

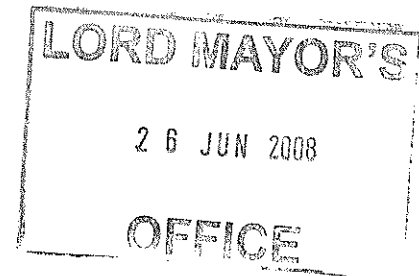


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Dear Lord Mayor

FUTURE MELBOURNE PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 19 May 2008 and the opportunity to provide comment on the Future Melbourne Plan.

I note and commend the Council's efforts to develop this plan with a wide range of partners.

Achieving a City for the People

I note that service integration and coordination will be delivered in partnerships involving the City of Melbourne and adjoining municipalities. I would encourage Melbourne to seek State support where objectives align.

Achieving a Prosperous City

The focus on making Melbourne a more international city through:

- capitalising on Sister City connections;
- creating links with economies that have emerged over the last decade; and
- working with cities that contribute to cultural understanding and social cohesion

will be useful in strengthening Melbourne's standing as a leading capital city. I look forward to these efforts resulting in an expanded social and cultural program that all Melburnians can enjoy year round.

I support Melbourne's intent to work with adjoining municipalities to develop a whole of life cycle solution to business growth and formation to make Melbourne affordable for new businesses. I would be interested to learn of specific initiatives going forward, and would be pleased to consider an involvement in links that can be established with State programs.

Achieving an Eco-City

Melbourne's continued leadership in resource and material usage efficiency and efforts to increase biodiversity in the city are welcomed. I would encourage the City of Melbourne to find opportunities to share its knowledge with other councils.



Achieving a Connected City

I further support Melbourne's push to find sustainable and healthy alternatives in transport and to manage congestion in the city. I would be interested to learn more about the initiatives including the comprehensive, continuous and safe bicycle network, behaviour change programs and interface with the city's public transport system.

I look forward to receiving the finalised Future Melbourne Plan and wish the Melbourne City Council continued success in this initiative.

Yours sincerely



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