address: \***

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**Phone number \***

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Endorse the following statement

**Please write your submission in the space** To all Councilors

**provided below and submit by no later than**

**10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.**

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As a city constituent i urge you to vote in favour of the motion and make a statement demanding a ceasefire.

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I suggest the council not adopt the motion presented by Cr Jamal Hakim. Please see below the logic that leads to this recommendation.

**Questionable Credibility of the Motion Title:** The title states: "Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza." Has the entire community of Melbourne City been surveyed on this topic, and did the results suggest the sentiment stated in the title? If not, how does Cr Jamal Hakim consider the opinion of those not partaking in demonstrations in Melbourne CBD, those who go about their business and want to simply live and work in peaceful Australia?

**Oversimplification of the Issue:** The conflict in the Middle East is long-standing and very complex. It started a long time ago. The motion being presented to the Future Melbourne Committee on 20th February 2024 tries to describe this conflict within four paragraphs of English text. This grossly simplifies the issue, which certainly negatively impacts humans globally. I question both the qualifications and the desire of Cr Jamal Hakim to analyse the roots of the issue and provide informed, expert advice on its resolution, keeping in mind the interests of all parties.

**One-Sided, Biased:** While section 1 of Cr Jamal Hakim's motion includes descriptions of how civilians on both sides

of the conflict suffer, his motion is largely one-sided. For example, it mentions both Israeli hostages, abducted in their homes and at a music festival, forced to witness murders and rapes by members of the terrorist organisation Hamas, and prisoners detained for breaking law and order. He states: "...immediate release of Palestinians held in Israeli prisons without charge." This is just one example of the motion's bias.

Importing Political Issues: Many of us have come to Australia in search of a better life. We left troublesome countries of origin because they could not provide the peace and prosperity we desired. Should we import these problems (or parts of them) to Australia? There are many more atrocities happening in the world. Should we take to the streets to fight for their resolution? Should we divide this country based on the histories and present situations of the countries we came from? Let's ask the council to get involved with the Russia-Ukraine war, Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict, India-Pakistan disagreements, China-Taiwan disputes, and many others in Africa, Syria, and other places where injustice is happening. Perhaps we should keep Australia as a safe haven of peace and prosperity so that our children and new migrants can enjoy good lives here for years to come?

Divisive: The actions of pro-Palestinian activists in Melbourne CBD and across Australia for several months have often been aggressive and intimidating. They disrupt the lives of ordinary Melburnians, whether attending a Friday night service at a local synagogue, taking their kids to see the Myer Christmas Windows in December, or attending a Christmas concert. Many Melburnians simply avoid coming to the city on Sundays to avoid the loud and aggressive mob. By joining their effort, the City of Melbourne will take their side and make the Australian public, including those who live and work in Melbourne city, feel threatened and unsafe.

Not Necessary: It says on the City of Melbourne website: "Melbourne City Council is the local government body responsible for the municipality of Melbourne." The City of Melbourne council's role is to address local issues; Australia has a Department of Foreign Affairs tasked with developing and implementing Australian foreign policy. It is not the City of Melbourne's responsibility to spend ratepayers' money trying to analyse a conflict on the other side of the globe. This council should avoid the risk of getting involved with an issue that is absolutely outside of its responsibility.

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**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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**Email address: \*** [Redacted]


**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Community support for Palestine

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** Please call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages, demand aid be allowed into Gaza, and express solidarity with Palestinians.

**Please indicate whether you would like to verbally address the Future Melbourne in support of your submission: \*** No

**From:**   
**To:** [CoM Meetings](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza  
**Date:** Monday, 19 February 2024 4:52 PM

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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group,

This is a written response in regards to the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday the 20th February, 2024, and in particular the Agenda Item 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim : Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

I support Cr Jamal Hakim on this motion. There is immense concern in the community and around the world concerning this issue. I share these concerns.

Vatican News reported that Pope Francis has appealed for an end to this conflict.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-12/pope-francis-holy-family-parish-gaza-appeal-civilians.html#:~:text=Pope%20Francis%20launches%20a%20heartfelt,of%20the%20Missionaries%20of%20Charity>.

It should be noted that the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada and New Zealand issued a joint statement in regards to the ongoing situation with the Palestinians and Israel. They have called for an immediate ceasefire. They have called for all parties to work towards a two state peaceful solution with Israel and Palestine. Foreign Minister of Australia The Hon. Senator Penny Wong has stated at a Senate's Estimates Committee hearing that an incursion into Rafah would be unjustifiable.

<https://www.pm.gov.au/media/joint-statement-prime-ministers-australia-canada-and-new-zealand-0>

The Saturday Paper (Saturday 17th February, 2024) reported on the grave concerns the Australian Government holds in regards to an Israeli attack on Rafah.

<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/world/north-america/2024/02/17/australia-joins-leaders-urging-israel-not-invade-rafah>

On Friday 16th February, 2024 The President of France, Emmanuel Macron warned that an Israeli offensive in Rafah would be a new grave violation of international law.

[https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2024/02/16/macron-says-recognizing-a-palestinian-state-not-taboo-for-france\\_6531154\\_4.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2024/02/16/macron-says-recognizing-a-palestinian-state-not-taboo-for-france_6531154_4.html)

We should encourage people who have ambitions for a comprehensive plan for long-term peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

In the Australian Federal Parliament, in the House of Representatives, on the evening of Thursday 15th February, 2024, the member for Boothby, Ms Miller-Frost addressed the situation happening in Gaza. She put into the record (Hansard) the joint statement from the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Hansard/Hansard\\_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/27606/&sid=0188](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard/Hansard_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/27606/&sid=0188)

I would like to speak at the FMC meeting of 20/02/2024 in regards to Agenda Item 7.2.

Best regards,  
Chris Thrum



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**Name: \*** Damien Williams

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Reflecting community sentiment on Gaza

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# Palestine in numbers

Dr Damien Williams

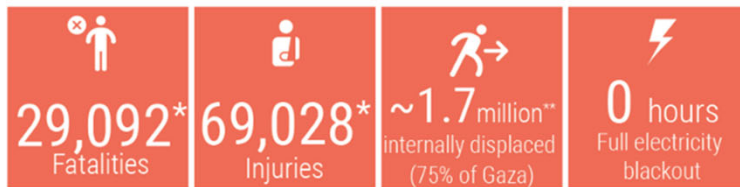
# HOSTILITIES IN THE GAZA STRIP AND ISRAEL - REPORTED IMPACT

19 February 2024 at 15:00

**DAY 136**

## OVERVIEW

This snapshot provides an overview of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as of 19 February 2024, highlighting the severity of humanitarian conditions facing 2.3 million people. This includes reported figures on casualties among civilians and aid workers, internal displacement, property damage, access to basic services and livelihoods, and humanitarian access into and within Gaza.



\*Source: MoH Gaza

\*\*Source: UNRWA



Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



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**Name: \*** Dana Alshaer

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Agenda item title: 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I will speak at the council meeting

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**Name: \*** Edwina Minner Saines

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Support an End to Genocide

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Hello Councillor,

My name is Edwina, I'm a Parkville resident and love living as a part of the vibrant, diverse, and welcoming community we have created here in the City of Melbourne.

