From:
To: amendments

Subject: Preston Market Structure Plan

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Preston resident of 21 years. I have raised my family in Preston and I have no intention of leaving the suburb any time soon. There are many wonderful qualities of Preston, including multi-culturalism, a great selection of restaurants and cafes, abundance of amenities, fantastic transport infrastructure and most importantly the Preston Market with its fresh produce and community atmosphere! Recent property price increases in the area mean that Preston is clearly a destination suburb in Melbourne.

I strongly support leaving the market as it stands today and vehemently oppose any development as per recent proposals. The reasons include:

- Multi-level buildings on the site will cause overshadowing issues
- More car parks and cars will further congest an already heavily congested suburb
- The market's cultural and historical significance are an important part of Preston's past. My wife and I visited the market as kids with our parents, we now attend the market with our children and it's a wonderful experience
- Apartments and townhouses are sprouting in Preston ad nauseum, do we truly need another eye sore where the market stands today??
- How can we realistically fill all of these apartment towers given current and future pandemic impacts on our borders and limited overseas migration
- Disruption to market stalls and businesses will harm their viability
- This proposal only serves to prop up developers and their back pockets, the local community who utilise the market on a daily and weekly basis should be the prime consideration

If this development is approved this will influence our future voters, given the suburb is a Labour stronghold, I can only imagine the impact in the next election.

For these reasons please leave the market in its current form, it will prevent further congestion in our wonderful suburb and maintain the historical heart of Preston!

Regards



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