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To whom it may concern,

Re: Preston Market Precinct

I'm writing to request that the Engage Victoria consultation on the draft Preston Market Precinct Structure Plan and draft Amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme be extended. This consultation currently closes on the 13th July 2021. Please extend this for a further 4 weeks.

While I understand this consultation has been open for a number of weeks, I do not believe the consultation has been well promoted amongst the community of residents that regularly use the market, including many elderly and culturally diverse communities that may have limited access to the internet or may not read English. I also think the consultation of traders has been lacking.

I believe a more inclusive consultation process should be undertaken to reach residents, including those who can't make an online submission, those from non-English speaking backgrounds, and to engage traders. I don't believe one trader information session is adequate. Nor is one daytime and one evening session for the community.

This is especially the case because this proposal deviates so significantly from the feedback received by Council in their comprehensive consultation, or the recommendations made in the 'The Heart of Preston' report.

With a precinct level redevelopment, the community must be deeply engaged in the process and consultation must not be fast-tracked.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

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