Melbourne Council is a progressive council, with an admirable record of advocating for human rights. This includes recent actions on the Yes Vote, reconciliation action with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, LGBTQIA+ and disabled residents, climate action, as well as cancelling sister city relations in Russia as part of the war in Ukraine. This reflects the concerns and progressive values of the residents of the City of Melbourne.

Melbourne Council speaks of their commitment to inclusive Melbourne and the recognition of justice and equity. The motion in Agenda 7.2 entitled 'Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza', slated to be discussed by Council this coming Tuesday, should be supported unanimously by Councillors.

Over 30,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, about two thirds of them women and children, with thousands more under rubble. The 2.2 million people of Gaza have been placed under siege by Israeli forces, with limited to no

access to water, food, electricity, medicine or fuel. Most have now been displaced once again. Rafah, the last 'safe zone' is now under heavy bombardment, and politicians, army personnel, and settlement leaders have made it clear that Gaza will not be a home for any Palestinian to return to. In fact, they've asked governments around the world to accept Palestinian refugees as part of their plan to displace the entire population.

Refugee camps, schools, hospitals and mosques are being targeted, as are teachers, journalists, healthcare workers, doctors and aid workers. International bodies such as the UN are pointing to evidence of war crimes and genocide.

I believe that Councillor Jamal Hakim has prepared a robust and considered motion that is based on facts steeped in humanitarian and international law, widely accepted by most countries around the world, including Australia. Facts are facts, and you should feel courageous to stand up for these in the debate on Tuesday.

For the sake of local democracy and global justice I therefore request that you vote in favour of the motion. If you choose to abstain from the motion, know that abstaining is the same as voting against a motion. If you truly want to abstain, leave the chamber for the vote.

I can be reached via return email and look forward to hearing what Council will be doing on this matter.

I also urge you to sign this national statement by current and former elected representatives from all levels of government, calling for an immediate, permanent ceasefire and a just and lasting peace.

Please support peace, justice and human rights for Palestinians.

Your sincerely,  
Edwina

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**Name: \*** Elizabeth O'Shea

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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I make my submission in support of the motion.

I have been a resident of the City of Melbourne for a decade and half, and have been a practicing lawyer in the city for nearly two decades. In my career, I have focused on human rights and corporate misconduct.

I was an author and coordinator of a letter from Australian lawyers to our government, signed by over 1400 practitioners and academics from across the country. The letter highlighted the grave human rights violations taking place in Gaza and called for a ceasefire. See <https://lawyersletter.au/>

It is devastating to me that since that letter was written, the ICJ has confirmed the main conclusions of our letter and the death toll has trebled.

Not a day passes that I do not think about the many lives lost, and the grave risks faced by many more, including friends. I have found the experience of watching people defend this genocide to be soul destroying. I feel ashamed that our government is not doing more. It makes it difficult to have faith in representative government.

I have found significant solace in the vibrant and peaceful rallies that have taken place in the City of Melbourne since this assault on Gaza began. I have attended all but a handful and have felt safe, encouraged and energised. These gatherings are a source of comfort in these dark months, and represent the city at its very best.

It is our duty as citizens of the world to find ways to ensure our views are represented in organs of power. The motion reflects the widespread view that the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza is neither justified nor inevitable. The motion reflects the very least we can do to demonstrate to our friends abroad that we have not forgotten them, that they are entitled to dignity and life. I commend the motion to you.

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**Name: \*** Elyse 

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** The 'Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza' motion is concerning due to its potential to diminish social cohesion and exacerbate instances of antisemitism. Moreover, it is riddled with factual inaccuracies. Additionally, it is unlikely to yield any positive impact for the people of Gaza or Israel, and it falls outside the scope of Melbourne City Council's role or responsibility to comment on foreign affairs.

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**Name: \*** Eva Gross

**Email address: \***



**Phone number \***



**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Israel condemnation

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I am the child of Holocaust survivors, a Social Worker dedicated to helping others, advocating for client body rights, one who is particularly focused on the welfare of children.

On October 6th there was a ceasefire effecting Israel and surrounding countries. Hamas broke that ceasefire October 7th in the most horrendous, disgusting subhuman way. There could be a ceasefire tomorrow if Hamas frees the hostages and surrenders. Have you taken a stance against Hamas, against their stated aim to fully eliminate Israel, against their uses children and adults as human shields, for taking money donated to people in Gaza to improve their lives to enrich themselves, for shooting Gazans trying to access food aid coming in ?? Maybe you would if it was your sister who was raped multiple times , had her sexual organs mutilated and was then murdered, if family members of yours were burnt alive, if your baby was burnt to death in an oven in front of you !!!

I want the war to end, I want civilians able to live happy and healthy lives in Gaza, in Israel, in the Middle East, in Yemen, in Darfur, everywhere. Hamas must be eliminated , Israel's right to exist must be accepted unconditionally. Whatever your knowledge base, excuse me, Jesus was a jew, born in Bethlehem and Israel is every jews birthright. Israel managed to absorb Jewish refugees expelled in huge numbers from Arab/Muslem countries. Why, with all the aid given over the years, with Moslem countries all around them, are there still refugee camps in Gaza.

Either you choose to be blind, deaf and very very dumb, or you are antisemities or you are rational reasonable human beings who want the truth promoted and believe in justice and fellowhood for all.

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**Name: \*** Flick Flick

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Monday 19 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Palestine motion

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Hello,

My name is Flick, I'm a Kensington resident. Melbourne Council should reflect the values of the residents of the City of Melbourne, and the humanity and accountability that we have as humans to one another. There is a motion being discussed tomorrow (Tuesday), that should be supported unanimously by Councillors when considering these things. The motion in Agenda 7.2 entitled 'Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza'.

There is not much more I can add, pain I can express, that has not already been expressed by people marching here in the streets to the people recording their own genocide in Gaza. Not more information I can provide than the already widely proliferated statistics showing over 30,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, about two thirds of them women and children, with thousands more under rubble. Beyond the fact that 2.2 million people of Gaza have been placed under siege by Israeli forces, with limited to no access to water, food, electricity, medicine or fuel. Not more I can add to the fact that most have now been displaced once again. Rafah, the last 'safe zone' is now under heavy bombardment, and politicians, army personnel, and settlement leaders have made it clear that Gaza will not be a home for any Palestinian to return to. In fact, they've asked governments around the world to accept Palestinian refugees as part of their plan to displace the entire population. International bodies such as the UN are

pointing to evidence of war crimes and genocide.

Councillor Jamal Hakim has prepared this timely and necessary motion that is based on facts relating humanitarian and international law. Please vote for this motion. Do not abstain. I can be reached via return email and look forward to hearing what Council will be doing on this matter.

Thank you for reading this.

