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I oppose the current Draft Amendment C182dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme as I believe more consideration and urban planning is needed to match the value and future use of this iconic and vital location within Darebin.

As a resident and engaged Darebin community member, the Preston Market precinct is not just a place to grab food, park, travel or lodge paperwork. This location holds historical and social value which blatantly is not reflected in the current draft.

I believe like many other submissions, we are not opposed to redeveloping the market precinct if it creates more function and sustainability to this space for our current and future community. Let me say this clearly, this does not equal this proposed 5.12 hectare location being an solution to the housing problem in Melbourne nor Darebin. High-rise apartment towers do not equal affordable housing for all. It only translates to young professionals or

privileged people being able to buy into the apartment market not low income families and community members that have been the backbone of this historical location. Rent prices within this proposed high density living space does not match the social context of people visiting the Preston Market precinct. Let it be known that I wholeheartedly know the worth of social mixing in urban settings. I am a child that grew up in public housing and especially one developed by a private developer in a safe and sound neighbourhood. I understand and actual value gentrification and social mixing in urban settings when done right but not within the proposed high rise density of this location. It is appalling to think the powers behind development and our great Victorian planners value profit over people.

Within such a rich opportunity to transform a location and community, I encourage you to take a step back and consider the legacy this site and development can have. A legacy to be proud by lowering the density of the towers, increasing the social housing ratios, providing more green spaces which encourage biodiversity to thrive in an urban setting. Champion a carbon neutral development, with all-electric with fossil fuel free energy, solar panels, battery storage and a microgrid. I encourage you to invest back into the community as all the people who have done before and continue to. Be an example of great innovation and community inspiration rather than another cash grab pitched as a solution to urban living trends.

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