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Dr Kathy Alexander
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Dear Dr Alexander 

Re: *Future Melbourne* - from liveable city to sustainable city

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Draft Future Melbourne Plan*.

This new strategic plan is comprehensive, well constructed and creates an actionable Vision of a Sustainable City. It provides a clear message of the 'pathways' by which a sustainable city can be achieved and appears consistent with changing community values that will increasingly define the future definition of liveability by sustainability.

The City of Stonnington encourages the *Future Melbourne Plan* to build not only upon its capital City role but also its lead role as our regional centre and advance the regional issues identified in the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP). It is to the advantage of Melbourne and its inner Melbourne partners to resource and reinforce this relationship.

We acknowledge and support the proposed goals and implementing pathways. The following areas are potential gaps where further assessment could be considered or are areas of shared concern identified by your goals and pathways.

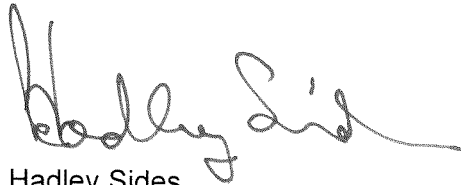
Future Melbourne could consider the further assessment of needs relating to:

- Public debate and promotion on how we maintain our status as an international destination - what are the local/regional points of difference that do or could make us different?
- Greater reporting on implementation, performance and patron satisfaction in relation to improvements to public transport
- Improvements to freight network through and around the City and inner suburbs.
- The role of adjoining suburbs (eg South Yarra) in short term stay accommodation and as attractors and how we keep them linked.
- The Yarra River and bank as an access corridor.
- Reducing crime, antisocial behaviour, and improving safety generally and in relation to the operation and trading hours of licensed premises.
- Improving transport options late night/ early morning.
- Improving primary and secondary education options and primary health care.

- Giving greater consideration in our planning, building and behaviour to current and future seasonal weather changes.
- How we retain sunlight to parklands, key pedestrian streets/links and public spaces.
- Planning commitment to optimal and quality outcomes.
- Managing the potential abuse of communication and connectivity.
- Improving the quality of taxi services.
- Maximising the community benefits of our strong local and metropolitan media.
- Accessibility to the natural environment, growing the amount and use of open space.
- The change of streetscapes as part of a public realm of open space in addition to conventional parklands.
- Community based environmental initiatives

If you wish to discuss these comments further, please contact Stephen Lardner Council's Strategic Planning Manager on 8290 3384 or by email slardner@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hadley Sides', written in a cursive style.

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