Flick

Kensington

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**Name: \*** G Ajar

**Email address: \***



**Phone number \***



**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting Community Sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

As a previous employee of the City of Melbourne, I urge the City of Melbourne to call for a ceasefire immediately in Gaza. Every week for the past 18 weeks, thousands of Melbournians have turned up at the State Library of Victoria to demonstrate their support for a ceasefire immediately. With the International Court of Justice having ordered Israel to comply with 6 provisional measures to ensure no acts of genocide take place in Gaza, after finding it is plausible that acts of genocide are taking place by Israel in Gaza, it would be inhuman and counter community sentiment not to join the call for a ceasefire that the Federal Government has also now called for. Israel has killed 3000 more civilians since the ICJ ruling on the 26th January. Since the beginning of Israel's punishment of the people of Gaza when Hamas broke the walls of the illegal blockade Israel imposed on the Gazan's for 16 years, children in Gaza have been writing their wills – literally. Many of the Palestinians that stepped over that barrier on the 7th of October had never left Gaza in their lives because Israel controlled, for 16 years, what would go in and what would go out of Gaza. Since Israel's retaliation, Mothers' in Gaza have written children's names on their arms and legs so they can be identified when Israel's carpet bombing of civilian hospitals, schools, homes and universities, blast limbs from their childrens' bodies. 11,000 children have been killed. I urge the Councilors of the City of Melbourne to please read and educate themselves about what Zionism is, to understand that the political movement and ideology that Israel is founded upon, does not represent Jewish people. It is racist for a State to say they represent an entire people without all those peoples' consent. It is racist to kill more than 11,000 children and

say that it is in self-defense of a self-proclaimed Jewish state – implicating Jewish people across the world for genocide. Just like Australia is coming to terms with its racist and genocidal past, Israel must come to terms with its racist and genocidal present, so that all people – Jewish, Muslim, Christian or atheist – can live together on the beautiful lands of Palestine. Please express your collective humanity by supporting Cr Jamal Hakim's Motion.

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**Name: \*** Glenda Recht

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Your question**  
Since when has it become the business for Melbourne City Council OR any council to become involved in geopolitical affairs? Why the condemnation of Israel too? As a Melbourne born Jewess, I find this offensive, and intolerable. I won't even ask you what Oct 7 means to you. Clearly you are one-sided and blinded by the situation. As a Jew, I am now fearful of using public transport around the city centre because of the increase in antisemitism and crime around Melbourne streets. Why don't you clean up your streets, get the vagrants into accommodation and make coming into the city a more safe and pleasant experience. THAT'S YOUR JOB, NOT WORLD POLITICS!!

**Alternatively, tick the applicable box below if you wish to ask the Future Melbourne Committee your question in person or via a virtual link (Zoom) to the meeting.** I wish to ask my question live via Zoom





**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Name: \*** Greg Lowe

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Your question** please explain to me how you could possibly consider condemning Israel? To be clear Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 butchering 1200 people including cutting off of women's breasts. What's more they used electrical drills in women's vaginas. Is this an organization that you want to support? I don't believe you have all of the facts and you are condemnation of Israel. Vote is outrageous in my opinion. Please help explain.





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**Name: \*** gregory giannis

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I wholeheartedly support this motion and hope the City of Melbourne will endorse it. I believe that we are at a critical stage of this horrendous situation and that all good people must come forward and condemn the action of the Israeli government and demand that they cease the slaughter of innocent Palestinians.

**Please indicate whether you would like to verbally address the Future Melbourne in support of your submission: \*** No



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**Name: \*** Haniff Akbar

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Please support the motion for Palestine  
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Hello Councillor,

My name is Haniff Akbar, I'm a Melbourne CBD resident and love living as a part of the vibrant, diverse, and welcoming community we have created herein the City of Melbourne.

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I can be reached via return email and look forward to hearing what Council will be doing on this matter.

I also urge you to sign this national statement by current and former elected representatives from all levels of government, calling for an immediate, permanent ceasefire and a just and lasting peace.

Please support peace, justice and human rights for Palestinians.

Your sincerely,

Haniff Akbar

Melbourne CBD 3000

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**Name: \*** Isabelle Oderberg

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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My name is Isabelle Oderberg. I live in Naarm/Melbourne and I am a proud Jew. It has been an incredibly difficult time for my community. As we mourned people killed for being Jewish on Oct 7 and then watched the actions of the Israeli government, which so many of us don't support. Continuing to watch the devastation in Gaza has been incredibly painful, watching the murder, loss, grief, hunger and displacement of families is something that causes any person who values humanity to feel a deep seated pain and empathy. Also traumatic has been the resurgence of the hatred we know so well, a virulent anti-Semitism that makes all Jews feel so incredibly unsafe. I don't think that a motion by a local council can fix what is going on in Palestine and Israel. But I think this statement goes a long way to starting to heal our community, recognising that we are all hurting for different reasons and valuing the humanity on all sides of this war, recognising that no side is homogenous. Thank you for this statement, which recognises that without humanity and acknowledgement that no party in this horrific war escapes unscathed, we have no hope of moving forward. I offer my full support for this statement, something I have not offered to any statement or open letter since October 7. Thank you.

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**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.** I wish to speak against the motion. It is one-sided, presenting a simplistic and distorted picture of a complex subject, and will not be conducive to communal harmony.

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**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

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Lord Mayor and Honourable Councillors

I write to unreservedly oppose the proposed motion at agenda Item 7.2 for 20 February 2024 sponsored by Cr. Jamal hakim, entitled "Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza".

## Introduction

As a ratepayer in the City of Melbourne, I want the Council to focus on planning, sustainability, the built form of the local government area, garbage collection, initiatives to support retail strips and local icons such as the Victoria Market. I believe that is what most ratepayers want. If there is evidence about community sentiment to the contrary, then it is incumbent on Cr Hakim to provide pursuant to the principle of transparency.

However, even if evidence of community sentiment supported the ill-targeted motion, the content of this statement is offensive and the subject matter a long bow from where the Council's focus should be and from where the Council's expertise lies.

The Council will be judged by the standard it sets, which is established by what it chooses to accept and reject. The fact that some Councils are swayed by the loudest shouters is pathetic and weak. Melbourne is supposed to be a leader and it is in the rejection of this motion that the City of Melbourne can demonstrate its strength.

## Objections

It is impractical to comprehensively respond to all that is objectionable in the motion, therefore points are made in summary in the hope that amongst the body of Councillors there is sufficient leadership to ensure this motion is not passed:

**A. "We unequivocally condemn all attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure including hospitals, utilities, homes and places of worship, education and culture"**

The primary subject of the above statement is self-evidently Israel as it is well-known that Israel has bombed all of the types of places mentioned. It is outrageous to "*unequivocally*" condemn these actions as if the law of proportionality in armed conflict did not require consideration. This statement ignores the lawful attack on such places and indeed the killing of innocent civilians in armed conflict, when it arises in certain circumstances such as when those places become tools of war. Moreover, the relevance circumstances have been alleged by Israel and Israel has provided overwhelming evidence of these allegations to the world's media, including storage of weapons, launching of attacks, housing of hostages in and under hospitals, schools, mosques and in homes of "civilians" and UNRWA staff. The Council has no authority to pass a motion disregarding international law and implicitly make a judgment against Israel.

**B. "We acknowledge the distress caused by the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza and recognise the profound impact of recent events, including the atrocities committed on October 7<sup>th</sup>, the hostages held in**

**Gaza and in Israel, the continuous bombing and total siege of Gaza, including the bombing of Rafah, the last 'safe zone' and that these are part of a history of violence for over 75 years”**

This is a most poorly constructed, reckless, offensive and revisionist statement.

