

Response to City of Yarra Design Principles

For the AMCOR site



Purpose

This document represents the views of Alphington Primary School (APS) and Yarralea Children's Centre (Yarralea) in response to the City of Yarra *Draft Design and Development Principles for the Amcor site*. It should be read in conjunction with the "Joint AMCOR Redevelopment Submission" from our respective organisations.

Educational Focus

We welcome the incorporation of educational and health facilities in the draft design proposals. The document appropriately highlights the need to significantly augment local educational services to meet increased demand resulting from the Amcor Redevelopment.

We also concur with the document's recommendation to conduct further detailed analysis to better understand the implications of the development for local educational needs and other community services.

Further, independent analysis

Substantial resources should be allocated to an independent urban design analysis, ensuring the outcome is comprehensive, rigorous and credible. In particular, this analysis should:

- Assess the future educational needs of the site as a separate priority matter, taking due account of our Submission supporting the multiple use of the site for education, health and community purposes, while integrating site development with existing services.
- Incorporate this assessment of educational needs as part of both the Site And Context Analysis and the Master Plan/Urban Design Framework.
- That Early Childhood Development in Alphington and Yarra be included as part of 'Social and Community Facilities' as they are at capacity and increased population would compound existing demand for early childhood development both locally and within the City of Yarra.

State Government Involvement

The draft design principles relate to matters that are the responsibility of both Local and State Government. We believe it is imperative that the City of Yarra work closely with the State Government to plan and develop educational facilities, recognising this is a shared priority at both levels of Government.

Access issues

In addition to the educational needs of our community, the design framework will affect our students through traffic management and access.

- We note that there is mention in the document of an access point via Chandler Highway. This will increase the traffic risk to our students by encouraging short cuts ("rat-runs") through the roads around the current and proposed educational facilities.
- We support the emphasis on improved pedestrian and cycling access, particularly across Chandler Highway and Heidelberg Road.

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