

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I don't believe that greater community amenity will be created with this amendment.

We need to retain more parkland in its natural state without succumbing to the interests of commercial pressure. Don't diminish the reason that many of us visit our parks, including the Yarra Flats: to get away from putting a price on everything, and to enjoy nature as it is.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As above

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Yes, I acknowledge and accept the stated terms

Yes

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I have little kids who I drive up to lilydale to have this experience
Would love to have one in my neighbourhood
Thanks

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I support this amendment

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Yes

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Our Parklands should be used to support sustainable and environmentally sensitive development that promotes healthy outdoor activity and a positive relationship with nature. The treetops proposal fits within this goal.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a resident of Banyule and frequent visitor to the Yarra Parklands, and as a parent of two young boys I'm excited to have a high ropes course nearby.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This sounds amazing! We have two young boys and would love to use this facility. We have visited the Yarra Flat Park before and noted that it seems underutilized - there's a patch of grass (not large/flat enough for ball play) and people don't stop and play - they walk through it but don't stay. This seems like good use of the land and would encourage people to visit the area and appreciate the natural environment (and stay for lunch after etc and boost the local economy). There is also an education opportunity for signage to illustrate the flora and fauna found locally. Please please please I encourage Council and Ecoline to view the conservation model applied by Rotorua Canopy Tours (<https://www.canopytours.co.nz/our-story/>) and apply this here - the money raised could do amazing things for our local flora and fauna. Thank you.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The plans I have read for this Adventure Park show minimal change/damage to the environment so that gains my support too. I see no problem with Ecoline Pty Ltd (a private company) leasing (not owning) the land/area for this proposal as it is complimentary to the local area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

These are open park space which must be protected -commercial use will degrade public amenity

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment looks to introduce commercial activity on an area that is designated for public use and park management. If it were to go ahead it will remove the Public focus for usage of these lands and drive privitisation

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Why do you take that position?

It is my feeling that whilst the proposal sounds exciting, we do not have enough open space now around Melbourne.

If this proposal is so good why not put it in after the eastern link is finished, in one of the areas that have been leveled by this road way. There will be lots of areas available along this corridor for such a proposal.

Why take away an area which is pristine now.

I agree the area needs cleaning up a bit. However with Melbourne and Yarra Waters proposal to move the drains to again fill the billabong this area will be abounding in new wild life. With this proposal that will be limited.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

This proposal is not within the scope of this public space. It should not be allowed, under any circumstances.

There will be so much open space left after the East Link is finished and large areas that will need re generating. This proposal should be incorporated into that area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yes, I acknowledge and accept the stated terms

Yes

Nicola Rooks

Subject: FW: Amendment C107 Form Submission

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com <no-reply@harvestdp.com>

Sent: Thursday, 5 November 2020 4:06 PM

To: Klover Apostola <klover.apostola@banyule.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Great initiative. This will be great for kids and families, and bring this unused bit of parkland back to life.

I fully support the initiative, and we've used other similar parks elsewhere.

This part of the park has long needed some attraction to bring in more than the walkers and bike riders. And unfortunately the local conservationists helped block the previous idea of building a gallery in the north-west corner of the park.

It will also hopefully have a side affect of reducing the incidence of the local gay hookup scene that operates in the larger car park and the local bushes. This has provided a bad 'vibe' for other users of the park for many years, and is presumable why the public toilets were closed.

I would like to see how traffic will be managed, especially along The Boulevard. The current site address will lead people to use The Boulevard from Bourke Rd North. It almost needs a separate address that make car GPS units naturally use Banksia St as the main entry.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident who would be affected by an increase in traffic on The Boulevard. My family would also be a user of the new facility.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I do not support private development of our public open spaces. This area should remain in it's natural state, for all to explore and enjoy. Private operators should not be operating on the public open space. This development will impact the informal walking/cycling tracks that exist near the river.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The planning rules are in place for a reason. We should not modify planning rules to benefit private operators.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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[REDACTED]

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Public land should remain public.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

It states an opposition to the amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To: Nicola Rooks
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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Whatever assurances are initially given, old river redgums cannot support a treetops adventure park, indigenous fauna and flora will be discouraged, and the Banksia Billabong, filled in the past with rubble containing goodness knows what, should be receiving storm water and would not be suitable for human use. Old residents recall a flourishing billabong full of indigenous native birds, the envy of bird watchers throughout Victoria., in what is now described as the Banksia Billabong.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Whatever assurances are initially given, old river redgums cannot support a treetops adventure park, indigenous fauna and flora will be discouraged, and the Banksia Billabong, filled in the past with rubble containing goodness knows what, should be receiving storm water and would not be suitable for human use. Old residents recall a flourishing billabong full of indigenous native birds, the envy of bird watchers throughout Victoria., in what is now described as the Banksia Billabong.

Attach more information

- BCC_Treetops_response.docx

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Proposed Planning Changes in Yarra Flats Park

Friends of Yarra Flats Park ('FYFP') Response

Banyule Council is proposing to amend the planning scheme covering the Northern section of Yarra Flats Park to allow the "Treetops" development to proceed.

FYFP (Riverland Conservation Society of Heidelberg Inc.) suggest that there are a number of real concerns that outweigh the possible benefits of the scheme. We therefore believe Council should not approve the planning scheme amendment.

What does the proposed amendment do?

"4.0 EXEMPTION FROM PLANNING SCHEME PROVISIONS

Despite any provision to the contrary or any inconsistent provision in the scheme, no planning permit is required for, and no planning provision in the scheme operates to prohibit, restrict or regulate the use and development for the purposes of the development allowed by this document.

5.0 WHAT THIS DOCUMENT ALLOWS

This incorporated document allows for the use and development of an outdoor recreation facility (treetop adventure park), removal of native vegetation and display of advertising signage"

Fundamental issues

- Relaxing the existing planning scheme is potentially problematic. Allowing the proposed development with no requirement for a planning permit ad over-riding the controls in the existing planning scheme means that it is crucial that all of the risks are properly identified and appropriate controls are in place. We are not satisfied that the proposed amendment provides sufficient protections for the park and to ensure all users can enjoy it for years to come.
- Commercial development in public parks is widely considered to be problematic, as the commercial imperatives can easily override the public amenity and conservation requirements of the park.
- We are very concerned about the gradual erosion of public spaces that are used for conservation of the natural environment and passive recreation.
- This park is recognised as unique for its semi-rural/natural character, which is highly valued by the community, and we do not want to see this damaged.

Environmental issues

Retaining wilderness areas

Sir David Attenborough has observed that our natural environment is rapidly being destroyed by the ever-expanding *seizure of wilderness by man, for the purpose of man*. There is a widely-held and simplistic view that if land isn't being used by man then it's idle and available for development.

- There are significant old River Red Gums that will be used, especially around the "Bunyip Hole". These are some of the oldest trees in the northern section of the park.
- The old trees have scarce vital hollows that birds and other wildlife use to nest, which this activity will severely impact.
- We note that no formal independent Environmental Impact Statement has been mentioned.

Melbourne Water has recently done some great work in rewatering The Annulus billabong, which has brought native wildlife back to this important native wetland. Melbourne Water is considering a proposal to divert stormwater from the Banksia Street drain into a wetland in the park which will re-water The Annulus and Banksia billabongs on an ongoing basis.

