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## Making a submission Form Submission

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**Write your submission**

I wish to lodge my objection to the Preston Market Precinct developments as a resident of Murray Rd Preston.

This plan is grossly unneeded and seems to completely disregard the wishes of the community.

Living near the market, it is already extremely difficult to find a carpark outside my home, to back out of my driveway, and to use the roads and transport in this area in peak times. 6,000 extra people using these transport routes and services will limit accessibility and usability. Local shops and supermarkets are extremely busy in peak times and would also be disadvantaged by extra foot traffic, as people may be driven to finding other places to shop to avoid overcrowding or lack of stock/produce (this is already an issue).

The residency towers are ridiculously large, and will cause overlooking or loss of privacy to many homes, not to mention looking extremely out of place. They will be eyesore in such a flat land area, as are the current apartment towers near Preston Station, which look very unkempt.

The Covid-19 pandemic is constant in our lives and will be for the next 5 years (at the very least). Borders are closed and immigration is not possible, and will be limited for the foreseeable future. Is it really appropriate to be building such a large scale project in the current circumstances? Where are the 6,000 residents going to come from, especially when many Australians are facing financial difficulties or lack of employment.

I would also like enquire as to why only 10% of the residential property has been allocated to social housing. In 2016 almost 25,000 people were homeless in Victoria, and with the covid-19 pandemic you can only imagine these figures have risen. If this project were to go ahead, it would be wise to increase the number of social housing properties available. If this project is really about the community, it should be about ALL members of our community not just the wealthy, especially considering Preston is home to many services for minority or disadvantaged community members.

I would lastly like to enquire as to what, if any, consultation occurred with Traditional Owners. What steps were taken to ensure this plan would benefit or be approved by them. This is Aboriginal Land you plan to build on, and the information brochure for the project makes no acknowledgement of this or mention of any Reconciliation actions or considerations in the development. This is simply NOT ACCEPTABLE. Shameful, pathetic and disappointing.

This plan uses greenwashing and other obfuscation to paint it as a move in the right direction for community, but seems to show a 'profit over anything' goal. We do not want a similar situation here to what has happened in Sydney with the awful Crown tower; an eyesore, a waste of money and an irreversible mistake. You run the risk of ruining Preston Market and the surrounding area.

Look forward to hearing a response, and seeing amendments made to the plan to make it more appropriate for our current circumstances and the needs of the community of Darebin.

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