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**To:** [amendments](#)  
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To Whom This May Concern,

I would like to offer my submission regarding the proposed changes to the Preston market precinct.

I am gravely concerned about the "Structure Plan and Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C182Dare" issued in May 2021. I was horrified to read that the market maybe relocated to the Cramer street end as this would take away the historical, character filled charm and cultural aspects of the Preston Market. Moving the market will ultimately take away the look and feel of the market and cannot possibly be 're-created' in another location. I request that the market remain in its current location so as not to change the look and feel of this culturally significant marketplace used by the local community and others.

It has been proposed that there is a possibility of building on top of the market. This will take way the open air aspect that is unique to the look and vibe of the market. I again reject this proposal.

I read in the "Structure Plan and Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C182Dare" that walking, cycling and public transport would be encouraged for those who shop at the market. Have you done any demographics research of the patrons who shop at the market? I would be interested to read the research outcomes from a study. People that shop at the Preston Market who have done a medium to large shop will find it difficult to walk, ride a bicycle or catch public transport. Goods purchased would not be able to be carried via these means. Yes, you briefly mentioned the possibility of underground and above ground parking and not I am only concerned about the changes to the look and feel of the market, I find it completely unreasonable for less parking bays than is currently available. Even the parking that is currently available now is insufficient.

I am not completely opposed to building 'some' apartments on the Preston Market site near St Georges Road. But this should not be a major feature of the local precinct. I propose that less than 500-1,000 apartments be built in the vicinity. The idea of large apartment towers is completely unreasonable as this will greatly impact on the look and feel of the suburb. Also, where are all the people in these apartment towers meant to park their vehicles??

I am extremely disappointed that State Government - Victorian Planning Authority is even considering such drastic changes to the current location of the Preston Market. Granted things with time change, however, the proposed changes are extreme to say the least!

I look forward to receiving a response from you.

Kind Regards,