- The Treetops proposal is over the top of the Banksia Billabong reducing the value of this rehabilitation of the billabong for wildlife and the rest of the public.
- The proposed use would likely impact the wildlife, especially around the Annulus area, that uses that area both as habitat and as a thoroughfare to access the parts of the park downstream from the proposed site.

Impact on other groups

- Commercial use and development will bring increased traffic, and will most likely lead to more cars using The Boulevard.
- There appears to be no mention of Indigenous consultation on the proposed changes. We believe that this area is of some importance to the local Indigenous community.

Other issues

- Parks Victoria claim it will probably displace the more 'undesirable elements' from the area. This is a potentially significant benefit. However, it is quite possible that it could just displace them to other areas further into the Annulus precinct.
- The toilet block will be upgraded and various environmental improvements made. Clearly a failure to carry out remedial works by a public authority cannot be used as justification for commercial use of public space.
- The proposal has the stated goal of improving the community's appreciation of the natural environment. This seems tenuous, as it is basically a 'fun and adventure park'.
- It will provide entertainment for the people of Melbourne. However, such an activity could be erected in forest in numerous less sensitive locations around Melbourne. Why should it be installed into the small amount of precious inner Melbourne parkland remaining?

What you can do?

You can find further information on the issue and make a comment at:
<https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/>

There are many unmentioned environmental and public amenity losses associated with it.

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I have lived in Ivanhoe and Ivanhoe East for 50 years and watched the Council approved destruction and encroachment on native habitat and failure to provide improvements to native habitat without enormous social pressure. It starts with commercialisation of public open space.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The exhibited amendment is likely to lead to the destruction and encroachment on native habitat and failure to provide improvements to native habitat . It starts with commercialisation of public open space. I have been waiting 30 years for the re-establishment of the iconic Banksia Billabongs by surfacing the storm water now in barrel drains- see applications to Heidelberg Council and Banyule Council, and inspect the serial pondage next to Irvine Road delivering excellent outcomes for Bailey's Billabong and native fauna and flora along the way.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, 6 November 2020 10:55 AM
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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The location is entirely inappropriate in that it is part of an extremely limited and small remaining habitat of surviving wildlife and parklands found along the Yarra river. I find it repugnant that any council would allow this development.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I've been living in this area for 39 years and am gravely concerned for the wildlife already under threat and also that further development will be proposed and undertaken.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Public Land should remain in public hands.

Should Ecoline Pty Ltd want to run a commercial enterprise, then they need to go out and purchase their own land to do this.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Should Ecoline Pty Ltd want to run a commercial enterprise, then they need to go out and purchase their own land to do this.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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To: Nicola Rooks
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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

the land should be preserved for passive recreation use. Currently on the weekend the park is quite busy with walkers and bike riders, the proposal will be detrimental to the parks main focus, that of passive recreational use. The increased number of people and cars in the park will have a negative effect on the use of the park for recreational purposes. It is vitally important that we preserve the parklands that we have in our neighbourhood.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

i object to the amendment and expect that my opinion will be heard

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Parks are for everyone. For a private enterprise to take lock people out of certain area is not right.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I'm a resident of Banyule.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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Sent: Tuesday, 10 November 2020 1:45 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats park area is for passive recreation. For instance there are no barbeques or operating toilet facilities compared to the Banksia Park, Bullen, which has barbeques, picnic shelters, playgrounds, fenced dog walking area, a network of sealed paths, car parks throughout the reserve and operating toilets.

The proposed Tree Tops facility is an active recreational facility, which will have facilities for courses and an office.

Tree Tops is a private company and this proposal introduces commercial activities into, what until now is a passive recreation, public facility.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My position is about maintaining passive non-commercial activities in the Yarra Flats Park.

Approval of the exhibited amendment would set a precedent for more active, commercial activities in the Yarra Flats Park.

The current controls in the Public Conservation and Resource Zone are appropriate

and should not be varied.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

more engaging use of the environment and a great activity for our kids

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

as a parent and local resident

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, 12 November 2020 3:20 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The use of this area for commercial purposes is against the philosophy of 'public land' and against the government's own stated agenda for a Yarra backdrop for passive recreation.

And there are significant environmental impact to the area, which are not limited to the following.

- We are very concerned about the gradual erosion of public spaces that are used for conservation of the natural environment and passive recreation.
- This park is recognised as unique for its semi-rural/natural character, which is highly valued by the community, and we do not want to see this damaged.

We have attached more details of our objection. And we believe council should not approve the proposal.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

There are a number of real concerns that outweigh the possible benefits of the scheme. Relaxing the existing planning scheme is potentially problematic. Allowing the proposed development with no requirement for a planning permit and over-riding the controls in the existing planning scheme means that it is crucial that all of the risks are properly

identified and appropriate controls are in place. We are not satisfied that the proposed amendment provides sufficient protections for the park and to ensure all users can enjoy it for years to come.

Attach more information

- [Objection to the proposal of Treetop adventure park in Yarra Flat Park.docx](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Objection to the proposal of Treetop adventure park in Yarra Flat Park

We are residents in Ivanhoe East and the proposal of amending the planning scheme and development for an adventure park bring up the following concerns

Fundamental issues

- Relaxing the existing planning scheme is potentially problematic. Allowing the proposed development with no requirement for a planning permit and over-riding the controls in the existing planning scheme means that it is crucial that all of the risks are properly identified and appropriate controls are in place. We are not satisfied that the proposed amendment provides sufficient protections for the park and to ensure all users can enjoy it for years to come.
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Environmental issues

- There are significant old River Red Gums that will be used, especially around the "Bunyip Hole". These are some of the oldest trees in the northern section of the park.
- The old trees have scarce vital hollows that birds and other wildlife use to nest, which this activity will severely impact.
- We note that no formal independent Environmental Impact Statement has been mentioned.
- The Treetops proposal is over the top of the Banksia Billabong reducing the value of this rehabilitation of the billabong for wildlife and the rest of the public.
- The proposed use would likely impact the wildlife, especially around the Annulus area, that uses that area both as habitat and as a thoroughfare to access the parts of the park downstream from the proposed site.

Community issues

- Commercial use and development will bring increased traffic, and will most likely lead to more cars using The Boulevard.

Other issues

- Parks Victoria claim it will probably displace the more 'undesirable elements' from the area. This is a potentially significant benefit. However, it is quite

possible that it could just displace them to other areas further into the Annulus precinct.

- The proposal has the stated goal of improving the community's appreciation of the natural environment. This seems tenuous, as it is basically a 'fun and adventure park'. such an activity could be erected in forest in numerous less sensitive locations around Melbourne. Should it not be installed into the small amount of precious inner Melbourne parkland remaining.

Therefore, we find it not appropriate to have the proposal to be approved and proceed. And we would object to the planning application.

Your consideration of the above would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Nicola Rooks

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To: Nicola Rooks
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What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

Stop closing MTB trails, this is far more intrusive

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Has a big impact on the area and limits who can use it.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Nicola Rooks

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Sent: Friday, 13 November 2020 2:12 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Proposal does not conform to the existing Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1), particularly the ESO1 Objective to protect areas along watercourses from development and loss of vegetation that may damage the streamside environment as a visual, conservation, ecological and recreation resource.