1. Whilst Cr. Hakim wants the Council to condemn actions permitted under international law as stated above, the crimes against humanity committed on October 7 are only an inclusion in a general context and warrant only that the Council “***recognise the profound impact***”!
2. Upon the advent of girls having their pelvises broken due to gang rape before being mutilated, having their vagina’s and faces shot, the Council should “***recognise the profound impact***”?
3. Is there no need for mention more than a passing generalised “*we condemn attacks against civilians*” to cover this?
4. The soldiers, many young inexperienced non-combatants fulfilling compulsory duty required due to decades of terrorist threats against Israel, whose bodies were desecrated were also victims of war crimes - is no comment about the war crimes committed against them due if the Council seeks to assert a role as commentator?
5. Before you vote, Councillors, it is incumbent on you to view some of the evidence relating to October 7 and confirm whether you believe, if the Council makes a statement about it, that that statement ought to include condemnation or something stronger:
  - a. <https://rumble.com/v3unwo5-warning-graphic-hashabbat-hashchora-black-saturday-part-4.html>
  - b. <https://thejudean.com/index.php/news/42-shabbat-shachor>
  - c. <https://rumble.com/v3u2ips-warning-graphic-shabbat-shachor-black-saturday-part-2.html>
  - d. <https://rumble.com/v3u8tk2-warning-graphic-hashabbat-hashchora-black-saturday-part-3.html>
  - e. <https://t.me/s/hamasdid>
6. Where is the specific condemnation of crimes against humanity committed in Israel by Hamas? Where is the outrage about this? This is not legitimised by any of the history and this is ongoing since October 7 by the use of Palestinian civilians as human shields and the use of hospitals, schools and mosques as tools of war.

7. The mention of 75 years of history in this statement seeks to legitimise October 7 for some, obviously not the maker of the statement who needs to “*recognise*” it for others - who *may be* impacted by babies and foreign workers being beheaded, a parent and child tied together and burnt alive, children being made to watch siblings and parents executed before their eyes by Hamas terrorists who report with glee to their families how many Jews they killed. Where is the moral clarity?
8. This statement implies a history of 75 years of violence committed by Israel, which is perverse. In 1947, the UN made a partition plan for a homeland for the Jews in the land that Jews have had continuous connection to for over 3,500 years and have never ceded it. A homeland was also offered to the Arabs within the borders, roughly, of West Bank and Gaza. The Jews accepted the UN Partition Plan and the Arabs rejected it. From the day of declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, Israel defended war thrust on it by all of its neighbouring Arab States, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon every decade since some combination of Arab states have attacked Israel, or tried to do so. This has been followed by terrorism against Israel especially from the 1990s and onwards led by Hezbollah, Hamas and other terrorist organisations dedicated to the destruction of the State of Israel, many sponsored by Iran.
9. Israel has not had ongoing violence with all of its neighbours, only those committed to its destruction who reject Israel’s right to exist.
10. Peace treaties have been signed by Israel with Egypt, Jordan, UAE and Bahrain, Israel has returned land in Sinai to Egypt.
11. Israel also handed control of Gaza to the Palestinians in 2005, who then elected Hamas as its government in 2006.
12. Although Gaza remains under ‘siege’ led by Israel, this is to prevent bombs and missiles entering Gaza given the proven commitment of the rulers to vicious attacks on Israel. 1,000s of rockets have been shot into Israel annually and October 7, occurred notwithstanding the siege.

### **C. Balance of the Statement**

Especially in the context of referencing the violence of the past 75 years, this statement is incomplete without a call also for the right of Israel to exist within safe and secure borders. The absence of a call for Israel’s right to exist to be recognised suggests in fact a nod those chanting “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free”, which is a call for the destruction of Israel.

### **D. Request for the Lord Mayor to relay a message to the PM and make further calls**

Despite listing a number of matters to help the Palestinians, the total absence of any action called for against Hamas is outrageous. Is this Council really content for an elected government of Gaza to commit crimes against humanity and carry on emboldened to fulfil their promise to do it again and again? No comment about Hamas speaks volumes about a lack of moral leadership. It heats up the electric bed of the terrorists whose bed Councils approving motions like this are getting into.

All of statements to the PM are ineffectual, they seek of the PM nothing more than what is already being done or what is a redundant request. This further underlines the futility of this statement in any practical sense despite its offensiveness.

## **Conclusion**

Israel is a liberal democracy, world-leading in technology, medicine, arts, and other fields, notwithstanding that it is also imperfect and has domestic issues which Israeli people have cause to and do protest. However, any objective bystander must recognise that in a sea of Arab countries that oppress women, outlaw religions other than Islam or otherwise punish people practising those religions and criminalise members of the LBTQI+ community, Israel is a leader that deserves world's respect and fair treatment.

Approximately 20% of Israel's population are Arab Muslims, there is an Arab Muslim judge on the Supreme Court of Israel, there are Arab Muslim political parties and serving members of the Israeli parliament. Israel provides access to all and has repeatedly been of the forefront of providing humanitarian aid during natural and man-made disasters such as in Fukushima and Haiti. Israel grants asylum to Palestinian members of LGBTQI+ community who fear being killed by their families and neighbours in the West Bank and Gaza.

If the terrorism in Israel is not rejected without limitation, without contextualisation and without reservation, the terrorism will not stop and it will not stop in Israel.

Please focus on keeping Melbourne the place we love and live in with freedom.

Yours faithfully

Joel Burstyner

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**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Item 7.2

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We must,as citizens of the world, do our utmost to stop the savagery engulfing the Palestinian population of Gaza.  
For more than four months now, the world has been witnessing with horror the massacre,torture and starvation of Palestinians — mainly children and women — in Gaza. This is ethnic cleansing pure and forcible. It must stop now. We must add our voice to ensure an immediate ceasefire.  
John Karkar KC

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**Email address: \*** 

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**Agenda item title: \*** Item 7.2

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Thank you  
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**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Thursday 20 February 2025

**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I am a resident of City of Melbourne as well as a business owner in the City of Melbourne council area. I'm writing to ask that the council recognises and reflects my urgent calls for a permanent ceasefire and a return of all hostages (both Israeli and Palestinian). I feel the council should seek to represent its constituents and accepting this motion is the first step in moving to a permanent and lasting peace.

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As Melburnian of the Year, I strongly support the motion by Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and support the call that the Future Melbourne Committee endorse the proposed statement.

I believe the motion is in accordance with Australia’s obligations under international humanitarian law. The statement seeks to promote peace and the protection of all civilians and upholds our multicultural and multi – faith values as a city and our commitment to social cohesion. It recognizes we are home to refugees and migrants and their families from across the globe including generations of Jewish and Palestinian refugees, many who are rightly deeply distressed, outraged and concerned about what is happening in Palestine and Israel. We can and must be on the right side of history as a city and we can be by upholding the universal human rights that apply to us all.

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**Agenda item title:** Reflecting community sentiment on the situation in Gaza

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I am a Jewish mother of 4 who works as an investment and philanthropic advisor in Melbourne's CBD. I am alarmed at the Council's intention to pass such a divisive motion at a time when social harmony seems to be a real challenge for our community. Walking through angry protestors in Collins st, the defacing of local businesses, chaperoning my children (one who attends Uni of Melb) through antisemitic signage and crowds have left me feeling despairing. It is my strong view that the role of Council should be to do all in its power to promote activities and behaviours that promote cohesion and harmony. As Head of Philanthropy for the Victor Smorgon Group, we were one of the funders of the Pillars of Light Festival that the Council also supported. That was a wonderful example of the kind of activities and efforts the Council should be supporting in the City of Melbourne, coexistence and multi-faith celebrations of the different parts of our community. The Council should focus its attention and efforts on matters where it has influence and relevant to its local community.

