Yarra Strategic Plan Draft
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Review
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)

- Peak organization for the landscape architecture profession in Australia
- Represents over 3,500 members
- Professional services include strategic planning, urban design, open space design and natural resource management.
- Creates benefits for communities by delivering meaningful landscape design that is adaptive to social and environmental change.
- Supports environmental stewardship through thoughtful leadership in planning, design, construction and management of quality open spaces.
Commendations

• **Acknowledgement of Country**, river as cultural landscape, meaningful collaboration with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Traditional Owners

• **Community access to public space** for health and well-being in the context of population boom, aging communities

• **Climate emergency**, biodiversity loss, urban heat island effect

• **Integrated management approach**, appropriate to landscape of this complexity, scale and importance

• **Governance approaches, engagement with communities** in development of strategy
Recommendations

CONTEXT: Holistic, integrated approach
CONTROLS: Public and private land
COMMUNICATION: Clarity around governance
CONNECTIVITY: Future extensions of public parkland
CONTEXT
Holistic, integrated approach
Integrated precincts vs. 13 ‘significant sites’, outlined clearly within strategy
(Points 69, 70, 71)
CONTROLS

Public and private land
Measurable limits/controls relating to proposed development, outlined clearly within strategy (Point 67)
COMMUNICATION
Clarity around governance
Diagram providing overview of governance, including role of Traditional Owners
We the Woi wurrung, the First People, and the Birrarung, belong to this Country. This Country and the Birrarung are part of us. The Birrarung is alive, has a heart, a spirit and is part of our Dreaming. We have lived with and known the Birrarung since the beginning. We will always know the Birrarung.

Bunjil the great Eagle, the creator spirit, made the land, the sky, the sea, the rivers, flora and fauna, the lore. He made Kulin from the earth. Bunjil gave Waa, the crow, the responsibility of Protector. Bunjil’s brother, Palliyang, the Bat, created Bagarook, women, from the water. Since our beginning it has been known that we have an obligation to keep the Birrarung alive and healthy – for all generations to come.
CONNECTIVITY

Future extensions of public parkland

Concrete aims / strategic land acquisitions around this ambition to be identified clearly in document. Ideally, the plan achieves a continuous parkland corridor, to match the document’s vision with a public space legacy.
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