The proposal will increase traffic densities in the Park area.

The proponent's estimates of current utilisation of the Car Park are underestimated. Post Covid, there has been marked increased use of the Yarra Trail and the Yarra Flats Car Park.

River Red Gums drop branches in times of drought to conserve water. River Red Gums are particularly prone to dropping large branches at any time without warning. This is recognised by Parks Victoria in other Parks featuring Eucalyptus camaldulensis trees, but ignored in the Ecoline Pty Ltd proposal. This presents a significant risk factor for Banyule City Council as the approving authority for the Amendment and supporter of the proposal.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission is relevant to the exhibited amendment because I am a ratepayer in the City of Banyule and a user of Yarra Flats Park. Alienation of public parklands should only be considered in rare instances and certainly not for commercial recreation ventures of the type being proposed.

Attach more information

- [Objection to EcoLine Proposal.docx](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Yarra Flats is an 85 hectare park which features natural bushland. A large part of this park has been leased to the Yarraman group for horse agistment. The subject site located in the north-eastern section of the park is heavily vegetated: varying between large canopy trees and dense understorey. This area of the Park has the largest, most mature and least disturbed examples of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* trees in the Park. It should be preserved undisturbed.

The area is subject to Environmental Significance Overlay - Schedule 1 (ESO1)

These areas stretch along the Yarra River, Plenty River and the Darebin Creek and have significant natural habitat and environmental qualities. Recent studies have included these areas in sites of state and regional faunal significance and High and Medium habitat significance.

Relevant objectives of this Overlay are:

1. To protect areas along watercourses from development and loss of vegetation that may damage the streamside environment as a visual, conservation, ecological and recreation resource.
2. To enhance and encourage the conservation and maintenance of the streamside environment as a conservation, ecological and recreation resource.
3. To address the threatening processes associated with widespread habitat loss and degradation that has occurred in North East Melbourne.
4. To conserve water quality and watercourse capacity to enable appropriate beneficial land use and water-based activities to be undertaken.
5. To encourage the retention and enhancement of a continuous corridor of indigenous vegetation along river and creek banks in order to provide corridors and habitat for the movement of wildlife.
6. To protect the watercourse and adjoining parkland and its flora and fauna from the effects of polluted waters conveyed by the stormwater system or other means.
7. To protect and enhance sites with archaeological or scientific significance.

The proposal to apply Specific Controls Overlay 13 (SCO13) to this site contravenes six of the seven objectives of the ESO1 Overlay. It is the responsibility of the Banyule City Council to uphold the objectives of ESO1.

Other factors:

The proponent's estimates of current utilisation of the Car Park are underestimated and are not supported by any decent traffic audit. Post Covid, there has been marked increased use of the Yarra Trail and the Yarra Flats Car Park. Car parking is now 80 per cent utilised by existing Park users on weekends.

A feature of River Red Gums is that they drop branches in times of drought to conserve water. River Red Gums are particularly prone to dropping large branches at any time without warning. This is recognised by Parks Victoria in other Parks featuring *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* trees, but

conveniently ignored in relation to Yarra Flats Park and the Ecoline Pty Ltd proposal. This presents a significant risk factor for Banyule City Council as the approving authority for the Amendment and supporter of the proposal.

See: <http://www.murrayriver.com.au/about-the-murray/river-red-gums/>

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From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Sunday, 15 November 2020 10:35 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is an extraordinarily inappropriate proposal. There is no justification for the development of a commercial 'park' within this area.

This is a 'Public Conservation and Resource Zone'. The central value of the Yarra Flats Park is in the preservation of the bushlands natural state. The term 'conservation' does not encompass a commercial adventure park.

I find the proposal astounding. There is a reason why commercial activity is prohibited within the Public Conservation and Resource Zone that applies to the site. The 'value of the bushland is that it is just that.

An amendment that allows for the 'fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use, and development of land' should

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Despite the attempt to cover the application with environmental concern the amendment requires the 'removal of native vegetation and display of advertising signage'.

The addition of 100 people 'at a time' will significantly affect the public who currently use the area.

The amendment allows for the 'fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use, and development of land' and leaves open future commercial development.

The Council and Parks Victoria have failed to release the commercial information regarding how the project was awarded, failed to name who made the decision, have not released the terms of the contract and have been completely silent on terms of the financial contract.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

My concern is for the kangaroos who roam around Yarra Flats. Twice a day I walk around the Yarra Flats area. Frequently I come across kangaroos moving from or to the northern area marked for Treetops development. Greater traffic would be adverse to the park's kangaroos. These special animals are a huge attraction to people visiting or exercising in the park. My hope is we give their wellbeing priority.

Thank you

Karen McVean

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

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Thank you

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This parkland has been of great benefit to residents and visitors over many years and should be left without commercial intrusion, which would bring unwanted disturbance to a quiet area. All that is required if that Council continues to maintain the area, seeing trees are safe and the toilets properly clean and safe. Commercial development would threaten the ecology of the area and bring undesirable traffic.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As a resident I find commercialisation a threat to a valued area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

commercially driven fun park has little ground to amend planning scheme

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

it is not clear the mentioned benefit can or shall be outweigh the impact this development possess.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I have been a resident in Glenard Drive for 33 years and as the proposed site is within a Public Conservation and Resource Zone I object to it being leased to a private operator. This green wedge is irreplaceable and during the recent Melbourne lockdown period, Eaglemont and East Ivanhoe have been the envy of other Melbournians. I am concerned about increased traffic in Glenard Drive and The Boulevard . Cars and buses will change the whole ambience of a natural environment and it's semi rural character. What will happen the environment that they plan to build in? Will the trees and fauna be protected? We have a mob of kangaroos who live down in this area, families came to view them during Melbourne's lockdown. Putting in a commercial enterprise will surely detract and ruin their habitat.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission is relevant as I will be impacted as a resident of Glenard Drive and I believe as a ratepayer resident's views are important. Green space, open to all, is vital to the health and wellbeing of any community. Melbourne has a precious area along the Yarra that will gradually be decreased if we are to create amendments that

are to commercialize public spaces. We need to look to the future of retaining such a beautiful, natural area for all to enjoy. Why would Parks Victoria seek to take away this amenity from the public and hand it over to a private company? Once this amendment gets through I am fearful that it will lead to other areas of public land along this green wedge being commercialized. The Council should be pushing back and insist on these public areas to be available to all. You cannot go back on decisions like this one. This area is absolute 'gold' and is there for residents and all Melbournians to enjoy, not just those who choose to pay.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I believe the park should be used with the protection and conservation of the natural environment, with passive recreation being the main priority. I believe that the Yarra Flats Park will suffer significant environmental damage if access is allowed, by reducing habitat for wildlife and increasing the likelihood of damage to many very mature River Gums.

Increased traffic in the park and nearby streets will also compromise the tranquil nature of the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment facilitates the use and development of land in Yarra Park Flats. I believe that allowing access to a private operator to develop an outdoor recreation facility will have detrimental effects on the environment, and character, of Yarra Flats Park, and should not be allowed.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Sent: Monday, 16 November 2020 3:20 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

We do not need or want this large commercial development in Banyule parklands, and believe council should NOT approve this planning scheme amendment. This amendment could set a precedent for other developments.