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The role of Melbourne City Council is to provide good governance for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community, which includes residents, ratepayers, traditional landowners and people and bodies who conduct activities in the municipal district. Councils receive funds by levying municipal rates. They must spend these funds according to their responsibilities in a fiscally responsible manner.

In exercising their roles they employ numerous staff to assist in fulfilling their mandate and when they do not have the requisite expertise they outsource to appropriate external consultants.

I have worked in the City of Melbourne since 1988, my family have owned a business since they arrived as migrants in 1926. We have always felt that the city of Melbourne provided a safe environment, respectful of the many diverse cultures that work and enjoy the City. Unfortunately, because of the hatred displayed towards Jews during the regular demonstrations, I now feel unsafe in the city.

In my role as President of Jewish Care I am concerned by the impact of the current antisemitism on our community. Jewish Care has had a proud association with the City of Melbourne going back 175 years. We operate a large Aged Care facility caring for the elderly, many of whom were immigrants to this country, after fleeing persecution in Europe during the Holocaust and post war communist Russia. It is incumbent on us to provide a safe environment for them. We also provide services to the most disadvantaged in our community, people living with Economic hardship and with disabilities.

I am troubled by this resolution on several grounds:

1. The attempt to involve the Council in foreign policy falls outside the jurisdiction of the Council
2. Clearly the appropriate level of legal expertise has not been provided when drafting this Motion as it contains many factual errors and demonstrates a lack of understanding International law.
3. Such a motion does not promote the well being of those who live and conduct their business within the city of Melbourne. It will only further feelings of fear and isolation amongst the Jewish Community.
4. Paragraph 1 references Palestine when the current conflict is between Hamas and Israel
5. Para 2 under point 1 references hostages held in Israel – I am aware of none.
6. Paragraph 2.5 displays a complete misunderstanding of terms under international law. It completely ignores the legal doctrine of *uti possidetis iuris*.
7. Paragraph 2.5 misunderstands the scope of UN resolutions which are not binding in International law unless made under chapter 7 of the UN Charter.
8. The Motion makes no call on Hamas to abide by the ceasefire which existed on 6<sup>th</sup> October.
9. Fails to require either a future Palestinian State or Hamas to recognise Israels right to exist.



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**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** As a resident of the City of Melbourne, I continue to add my voice to those deploring the actions of Israel. Those voices include those of my Jewish family members. Hamas may be deplorable, but Israel murdering 30,000 innocent people, is beyond all reason. I call for sanctions. This motion is good. It's not enough. Months on the Library Steps, it's taken us, to get a little letter. I'm ashamed, as should we all be. Demand and take action, endorse this motion and take it further.

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**Name: \*** Lucy Wang

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Saturday 19 August 2000

**Agenda item title:** Please support the motion for Palestine

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Hello Councillor,

My name is Lucy Wang, I'm a Carlton resident and love living as a part of the vibrant, diverse, and welcoming community we have created here in the City of Melbourne.

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Please support peace, justice and human rights for Palestinians.

Your sincerely,

Lucy Wang



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**Name: \*** Mac Heke

**Email address: \***

**Phone number \***

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Agenda Item 7.2  
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I am particularly concerned about the risks faced by those who seek to make submissions on this Agenda item 7.2 and the risks faced by any Councilors who seek to oppose or not support this item. The statistics released by Victoria Police show a significant weighting to antisemitism versus Islamophobia resulting in 10 arrests of which 9 related to "alleged" antisemitism and only 1 to "alleged" Islamophobia.

There have also been numerous reports of threats to Councilors from other Councils who have opposed motions condemning Israel.

In this climate, the Melbourne City Council cannot hope to get a balanced view from the wider community unless anonymous submissions and secret ballots are allowed in the voting. The motion should be withdrawn until these safeguards are put in place to avoid a one-sided and distorted view being portrayed. Whilst it seeks to balance the arguments, there is an underlying bias this against Israel. The motion fails to first and foremost call for the release of the hostages held in appalling conditions and being subjected to sexual and mental abuse by Hamas which is a designated terrorist organisation. There is a high risk that the passing of this motion, as it stands, will be selectively used by certain media with sensationalistic headlines to create further division and increase the already high levels of antisemitism.

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**Name: \*** Madeleine Clarke

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Hello Councillor,

My name is Madeleine, I'm a Kensington resident and love living as a part of the vibrant, diverse, and welcoming community we have created here in the City of Melbourne.

Melbourne Council is a progressive council, with an admirable record of advocating for human rights. This includes recent actions on the Yes Vote, reconciliation action with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, LGBTQIA+ and disabled residents, climate action, as well as cancelling sister city relations in Russia as part of the war in Ukraine. This reflects the concerns and progressive values of the residents of the City of Melbourne.

Melbourne Council speaks of their commitment to inclusive Melbourne and the recognition of justice and equity. The motion in Agenda 7.2 entitled 'Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza', slated to be discussed by Council this coming Tuesday, should be supported unanimously by Councillors.

Over 30,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, about two thirds of them women and children, with thousands more under rubble. The 2.2 million people of Gaza have been placed under siege by Israeli forces, with limited to no

access to water, food, electricity, medicine or fuel. Most have now been displaced once again. Rafah, the last 'safe zone' is now under heavy bombardment, and politicians, army personnel, and settlement leaders have made it clear that Gaza will not be a home for any Palestinian to return to. In fact, they've asked governments around the world to accept Palestinian refugees as part of their plan to displace the entire population.

Refugee camps, schools, hospitals and mosques are being targeted, as are teachers, journalists, healthcare workers, doctors and aid workers. International bodies such as the UN are pointing to evidence of war crimes and genocide.

I believe that Councillor Jamal Hakim has prepared a robust and considered motion that is based on facts steeped in humanitarian and international law, widely accepted by most countries around the world, including Australia. Facts are facts, and you should feel courageous to stand up for these in the debate on Tuesday.

For the sake of local democracy and global justice I therefore request that you vote in favour of the motion. If you choose to abstain from the motion, know that abstaining is the same as voting against a motion. If you truly want to abstain, leave the chamber for the vote.

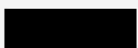
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I also urge you to sign the national statement by current and former elected representatives from all levels of government, calling for an immediate, permanent ceasefire and a just and lasting peace.

Please support peace, justice and human rights for Palestinians.

Your sincerely,

Madeleine Clarke



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**Name: \*** Maryam Jalili

**Email address: \***



**Phone number \***



**Date of meeting: \*** Sunday 20 February 2022

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Please support Gaza

Please support justice and truth

Please support humanity

Please support global equality, the right to live equally for all

Please support global rule of law

Please support the children and families being killed and injured in Gaza by Israel

Please support an ENTIRE civilian population's right to water

Please support an ENTIRE civilian population's right to medical supplies

Please support a civilian population's right to food, shelter and livelihoods

Please support righteous resistance

Please condemn genocidal war crimes by Israel and all its supporters

Please support Palestine and its supporters

Please call out Zionist lies

**Please indicate whether you** Yes



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**Name: \*** Michelle Smit

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I'm writing to express my full support for the Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.  
I implore the Future Melbourne Committee to endorse the statement and commit to take the actions as detailed in the motion.

