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Submission – Amendment C305 Southbank Heritage

Southbank Residents Association whole-heartedly supports this amendment to the planning scheme.

Given the historical significance of the area immediately south of the Yarra river known as Southbank, the Southbank Residents' Association takes the view that no statutory body be given the final authority to remove heritage buildings from the area without the direct input of property owners and residents and/or bodies representing such people.

Such is the importance of Southbank's significant role in Melbourne's development as a world-renowned city that the SRA would support any strengthening of the regulations relating to scores of heritage structures which contribute so much to the area's culture.

The SRA would recommend that the power to remove or renovate buildings regarded as being of heritage interest should be shared with a responsible local body, such as a Residents' Heritage Advisory Group or even Melbourne Heritage Action.

C305 appears to go some way towards guarding the area by applying the Heritage Overlay to 20 new structures in the area but a more thorough review of such buildings would be highly desirable, in the view of the SRA. Although it is positive to note the bluestone laneways have been identified and that heritage has been incorporated on sites with planning approvals should the proposed development not commence.

Regards

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