This parkland is unique and loved for its natural rural space by the local community and do not want to see it getting damaged with up to 100 people at any time on the course plus visitors so 240 per day.

This is a all year round 7 days a week development for profit.

The large trees will most likely be damaged. Then with the area cleared, developed to enable the works to be done, WILL effect the local wildlife, in this heavily bushed area, with important undergrowth.

Where is the independent Environmental Impact Statement?

A well looked after nature reserve would be better aligned as thats what people love about Banyule.

The road accessing the development will also mean clearance of trees for more parking.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The development is in a highly sensitive area right near the Yarra River. The road accessing the development will also mean clearance of trees for more parking. Cyclists, walkers, joggers families with small children use the trail crossing the road so extremely dangerous to have a large development.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The recent public discussion around Northcote Golf Course has highlighted the importance of keeping public land public, rather than allocating public land to private, pay-for-use ventures. I use that park often for bike riding and would prefer it to remain as it is.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I'm referring to the proposed project.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Melbourne's green wedges should be left alone. As we have learnt during the pandemic, vast open spaces have massive benefits in terms of ensuring public amenity and enjoyment for everyone not just the physically abled. This land is for the people of Melbourne and Banyule, not for commercial use. I also fear that such commercial land use may be a slippery slope for other green wedge areas to become commercialised in Banyule which are already under threat due to North East Link. Banyule Council should be advocating for the preservation of this area and similar areas. While this area may not be fenced off, commercial use of the area would likely discourage others from using the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

It is in opposition to the proposed amendment

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 10:12 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

An excellent opportunity to significantly improve the amenity and use of Yarra Flats for young people and families in particular. It will encourage outdoor physical activity and enjoyment of the natural environment. It is a low impact measure which can be removed at the end of its use and leave the infrastructure (carpark and toilets) in a better state than they currently are. It will have low impact on those already living/working in the area and will provide employment opportunities, particularly for younger people, by a reputable organisation. There will still be large amounts of the Yarra trail area available for use away from the facility.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a resident of Banyule Council, living in Viewbank and our family (including two primary school children) uses the Yarra trail and surrounding area regularly.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Under no circumstances should public parkland be allocated to commercial projects. We need all the parks that we can have. This is a trivial project which will very likely damage the trees in the site. It will also be an eyesore and attract more cars. We do not need more carparks at the site.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission directly relates to the use of the space in in C107

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

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There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

We live in an age of litigation. Can you imagine the litigation and insurance claims as a result of accidents relating to this scheme in this proposed area. This additional cost will be passed on to ratepayers . Also what Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared to support this proposal. In addition this proposal will not improve the appreciation of the natural environment it is really a commercial project which will add to the increased level of traffic in the area and by relaxing the current planning scheme will only result in negative consequences.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

see above

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

1 Because this is land where the traditional custodians are the wurundjeri wo wurrung people . Are they aware that their land is about to be decimated with a commercial project .? Has there been a native title clearance to ensure there are no serpents underground or historical sites that will be permanently damaged? How much compensation will be paid to those peoples for the disruption to their sacred grounds ?

2 What consideration has been given to protecting the wildlife and natural fauna in that conservation area.

3 This would appear to be a commercial operation of which the council will use as a fund raising project.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Refer the position taken above as my concerns are quite clearly relevant

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 2:53 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

The size of the site appears to substantially exceed the size of the proposed adventure park. Why is this required? What will be done with the rest of the area?

Why not carve out the area for the adventure park specifically?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Submission is related to the size of the amendment relative to the size of the proposed development.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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To: Nicola Rooks
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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident - live in Ivanhoe East. We moved here because we value the green pocket that this area currently is. I visit the area marked for the adventure park on my runs daily, as do many other people. I don't believe creating an adventure park will increase community's appreciate of natural environment. All local people already do appreciate it! I get so excited to see black cockatoos on my runs! It is quiet and peaceful. I value this time and the fact that I have this on my doorstep. I feel that adventure park will be detrimental to this experience.

Also, approving this amendment may open the floodgates for other ammendments

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident - live in Ivanhoe East. We moved here because we value the green pocket that this area currently is. I visit the area in question on my runs daily, as do many other people. I don't believe creating an adventure park will increase community's appreciate of natural environment. All local people already do appreciate it! I get so excited to see black cockatoos on my runs! It is quiet and peaceful. I value this time and the fact that I have this on my doorstep. I feel that an

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Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

public land should remain accessible to all members of the public for access in multiple ways and not be handed over to an individual/company to make money; insufficient protections are being provided for adjacent public lands; restoration of native vegetation and maintenance of the woodlands in this area, with low impact pathways through it, would greatly enhance the value of this area for the local community; a commercial development adjacent paddocks and remnant woodlands would destroy the values of those adjacent area which are much loved and much used by the local community

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a rate payer concerned that this is an inappropriate use of public space; the priority should be to restore woodland values and to make the area accessible for more people to enjoy in other ways

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

It is very well known to locals that there is a large kangaroo population in this area. I always take my overseas visitors and they are blown away by something like this in Melbourne. They need free passage and the green belt. There is no mention of these kangaroos in any documentation. This makes me think the planners do not even know this. People will travel to a ropes park and make a day of it. Why not encourage activity in more rural settings?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I raise the issue of the kangaroo population.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

I don't see why such a large area needs to be included in this amendment change when only a small portion is to be used for the ropes course. It seems to me that council is trying to get advance approval for something else more commercial/private in the future.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I don't see why such a large area needs to be included in this amendment change when only a small portion is to be used for the ropes course. It seems to me that council is trying to get advance approval for something else more commercial/private in the future.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

Owners of 669 The Boulevard (since 2003) with approved plans to extend that property: We are concerned with the lack of car parking spaces in the restricted car park area to cater for an influx of users to the adventure park. Spill over vehicles will inevitably use the Boulevard for parking (as is already the practice today - especially Monday to Friday with an excess of vehicles parking all up and down the Boulevard (for a business premises at the beginning of the Boulevard) making it difficult to reverse out of drive ways and impossible for visitors to park for properties at the beginning of the Boulevard.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The submission is relevant as users of the adventure park will arrive by vehicles and possibly even buses for groups. The small car park already in place is unlikely to be able to provide for the influx of vehicles and therefore the overflow will create more pressure on the Boulevard for parking. Proposed solutions to satisfy my concerns are 1) Place no parking signs along the Boulevard to stop the current (and likely expanding) practice of parking along the Boulevard; 2) Establish proper parking bays in areas along the Boulevard that support vehicle parking and then charge for

parking. Please review how the Boulevard is being used today for parking (especially M-F when businesses are operating).