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**Name: \*** Miranda Nash

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Monday 2 July 1990

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 – support for Gaza & Palestine

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** The people of Palestine have faced the most unimaginable unthinkable violence and disrespect other race in history. They are no less than any other and deserve the basic human rights. I support item 7.2 for the council to support Palestine and end the attack on Gaza

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**Name: \*** Moe Abbouchie

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Reflecting Community Sentiment on the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

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In Support of Agenda Item of motion 7.2

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**Name: \*** Nabila Saliba

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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I call for a permanent cease fire and an end to the ongoing massacre and brutal killings and slaughter of the Palestinian people!

- Cease fire now!!!
- Free Palestine!!
- stop the killings!!
- Gaza is being starved!!
- Gaza is being deprived of food, water and shelter!!
- Thousands of children are orphaned!!!
- Cease fire Now!!!!!!!

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**Name: \*** Nadia massoud

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** 7.2.Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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I'm deeply troubled by what is happening. It's heartbreaking to witness such crimes live on TV and social media. We expected the Australian government to stand by its principles of supporting justice, human rights, and democracy, yet it chooses to look away and not protect children and women. On the contrary, it's supporting the aggressor by sending more weapons and goods. We call for an immediate halt to support for Israel, full support for women and families in Gaza, pressure on Israel to cease fire, and an end to ethnic cleansing and the rebuilding of Gaza.

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**Name: \*** Nasser Mashni

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Monday 19 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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

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PO Box 3166  
Manuka ACT 2603

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cr Sally Capp AO - Lord Mayor  
City of Melbourne  
120 Swanston St,  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Lord Mayor,

The Australia Palestine Advocacy Network (APAN) strongly supports the City of Melbourne community members in their calls for the City of Melbourne to pass a motion of solidarity with Palestine, the Palestinians and to call for a total, immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza.

Councils play an important role in providing a public forum for the discussion of issues that relate to the wellbeing and benefit of their diverse communities. In fact only 2 weeks ago the [ACT government](#) passed a particularly strong motion in support of Palestine. Doing so they conveyed a strong message that they are committed to their communities' collective values of social justice, peace and social cohesion.

In the first 60 days of this war on Palestine in what the [International Court of Justice](#) has since deemed a "plausible" Genocide, the WHO determined that a child was killed **every 10 minutes** in what an official describes as "[humanity's darkest hour](#)."

With the horror of Israel's violence in Gaza continuing now, for more than 135 days, killing more than 30,000 people and the maiming of over 70,000 all despite the pleas and protest of the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Save the Children, and millions of citizens of conscience across the globe, it's more important than ever for any and all of us to take whatever action we can take to demand an immediate ceasefire, an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, and to stand together against racism wherever we see it.



It behoves councils, in particular, to take a principled position on such human rights matters as councils are the most proximate elected officials to citizens. With social cohesion at its very lowest, with Palestinian Australians (be they Muslim or Christian) and the Arab and Muslim community being diminished, dismissed, and demonised it is time for their suffering to be recognised.

Without a recognised definition of anti-Palestinian racism, the only measure we have on how APAN stakeholders are being impacted is the [1300% increase in Islamophobia](#) recorded since October 7<sup>th</sup>. This motion is an opportunity for the City of Melbourne to recognise the suffering of a constituency and uplift that community by supporting the motion before it.

The motion is factually sound and is grounded in both humanitarian and international law and accordingly provides Melbourne City Council with the basis with which to create a “truth telling” framework thus informing strategies to help restore social cohesion.

APAN supports and encourages councillors to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and their allies in the City of Melbourne and to pass this motion.

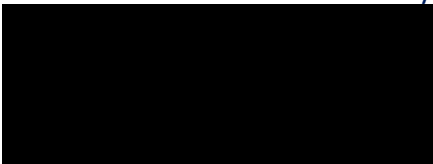
Gaza 23 will be a moment in history that the public and historians will look at, review and reflect upon to determine the positionality and legacy of institutions but also those elected to lead.

As Martin Luther King said, “In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends...”

We look forward to working with you to see justice, peace and self-determination realised for Palestine and remain at your service.

Sincerely,

Australia Palestine Advocacy Network



Nasser Mashni  
President



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**Name: \*** Nicholas Failla

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

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**Name: \*** Nissrine Saliba

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Thursday 20 February 2014

**Agenda item title:** 7.2

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I write in support of Item 7.2 on the agenda.

Please be on the right side of history. Do it for the sake of humanity. Do it for the sake of the innocent men, women and children who have been killed or are being bombed and starved to death. Do it for the sake of their families and loved ones. Do it for the sake of the Melbourne community who are desperate to see any glimpse of hope for the survival of human rights being upheld. Do it because it is the right thing to do for the Palestinian people.

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**Date of meeting: \*** Friday 20 February 3024

**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit **by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.** Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Councillor,

We are aware that you are being pressured by a very vocal minority to pass inexpert resolutions by Jamal Hakim and Davydd Griffiths that demonstrate a total lack of knowledge and understanding of the facts of the tragic war that Hamas waged on Israel.

Please understand that other councillors who meant well, and did not understand the fanaticism of elements who seem to support a terrorist organisation in its mission to destroy Israel, both militarily and in the soft war of delegitimisation, have inadvertently waded into endangering themselves and their community, as violence, harassment and threats were used to coerce their acceptance of their motion.

As local councillors your role is to promote peace, order, good governance as per the preamble in the Local Government Act.

The activists who seek to run your council and control your agenda, are neither historians nor experts in the conflict. The one sided narrative they are offering you, underplays the terrorist atrocities committed on October 7 where 3000 assorted Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists and other assorted opportunistic Gazans broke the border to Israel and committed the most heinous acts of savagery mutilating men, women and children, burning families alive, beheading babies, raping women and young girls and killing 1200 defenceless people and taking another 240 hostage.

Contrary to their propaganda, Gaza was not occupied and massacring children in front of parents, and parents in front of children, is not "freedom fighting". Hamas has vowed to commit October 7 attacks "again and again and again".

Israel has the right and responsibility to defend its people from such savagery. Hamas is a well funded terrorist proxy, funded by Iran, but also as the governing body of Gaza, it has access to all the billions of aid money donated globally from governments such as our own. Hamas has built over 500 miles of steel reinforced concrete tunnels underground to protect its fighters and move weapons and militants around the strip. Instead of building shelters for the Gaza civilians. Hamas has deliberately built its terrorist infrastructure in and beneath hospitals, schools, mosques, apartments and even under the UNRWA headquarters. Hamas fighters have been found hiding in hospitals and in schools, hiding behind innocent civilians.

So when Jamal Hakim moves to "condemn all attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure including hospitals, utilities, homes, and places of worship, education, and culture", it is extremely disingenuous to overlook that Hamas has deliberately hidden their weapons, terror tunnels and infrastructure right in and under those buildings.

The entire Hamas strategy rests on embedding their terror network within the civilian population and using credulous international pressure to save them. The only thing they have built in 17 years is the terror tunnel system 1.5 times the size of London metro. Hamas is a uniquely cowardly enemy in the history of warfare, who willingly turn their own civilians into self serving casualty rates which are demonstrably false. Hamas only strategy for survival is the published death toll of Palestinians.