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2020 12:52 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

1. The Banksia / Lower Heidelberg Road junction is already far too congested and this is not a well chosen spot for such an Activity Area.
2. This is a nature and conservation area - birds, kangaroos, snakes, and many others - this will be permanently damaging to habitat.
3. Additional traffic on the Boulevard as people cut through to get to the the Activity Area - this would be a disaster for local residents
4. A busy bike path crosses the entry road to the Activity Area - more cars will mean more safety issues for cyclists
5. Damage to long standing trees, especially river red gums

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Relaxing the existing planning scheme will have negative consequences as it does not provide sufficient protection for the park to ensure all users can enjoy it long into the future

There remains a risk significant environmental damage and disruption as well as increased traffic included during already very busy periods

Forest land in Melbourne is special and precious in inner Melbourne - this should not

be repurposed for commercial activities

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2020 4:25 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I fully support all the Yarra Protection Assoc., has to say on this matter. Our green wedges must be preserved and no commercial enterprise allowed in the Yarra Valley. Traffic congestion and pollution are already a problem in this area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I live here and know the park and The Boulevard was enjoyed for passive walks during Lock Down. Traffic problems are returning and added pollution. Think GREEN before it is too late.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Wednesday, 25 November 2020 4:45 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Dear Council,

As a resident who owns a property and lives in the affected area of 340-680 The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East, I oppose the amendment that facilitates the use of development of the land for an outdoor recreation facility.

In my opinion, the plan of commercial adventure park fails to address a number of my concerns and would possibly have a severe adverse effect on the existing living quality of the residents living in the area.

Firstly, the planning scheme does not provide sufficient assurance for preserving the environment, raising the question of whether the local residents would still be able to access and utilise the area for physical activities as usual. The planning scheme also does not account for the unique semi-rural/natural characteristics of the park, leaving the local wildlives and vegetation vulnerable. Furthermore, the commercial use of such land will bring increased traffic to the Boulevard and disturb the residents.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Given the concerns raised above, I believe that the proposal creates a number of unaddressed concerns and that any benefits of the proposal are insignificant comparatively. As a resident of the local area, I demand the amendment to be repealed and the development of the commercial adventure park to be suspended.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 9:03 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is the thin end of the wedge towards having private operators take over ever reducing public space. The area should be set up as a nature reserve that attracts birds and animals.

Who is going to police the area at night? Experience with Bulleen parks having techno parties and people doing wheelies in their cars shows what happens with these sorts of "developments"

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am opposed to the amendment

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 9:35 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Banyule Park is a nature reserve and part of the green wedge, not a tourist destination. Native animals such as mob of kangaroos that people enjoy seeing live in this area which would be permanently disrupted. The area has been planted up with many young saplings which will be at risk. Zip lines are not without danger. This area is well-used by walkers & cyclists & additional traffic would not be welcome. The proposition will disrupt the peace & quiet of our environment which we currently enjoy and a key reason to live in this residential area. Neighbourhood watch shows a low risk of crime in E Ivanhoe and a fun park would bring attention to this area which is not desirable. Fun parks open the area up to parties in the park which disturb the peace and police will be required to monitor. Does the Yarra River here have songlines or other indigenous overlays that have not been considered?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

We choose to live here because of the environment & pay rates. A fun park with zip lines will degrade the value of E Ivanhoe.

The combination of the proposed freeway and fun park will contribute to the destruction of the parks tranquility.

Please see information listed above.

There are parks outside of Melbourne more suitable to this sort of activity ie Gumbaya. Get people out of Melbourne to exercise in this way.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I forgot to mention noise. Noise travels very well across this area & having screams etc associated with zip lining will destroy our peace and quiet. This is not a novel idea- there are many zip lines in Victoria and a sustainable, environment friendly use of the area is the way to go.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

We live in an area bound bound by the McCubbin Estate covenant that protects certain development in the area which we support.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I live in Ivanhoe East and frequently walk on the Yarra Flats walking track .The development will attract more traffic,crowds and noise to the area and have an impact on the amenity of the park. With more people in the area there may well be more rubbish which could make its way into the Yarra River.

Nesting sites of birds and other wild life will be impacted

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission is relevant because we have enjoyed this semi-rural area for many(~50) years ,regularly walking on the walking tracks observing the birds . Traversing the park has always been a meditative experience . It would be a great pity if this were to change.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats park is as natural as may be possible within a large city, which makes it a precious amenity. It should not be commercialised
- Usage of the Park during the Covid-19 restrictions has shown the value attributed to passive recreation by the community
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be erecting an intrusive structure in this precious “natural” environment will be detrimental to the Park
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to protect enhance and preserve the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation
- The proposed area is significantly greater than required for the proposal. This potentially opens up the area for further commercial exploitation
- The kangaroos and other wildlife including nesting powerful owls that populate the Park will be adversely impacted
- If the enterprise is a commercial success the damage to the area will be immense and there will be pressure to expand

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a resident of Banyule and use the Yarra Flats Park;
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. It should not alienate it for commercial purposes. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”;
- Parks Victoria revised the Concept plan in 2013 to accommodate the proposal for the Treetops theme park. The theme park is NOT consistent with the original concepts for the Park;
- Parks Victoria has ignored the input from community consultation;
- Banyule City Council has a responsibility to residents and ratepayers and should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city “natural” parkland;
- The amendment must not proceed.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Object to commercialisation of public land, in an area where this is unwarranted. Believe that the best use of this space is for an appreciation of natural and semi-natural environment and passive recreation. 2020 Covid-19 has shown the community how important passive green space is for nature and for human mental and physical health. People want green spaces. They also want parks to preserve nature. Much of Parks Victoria 'research' for this project is based on scant 2012 information. People have a different view of the purpose of parks now. There are significant red gums that have vital hollows for animal and bird life. This area is within the Powerful Owl region of flight and use. Birds and wildlife that have recently returned due to the rewatering of the Annulus billabong will be scared away by the noise and activity. River Red Gums are unstable trees known as 'the widow makers' and present a foreseeable safety danger to participants. Area will be less attractive to walkers.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Concerned that if the proposed amendment succeeds there will be insufficient future protections for the park - it will be open to commercial use. Commercial demands

may grow in the future. Concerned that a large area of the park is being included in this amendment - more than is needed for the TreeTops activity at present.

Concerned that commercial imperatives may impinge on future use by people seeking passive recreation - particularly a quiet walk. Concerned that allowing this amendment is out of sync with current community feeling about the importance of serene green space and with the reasons that Banyule residents use Yarra Flats Park. It is inappropriate use of precious inner city parkland. Particularly during 2020 Covid-19 lockdown the park was often described by locals 'as an oasis'. Concerned that the great work Melbourne Water has done to rewater the Annulus billabong and future plans that they have of wetlands in the park may be compromised by this amendment.

Attach more information

- [YPPA_TreeTops_submissionfinal.doc](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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YARRA PRECINCT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Inc. (A0038841F)

**Proposed Planning Changes in Yarra Flats Park
YPPA (Yarra Precinct Protection Association) Response**

This submission is in response to the proposal for Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 – to facilitate the establishment of a TreeTops Adventure Park.

YPPA suggest that there are a number of real concerns that outweigh the possible benefits of the scheme. We therefore believe Council should not approve the planning scheme amendment.

Fundamental issues

- Relaxing the existing planning scheme is potentially problematic Over-riding the controls in the existing planning scheme means that it is crucially important that all of the risks involved in taking this action are properly identified and appropriate controls are in place. **We are not satisfied that the proposed amendment provides sufficient protections for the park and to ensure diverse users can enjoy it for years to come.**
- **Parks Victoria CEO has said ‘that parks are primarily for the preservation of nature and culture’.**

Commercialisation of public land does not fit with this statement.

Commercial development in public parks is widely considered to be problematic, as the commercial imperatives can easily override the public amenity and conservation requirements of the park. The area of the amendment is much larger than the TreeTops installation. We are concerned that the area could be used for further commercial exploitation and/or the TreeTops proposal and land use exoanded.

- We are very concerned about the gradual erosion of public spaces that are used for conservation of the natural environment and passive recreation. “In 2017, the landmark *Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrn)* Act passed through the Victorian Parliament, enshrining in law the protection of the Yarra River and its parklands. The Act identifies the Yarra River and its corridor as ‘one living, integrated natural entity for protection and improvement’. This legislation enshrines in law the protection of the Yarra River corridor. The Act calls for collaborative management of the Yarra River corridor, driven by the development of a long-term community vision”. **We do not believe that this**

amendment is of long-term benefit to the community or the Yarra River environs.

The State Government Middle Yarra Concept Plan does not envisage a tourism park, it supports passive recreational use.

- This park is recognised as unique for its semi-rural/natural character, which is highly valued by the community, and we do not want to see this damaged. **2020 has shown the community how important passive green space is for their mental and physical health, and many Banyule residents will want these spaces preserved in that manner.** It is also close to inner Melbourne, which makes it valuable and for many people it is their 'bush'. 2020 and beyond people want Parks Victoria and Banyule City Council to preserve spaces, not turn them into commercial tourist opportunities. Cities across the world are investing in green space to improve health of the environment, wildlife and human population. This investment is not in adding man-made structures to the green space.

Environmental issues

- **There are significant old River Red Gums that will be used, especially around the "Bunyip Hole".** These are some of the oldest trees in the northern section of the park. Interestingly a number of Victorian Councils are now valuing trees economically, taking into account their environmental, cultural and social benefits. The result is that trees such as those on the Yarra flats Treetops proposal area are extremely valuable in their own right and do not need to have 'value added' by a commercial venture built around them.
- **The old trees have scarce vital hollows that birds and other wildlife use to nest, which this activity will severely impact.**
- **We note that no formal independent Environmental Impact Statement has been mentioned.**
- **Melbourne Water has recently rewatered The Annulus billabong, which has brought native wildlife back to this important native wetland.** Melbourne Water is further considering a proposal to divert stormwater from the Banksia Street drain into a wetland in the park which will re-water The Annulus and Banksia billabongs on an ongoing basis. The Treetops proposal is over the top of the Banksia Billabong reducing the value of this rehabilitation of the billabong for wildlife and the rest of the public. We are concerned that Melbourne Water is not, and has not, been properly consulted about the Treetops proposal and the impact on their rewatering plans (which do have community support).
- **The proposed use would likely impact the wildlife,** especially around the Annulus area, that uses that area both as habitat and as a thoroughfare to access the parts of the park downstream from the proposed site. BCC has declared a climate emergency. It seems to be contradictory behaviour to allow commercialisation of a green space, which may endanger wildlife habitat.

Powerful Owls nest in this region. Practical Ecology Pty Ltd in its Flora and Fauna Assessment for the Yarra Flats Treetop Adventure Park (December 2018) acknowledge this presence. At that stage the owls were not residing in the study



YARRA PRECINCT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION Inc. (A0038841F)

area, but locals have seen the owls move nests over time and it cannot be discounted as a possibility that they could nest in the Treetops vicinity.

Kangaroos are now a permanent fixture of Yarra Flats Park – something that is very special in an inner suburban park. The kangaroos move along the river and Treetops could impinge on this. The noise from the activity is also likely to force the kangaroos away.

The world is waking up to the importance of wildlife and maintaining habitats, and it would be unpopular and irresponsible to be endangering wildlife habitat and conditions.

Impact on other groups

- **Commercial use and development will bring increased traffic, and will most likely lead to more cars using The Boulevard.**
- There appears to be no mention of Indigenous consultation on the proposed changes. **We believe that this area is of some importance to the local Indigenous community.**
- **No matter how 'lightly resting environmentally' the TreeTops project is supposed to be it will adversely impact other users** – walkers and bike riders will have more difficulty finding parking and will lose 'peaceful time'

Safety

River Red Gums are called 'the widow maker's' because trees and limbs fall unpredictably. There is an inherent known risk in using these trees. As residents and bushwalkers, we have seen sizeable branches and limbs fall, well able to seriously injure a Treetops participant. Even an annual arborist report cannot sufficiently identify problems.

Legally BCC could be called to justify why they would approve an amendment and project where an accident was 'easily foreseeable', and concerned residents had noted the issue to them.

Parks Victoria warn in their tourist brochures of the danger of River Red Gums, and yet consider it wise to build a playground around them?

We note that other Ecoline projects do not use River Red Gums so the company does not actually have experience with this issue.

Other issues

- Parks Victoria claim it will probably displace the more 'undesirable elements' from the area. This is a potentially significant benefit. However, it is quite possible that it could just displace them to other areas further into the Annulus precinct.
- The toilet block will be upgraded and various environmental improvements made. Clearly a failure to carry out remedial works by a public authority cannot be used as justification for commercial use of public space.
- The proposal has the stated goal of improving the community's appreciation of the natural environment. This seems tenuous, as it is basically a 'fun and adventure park'. **The community has shown in 2020 that they enjoy public space for its intrinsic value, they do not need or want commercialisation of the space. There is large use and appreciation of the area already, without a commercial venture.**
- ***We believe that the community would more highly value Parks Victoria and Banyule City council engaging together to upgrade the park in a manner which is more useful to the majority – pleasant walking trails, planting, weed control, sitting and picnicking areas.***
- It will provide entertainment for the people of Melbourne. However, **such an activity could be erected in more sensible forest in numerous less environmentally sensitive locations around Melbourne.** Why should it be installed into the small amount of precious inner Melbourne parkland remaining?
- **Much of the research and data that Parks Victoria is using to support their proposal is close to 10 years old.** The perception of the importance and purposes of public parkland has changed in that time. **People are now more engaged with public green spaces in their area and it would be likely that BCC ratepayers would be very unhappy to see public land used for a commercial purpose now.**

Summary

We oppose the planning amendment to create opportunity for a TreeTops Adventure Park because:

- **The commercial project and associated land use are contrary to the purposes of Parks Victoria and Banyule City council as custodians of the precious remaining green areas close to Melbourne, and to support the use of these areas as passive recreation. The project and amendment are not in accordance with the Yarra River protection strategies outlined by the Victorian Government.**
- **Protection of wildlife and significant vegetation is a priority for the 21st century.**
- **Banyule residents want passive green space.**
- **River Red Gums are not safe to be used in this way.**

This project could be considered elsewhere, in a more suitable environment.



YARRA PRECINCT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION Inc. (A0038841F)

Parks Victoria and Banyule City Council should work together to protect Yarra Flats Park and make it a desirable passive green space for local residents and others. There are ways that this could be done, for example: a joint management committee such as Darebin Parklands.