If these “activists” who try to control council policy truly cared about Palestinians or humanity, they would be advocating for Hamas to stop firing missiles into Israel on a daily basis, cede power and stop using Palestinians as human shields by building their terror network in order to maximise their own civilian casualties. Also, when the fatality rates are supplied by Hamas on a daily rate, and include 471 children and healthcare workers killed in Al Ahli Hospital on the 18 October, despite the fact it was later categorically proven that the hospital was not bombed, but a misfired Islamic Jihad rocket took out the car park, and on other days the statistic for ‘women and children’ adds up to more than the total daily tally; one can conclude the figures supplied by the propagandists are totally fake, and just another part of their war on public opinion.

In more clumsy grandstanding, this motion calls for an end to ‘illegal settlements’ which might sound reasonable to those who don’t understand that those settlements have already been established as land swaps in any peace deal. Israel has offered 96% of the land Palestinians claim to want, with the other 4% in land swaps. Every peace deal has been rejected by Palestinian leaders who know that they will be assassinated by their own side if they were to accept that Israel was allowed to exist within ANY borders. In fact, this is not a land dispute but an ideological conflict where terror groups openly admit they seek all of Israel – from the River (Jordan) to the Sea (Mediterranean).

I suggest you consult a map and see what is left.

Media reports indicate Councillors at Merri-Bek, Darebin and Greater Dandenong have received death threats when abstaining or voting against such Notices of Motion. Social media channels at various councils such as Maribyrnong, also show extensive hate speech towards Councillors voting against as was the case at Maribyrnong City Council when they considered a rescission motion.

Indeed, Councillor Oscar Yildiz, from Merri-Bek City Council, has taken a leave of absence, due to the incessant threats against him and his family after being one of four Councillors who voted against the motion condemning Israel and their alleged war crimes.

Cr Yildiz, the two time Mayor/Deputy mayor of Merri-Bek, said he and the other ‘no’ voting Councillors had received serious threats. In a statement on Linked In, Cr Yildiz said “a motion was put to Merri-Bek Council to vote on this global issue – a Vote which I believe was put up by self-serving individuals, simply doing it for their own political aspirations. I and 3 other Councillors voted against this motion purely on the basis that this was not within our remit as Local Government to act upon. I maintain my position that as Local Government we need to uphold our accountability to use our resources for matters we were elected for. In standing up for my elected responsibility, I have received unimaginable hate, death threats and threats against the safety of my family, as have the other 3

Councillors who also voted against the motion.”

At the City of Greater Dandenong, Councillor Tim Dark, reported he too had received death threats after voting against a Notice of Motion to call for a ceasefire. At the Council Meeting on 22 January 2024, Cr Dark read from a letter sent to the council from Victorian local government Minister Melissa Horne urging the Council to not get involved in foreign affairs. The letter stated “The Israeli and Hamas conflict is a complex global situation that needs to be negotiated by world leaders and not the Victorian local government sector,”.

Darebin Councillors too were subject to coercion, bullying and threats after agreeing to not fly the Palestinian flag on 8 January 2024. A rescission motion was put forward to remove the Palestinian flag after receiving numerous concerns from residents that the motion was divisive and unsafe. The motion failed on 22 January 2024, as although some Councillors stood by their decision to take the flag down, others, including the Mayor, supported keeping the flag flying saying no flag was worth their family’s life.

As these coercive tactics have been used successfully on other councillors, I would urge you to avoid such dangerous risks for your own councillors and please sidestep the whole unnecessary process which endangers both yourselves and Jews like myself, who are living in fear.

View video of Darebin Councillor recounting bullying to pass a motion ->

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-9rNA60R4&t=7s>

Given the coercive and threats to councillors, I would appreciate if you do NOT include my full details in the minutes of meeting. I understand that some people in the community feels very strongly about this topic and may resort to intimidation and threats to any opposing individuals..

Kind Regards,

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**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I am a Jewish uni student who has been subjected to extensive antisemitism on campus by teachers and students alike, not least because of well meaning, but one sided motions commenting on the current situation in Israel.

**Please indicate whether you would like to verbally address the Future Melbourne in support of your submission: \*** Yes

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**Name: \*** Peiyao Liu

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** 7.2 reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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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.** Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Hi, the multicultural city of Melbourne needs to listen to the voices of its people, and call for the state and federal government to assist people in Gaza as much as possible, including calling for a cease fire (stop of genocidal activities) and increase of aid, cutting contracts that supplies weapons to Israel, stopping Israeli ships coming to the city until it stops the attacks & let in aid, and also show a staunch stance against Islamophobia and anti Arab sentiment. I have witnessed personal friends being attacked in the city of Melbourne, instead of being protected, because they publicly show support for Palestine. this is not okay and not acceptable.

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**Name: \*** Phoebe Marshall

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** 7.2 reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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Dear Counsellors

I write in support for Counselor Jamal Hakim's motion to request the Council's support for the communities sentiment on the humanitarian crisis.

What is occurring in Gaza is a genocide and Australia has been complicit in permitting this genocide to unfold. Australia's recent statement supporting ceasefire has come to late and fails to commit to supporting the safety and welfare for Gazans who remain in Gaza and who have been forced to leave their home. Australia must do more to show that it lives and upholds the values that underpin our society.

As a Melbourne City resident I implore the council to support this motion and stand on the right side of history.

Regards

Phoebe Marshall

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**Name: \*** Ramona Chrapot

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza Motion  
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The 'Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza' motion is concerning, to say the least. The motion will undoubtedly decrease social cohesion and increase the already alarming rise in antisemitism. Whilst the motion not only contains factual inaccuracies, it also ignores Hamas and the role they've played in harming not only Israel but the people of Gaza. Moreover, the motion will have no real effect on the people of Israel or Gaza, and it is not within the purview or responsibility of the Melbourne City Council to comment on foreign affairs.

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**Name: \*** Rania Saliba

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Agenda 7.2

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.** I agree and support the two motions presented under agenda item 7.2.  
It is time for a permanent ceasefire fire in Gaza!! Enough is enough.  
**Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

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**Name: \*** Rhys Cranney

**Email address: \*** 

**Phone number \*** 

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** Writing to urge you all to vote in favour of the motion. We are witnessing a genocide at a horrific rate – this motion is the smallest action, but a vitally important one. We must stand against genocide.

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**Name: \*** robert Wood

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Friday 20 February 3024

**Agenda item title: \*** Palestine

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I call on members of Melbourne council to issue a statement calling for a ceasefire in the Israeli assault on Gaza. Such a statement should acknowledge that

- Condemns the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel
- The extended assaults on the citizens of Palestine by the IDF is a form of genocide that must be stopped.
- The Australian government's stopping of contributions to UNRWA was premature and should be restarted immediately.

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**Name: \*** Rosie Tsipouras

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Agenda item title: 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.** I wish to make a submission and will speak at the council meeting.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Name: \*** Sanne de Swart

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Community sentiment on Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

Dear Councillors,

I wrote to you as a very concerned constituent about the situation in Gaza. I urge you to condemn any violence on civilians and especially the horrific genocide that is happening at this very moment in Gaza, with the help of Australian weapons.

Genocide is never justified, no matter the circumstances. Please be on the rights side of history and vote today to stand against genocide and demand a ceasefire.