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Nicola Rooks

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Sent: Monday, 30 November 2020 10:05 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

There are so many arguments against this, it's hard to choose one alone:

1. This public space is loved by the community. It should not be commercialised. We love its semi-rural and natural character, which is becoming increasingly rare in Melbourne as we gradually erode our public space for commercial development. We saw just how much people loved and appreciated it through lockdown, where people used it for refuge during their 1 hour out. Adding a commercial development and traffic will ruin this experience.
2. This land is not idle, just because it doesn't directly bring in money. The neighbouring suburbs (Ivanhoe East, Eaglemont) have such high value (e.g. property prices) because they are situated and blend into this garden and natural environment. By eroding this, especially gradually, we risk losing the unique character and value of the area.
3. This sets precedent for ignoring Conservation and Resource Zones and allowing development without permits

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The Public Conservation and Resource Zone is there for a reason - to conserve our

environment. We shouldn't be amending it to make commercial gain at the expense of a unique natural environment. The argument that there are weeds and foreign plant species in that location now doesn't mean we should write off the area - it means we should put more effort into conserving it. What's the point of a Conservation and Resource Zone if you just ignore it through amendments?

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This area is one of the few natural areas available to the public close to Melbourne.

It will reduce that area and it will damage this area.

The remaining natural areas need to be preserved.

The local natural areas are getting increasingly busy.

IT is public owned so it can be preserved and to be available for all not just for those who can pay..

There is so much new residential development going on nearby that these precious areas must be preserved and protected for all.

Plenty of other areas, less used areas, available for commercial exploitation!

Another blatant cash grab of public assets resources.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Blatant cash grab of public assets and resources.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

1) Supporting documents acknowledge inadequate upkeep of Yarra Flats Park that has led to:

- inadequate pruning and maintenance of trees and undergrowth
- widespread weeds infestation across the parkland.

Furthermore, one of the proposed benefits is " Increased money for Parks Victoria via the Lease agreement with Ecoline, to manage this and other public parks."

Any amendment should be contingent on agreement that Parks Victoria adequately maintain the Yarra Flats Park going forward.

2) The current requirement for no bicycle parking is inappropriate, the site is extremely safe for families to cycle to from a wide catchment. Cycling should be encouraged to reduce the likely increased traffic around the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

1) Section 6.6 and 6.7. The Tree Management & Protection Plan that includes planning for tree, weed and vegetation maintenance should be extended to the broader Yarra Flats Park.

2) Section 6.21. The Transport Impact Assessment prepared by One Mile Grid dated 31 May 2016 is outdated and inadequate. At a bare minimum, there should be a requirement for bicycle parking (at least 10 spaces) and end of trip facilities for cyclists in the locality of the land.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a resident in the area and have been involved in the maintenance and regeneration of Yarra Flats Park over many years. I have been actively involved in plantings, weeding and any work involved in the preservation of the natural beauty of the park.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I believe that by allowing the construction of an adventure park, Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to "protect and preserve" the Yarra Flats Park.

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the commercialisation of valuable parkland.

Attach more information

- [Treetops_submission.pdf](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Submission to Council Opposing the proposed Amendment to Planning Scheme C107

Most Council members would be aware of the ancient and wise North American Indian saying:-

**When the last tree has been cut down,
the last fish caught,
the last river poisoned,
only then will we realise that one cannot eat money.**

The implications here are obvious. The destruction of the environment, in this case that of Yarra Flats Park for commercial purposes, has long term negative consequences for all. My objections are based principally on environmental grounds and my concerns about the gradual and ever present threat to the destruction of public parks and spaces that should be used for conservation of the natural environment and for passive recreation to be enjoyed now and in the future.

During the 2019-2020 bushfire season in Australia, almost 3 billion animals were affected either directly by burning or because of loss of habitat. It has been estimated that 143 million mammals, 180 million birds, 51 million frogs and 2.5 billion reptiles were destroyed. Additionally, more than 12.6 million hectares burned destroying roughly 21% of the nations forested areas. **Now more than at any other time we all need to take responsibility for our native indigenous flora and fauna.**

The recent regeneration of the Annulus Billabong by Melbourne Water has been welcomed and applauded by the local community and has attracted a large number of native wildlife to the area. A recent photo sent out by Melbourne Water shows the amazing results. Melbourne Water is also considering a proposal to divert stormwater to re-water the Banksia Billabong. **Unfortunately the proposed Tree Tops Adventure Park is over the top of the Banksia Billabong and will reduce the value of or worse still, prevent, this important rehabilitation.**

Ecoline plan to construct their adventure park within an important forest using significant and ancient River Red Gum trees (*E.camaldulensis*), used by birds and other wildlife. **Even more animal habitats will be destroyed.** In addition, these very old trees are dangerous because they are prone to dropping branches in times of drought and strong winds, both of which are increasingly common because of climate change. As a former resident of Echuca, I witnessed this all too frequently.

Banyule Council, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and the Victorian Government must listen to the local community who are dedicated to preserving the park for the benefit of present and future generations.

Nicola Rooks

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

*Our protected green areas should not have to justify their status for commercial development. That's why they are protected.

*Erecting a rope course on existing redgums may not be safe, requiring further structures to ensure stability, thus altering the environment.

*There will be more traffic in an area that is not appropriate.

*Natural green areas are being whittled away, it's really important to save this area from development.

*Residents of Banyule have chosen to live here because of this park without ubiquitous commercial development.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

*I am a local resident and frequent user of the park

*Parks Victoria has a responsibility to protect and preserve our parks

*I expect Banyule City Council to act on behalf of it's constituents and respect their wishes.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I visit the area frequently every time I'm in Melbourne. It's a rare area of wilderness in the middle of a large city. It is home to wombats, kangaroos, platypus. If there's any more development in the area, it will lead to loss of habitat for these beautiful animals. This makes me sad. There are already lots of facilities for children in Melbourne, many of them are empty most of the time! Let's leave some land for wildlife!!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I visit Melbourne very frequently, and stay with family in Ivanhoe. Me and my family are committed to protecting Australian native flora and fauna. We have been planting native trees and plants to create a habitat for animals for many years.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Environmental import area that should be protected rather than commercialised.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a scientist and have lived nearby for 65 years. There have been other efforts to commercialise rather than preserve the river flats in the past. I was also involved in these past battles to preserve rather than destroy.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I walk with friends in this area which is untouched Riverland with native birds and flora .

We need to preserve these areas close to the city

People need access to native areas close to their homes ;without the need to drive out to outer suburbs and beyond

There are many refugee native birds and animals

sheltering in these areas as a result of the extensive bush fires we have all witnessed

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

For the reasons given above people choose to live in this area for many reasons including parkland and natural environment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is public land and a valuable natural reserve. This human activity and privatisation would destroy the purpose of conservation and land reserve. No thank you.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I'm a member of the public, and this is public land. The public have a right to say if they want this kind of thing or not.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted

The Yarra Flats Park is a natural environment extensively used for passive recreation

Concerns about increased vehicle traffic

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Local resident & user of Yarra Flats Park

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The proposal will significantly impact the usability of the present parkland. It will reduce public use of the park and add to the development of infrastructure in the valley, especially the impact of the North east link.