With gratitude, Sanne de Swart

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**Name: \*** Sarah Baarini

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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**Name: \*** Shifrah Blustein

**Email address: \*** [REDACTED]

**Phone number \*** [REDACTED]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Humanitarian crisis in Gaza  
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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

I urge you to pass the ceasefire and solidarity motion urgently. The crisis in Gaza is spiralling out of control daily. To change this situation, the Australian government needs to cease trade with Israel, so I would prefer that council's motion included a boycott clause. But even without this, CoM passing this motion would be extremely significant for the cause of justice and peace in Palestine.

I also believe Council's leadership on this issue is crucial to supporting communities who are the victims of oppression and colonialism to feel like their experiences are heard and like they belong.

Please pass the motion.

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**Name: \*** Tammy F

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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**Subject:** Future Melbourne Committee submission form [#2796]

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**Name: \*** Tania Kaye

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Thursday 22 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Motion with respect to Gaza

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors,

I write to you regarding an issue of concern that has come to my attention within the council's upcoming deliberations

As a member invested in the welfare of our community, I firmly believe that our council's primary focus should remain on matters of local governance and community well-being.

While international issues undoubtedly hold importance, venturing into such territory can often lead to contentious reactions and unnecessary conflict within our council chambers.

It is imperative that we maintain a respectful and supportive environment for all constituents, ensuring that discussions remain constructive and directly pertinent to the needs and concerns of our municipal district.

As such, I urge caution in considering motions that extend beyond our immediate jurisdiction, carefully weighing the potential benefits against the inherent risks posed to the well-being of our local members.



It is crucial to acknowledge the potential consequences of introducing motions pertaining to controversial international matters. Such actions may inadvertently subject dissenting members to possible instances of bullying and harassment.

The motion from Councillor Hakim is one sided and does not ask for Hamas to ceasefire. It also asks for Israel to release Palestinians in prison who are there for legitimate crimes against Israel.

It also mentions end to illegal settlements on the west Bank – this is a complicated matter and Israelis have been there for years – very small minority compared to the Palestinian settlements such as Ramallah and Jenin which are hotbeds of Hamas,

Again there is a mention of Islamophobia. This is a made up term as there is no such thing. However, there has been a 700% increase in anti Semitism in the world today since the atrocities of October 7, in fact the day after at the Opera House was a prime example. Not even one day after when Israel was trying to work out what had happened and was in the midst of trauma, there were calls of “where are the Jews” and “ F..k the Jews”. This is pure hate and more of this is seen in the city of Melbourne than anywhere else – constant graffiti and demonstrations and harassment of businesses.

This is what is truly happening. No one targets Muslims. But Jews are all the time. Not sure if Councillor Hakim would like this type of constant harassment. The Jews in Melbourne are not responsible for the war in Gaza.

Israel prides itself on upholding the law and if anything happens that concerns it, it will deal with it. It has not committed war crimes – Hamas has and will be called to account once the conflict ends.

And I remind the Council once again, the war was started by Hamas. Pure and simple. Israel is defending itself like Australia would in similar circumstances. It does not attack willy nilly. There are 500 miles of tunnels underground with terrorist hiding there as are hostages being still held. It is a difficult and horrible war. All war is horrific.

And Israelis too are traumatized and suffer.

In light of these concerns, I implore you to exercise prudence and discretion in your deliberations. Let us continue to prioritize the effective governance of our local community while remaining mindful of the potential challenges associated with broader international affairs discussions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tania Kaye

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**Name: \*** Tara Prowse

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** Reflecting community sentiment on the situation in Gaza  
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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

I write to support Councillor Hakims notice of motion on reflecting the sentiment of the community on the situation in Occupied Gaza.

Congratulations on submitting this notice and for bringing this before Council. It is important that Council reflects the voice and sentiment of the communities that they represent, and the City of Melbourne is a vibrant, global city which holds much pride in these values and the fantastic diversity of our community.

The protests and community campaigns that have sustained now for almost 4 months in support of peace and justice for the Palestinian population of Gaza have been expressed weekly in the thousands of people gathering in the City. The trauma and horrific actions of Israel that we are all witnessing are galvanising people to come out of their homes and onto the streets in absolute horror and abhorrence at what we are witnessing.

I am fully supportive of this motion because we need examples of leadership that speak up, that commit to future records and future archives that the massacres and trauma that we are all watching play out on our phones – has been seen and been acknowledged. To witness and do nothing is complicity. Please support Cr Hakims motion.

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**Name: \*** Tina Rizza

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Saturday 20 April 2024

**Agenda item title: \*** Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

Dear Councilors,

I write to you as a very concerned city worker about the situation in Gaza. I urge you to condemn any violence on civilians and especially the horrific genocide that is happening at this very moment in Gaza, with the help of Australian-made weapons.

Genocide is never justified, no matter the circumstances. Please on the right side of history and vote today to stand against genocide and demand a ceasefire.

Regards,  
Tina Rizza

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**Name: \*** Victoria Olabuntu

**Email address: \***



**Phone number \***



**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** PALESTINIAN CEASEFIRE

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Advocate for a permanent ceasefire and the immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza to allow Palestinians in Gaza to have adequate and unimpeded access to food, water, fuel, electricity, medical supplies and construction materials to repair damaged homes and civilian infrastructure.

Advocate for an end to illegal settlements and the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, in alignment with applicable UN resolutions and international law, and the establishment of a just and sustainable peace.

address Islamophobia in Australian communities through support for local, community led initiatives.

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**Name: \*** Wilmie Schoots

**Email address: \*** [Redacted]

**Phone number \*** [Redacted]

**Date of meeting: \*** Tuesday 20 February 2024

**Agenda item title:** 7.2 reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

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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. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

My name is Wilmie Schoots, I'm a resident in Carlton. I was born in South Africa and am so thankful to have found a home in our amazing city and am building a life here.

In the last 135 days I have been witness to some of the most horrific images and videos that I have even seen. But I have felt compelled to bear witness and I have done so from the comfort of my own home, here in Melbourne. I do this knowing that my pain and distress is merely a fraction of the Palestinians that are living through it and those watching their families being slaughtered.

There can be no justification for the disproportionate actions taken by the Israeli government and military. The ICJ have ruled that there is credible evidence that Israel is committing a genocide and must do everything it can to prevent civilian deaths. That has not stopped military aggression unfortunately. At this time, to do anything other than call for a ceasefire (at the very least) is to be complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people.

Over 30,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, about two thirds of them women and children, with thousands more under rubble. The 2.2 million people of Gaza have been placed under siege by Israeli forces, with limited to no



access to water, food, electricity, medicine or fuel. Most have now been displaced once again. Rafah, the last 'safe zone' is now under heavy bombardment, and politicians, army personnel, and settlement leaders have made it clear that Gaza will not be a home for any Palestinian to return to. In fact, they've asked governments around the world to accept Palestinian refugees as part of their plan to displace the entire population.

Refugee camps, schools, hospitals and mosques are being targeted, as are teachers, journalists, healthcare workers, doctors and aid workers. International bodies such as the UN are pointing to evidence of war crimes and genocide.

I believe that Councillor Jamal Hakim has prepared a robust and considered motion that is based on facts steeped in humanitarian and international law, widely accepted by most countries around the world, including Australia. Facts are facts, and you should feel courageous to stand up for these in the debate on Tuesday.

For the sake of local democracy and global justice I therefore request that you vote in favour of the motion.

For the sake of our souls and our conscience and our morality, I beg that you support the human rights, self determination and freedom of all Palestinian people.

Thank you for your time.

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