The proposal would be better located out of suburban areas and does not provide any better amenities for local residents.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a resident of Ivanhoe and use the Yarra parks for recreation and exercise. Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and residents, and prevent commercialisation of public land.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This land is home to a diverse array of wildlife and flora and is an important part of Victoria's dwindling remnant riparian habitat. Increased foot traffic and noise pollution will have an effect on the birds, wildlife and understory. The paths along the river are cherished by many for a peaceful walk and should not be further populated by people wishing to go on a treetop adventure. Ecoline should find a block of land, plant their own trees and build the park there so that Melbourne increases its greenery levels (which is vital when facing increasing levels of urban heat and climate change related effects) instead of destroying vital wildlife corridors!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Against the amendment. The rules are in place to prevent habitat degradation not as a superficial barrier- they should be adhered to.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The disturbance of a segment of the Yarra Flats will have effects on the ecosystem as a whole. Excessive noise and foot traffic will disturb native wildlife, which is already struggling due to already fragmented habitat and climate change. We need to preserve our precious bushland because it is in limited supply, it has cultural significance and various health benefits. Ecoline should build their park in an area that doesn't hold a conservation status or buy their own property and plant trees on it, which will have a positive impact on the urban heat island effect which has a significant impact on heat waves in large urban areas like Melbourne.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am an avid user of the park and a local resident. Not only will the adventure park have adverse impacts on biodiversity and species richness, but it will also disturb local residents with an increase in vehicle traffic along the boulevard.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and have raised my family in a property overlooking the Yarra Flats. We moved here because of the rural character, and have enjoyed the peace offered so close to the CBD. This year has seen a massive increase in the use of the Parkland as more and more people discover, and realise, the importance of a peaceful escape to nature.

The proposal will introduce a commercial business where the aim to to exploit nature, by running man made structures through it, rather than enjoying nature for the beauty that it already is.

My home neighbours the Yarra flat and is one of the earliest buildings in The Glenard Estate This is a historic and protected subdivision created by Walter Burley Griffin, the individual that planned our national capital around the principles of people living with nature rather than dominating and exploiting nature.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The broader issues are much more important than the practical impediments like flooding, snakes, car traffic, and further commercial threats such as advertising and mobile food vendors.

Must nature always be exploited? Can mankind leave nature be and enjoy it for what it is? This is the lesson required by our city children, not a principle to be trashed for commercial gain. What a revelation it is for children to marvel at the kangaroos and realise that nature is something people share with the animals in the wild. The proposal sacrifices the psychosocial importance of an increasing rare opportunity for Melbournians to commune with natures open spaces.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I would like to see the park remain in it's peaceful current state. I do not believe such a proposal is suitable for this particular suburban parkland.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I live in close proximity to this park area and enjoy the area immensely by walking and cycling in the location being indicated by this project.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility for this public space. PV has failed to provide funds for the maintenance of facilities eg toilets, in this park and is obviously looking for a way to off-load the costs.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and regularise the Yarra Flats Park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats is a unique natural environment that is

- extensively used for recreation
- is a biodiversity centre in the heart of the city
- must be protected for future generations to enjoy
- should not be restricted in use to commercial interests- this is a space for the people!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I'm a local resident & and an avid user of the park
- councils & state gov should be investing in the recreational space to benefit everyone, not a chosen few!

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra flats park is a unique environment home to many native plants and animals which would be disturbed through increased traffic - vehicle and pedestrian.

The Lockdown period attracted many people to the Yarra flat parks - damaging and widening many of the small paths ,with clear evidence of erosion.People left a lot of rubbish in the park.

Allowing more people to access this area is a path to destruction of this special place.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and I walk in the Yarra flats park and I clean the rubbish that gets thrown out by visitors.

The amendment will clearly adversely affect the value of the park

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The parkland is for all people to enjoy and should not be commercialised.

The natural environment should be protected. It is unique and deserves protection.

Wildlife will be adversely affected, plants will be damaged.

This area has traffic congestion already and will negatively impact on the surrounding streets and homes.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use this parkland often.

I am a local resident.

It is the responsibility of local and state governments to ensure that ratepayers are listened to and we want this area to be preserved and protected.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Park is an important part of the community and should not be commercialised.
The council should respect the natural environment.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and user of the Yarra flats park

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

It is damaging the environment and prevents access to green parks to the public. After the bushfires and the global catastrophe of global warming the council should preserve green spaces at any cost possible and provide free access to the public vs selling it to businesses and allowing to build on it and remove trees and grass and bush.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am visiting the banyule council and the yarra river and expect it to be available with no restrictions in the future.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Park is a valuable piece of bushland popular with walkers, runners and cyclists. A commercial activity will not provide benefits to the Park. If it is permitted, then there should be a condition of weed or pest control.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident who uses the Park and I am also an orienteer who takes part in orienteering events there once or twice a year.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- * Public space lost to private development it is lost forever.
- * Introducing commercial activity into Yarra Flats where only passive recreation currently exists will destroy a unique natural environment 10km from the CBD.
- * It would interfere with native fauna, where currently, kangaroo, wallaby, echidna and ground nesting birds are frequently seen in the area.
- * I am concerned about increased traffic in the area. Council has already tried to reduce the "rat-runners" in Glenard Drive, yet this proposal commercial development requires visitation, which can only come from cars and buses. In addition, The Boulevard is not in a condition to handle the increased traffic . This increase will be in direct conflict with Council's current strategy to limit traffic in the area.
- * Local community groups have for decades volunteered to preserve these natural surroundings for generations to come. They did not do this so it could become an attractive sight for a commercial venture.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- * I and my family are frequent passive users of Yarra Flats Park.
- * I am a local resident of 66 years.

* I believe the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.

* The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (Novemebr 2020) as saying parks are "primarily for the preservation of nature and culture". Not to follow this belief is an abrogation of responsibility.

* Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-rural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment and not for a commercial purpose.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

A local community member that uses the park regularly.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Concerned about the safety risk of the project in the area

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

We have lived here for 40yrs, we enjoy the bird life the native animals and the tranquility of nature in a glorious setting. I imagine you will be bringing trees down and clearing undergrowth ?? Whats to become of our tree dwellers ? and ground living friends?? Gradually man is removing our most precious creatures for the use of grounds to play on .An influx of cars is going to spoil the enjoyment we have in strolling our pathways, plus the eye sore it will be. Please re think this plan as Ivanhoe is not the place to have an adventure park. even typing it scares me.Im still thinking about our beautiful birds . where are they to go???

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Of course ,dont build this on our glorouis slice of heaven , it is wrong on so many levels

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.

The park is very small and would be overwhelmed by the proposed development

- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be erecting an intrusive structure in this

precious natural environment will be detrimental to the park.

- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve

and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.

- Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

The development would be suitable for a non-urban area where land conservation is not an issue.

The parking area will be crowded with many vehicles including buses, overwhelming

its use for the general public

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.

- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park.

The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily

for the preservation of nature and culture”.

- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

1. This involves the re-zoning of a large area of parkland. This area is far larger that would be required for the proposed 'adventure park'. It could ease the way for other commercial activities in the re-zoned space, cut the corridor for wildlife and impede hundreds of walkers and cyclists that currently use this precious, peaceful valley.
2. Parks Victoria seeks to recklessly alienate scarce redgum woodland that should be a focus of preservation. Some of the trees are 200+ years old and it is sheer vandalism to use them for aerial thrill-seeking. The attendant ground compaction given projected user numbers will curtail the life of these gums, leading to major loss for relatively short term private gain. We should be valuing and preserving our trees, especially those of great age. See attached.
3. Traffic generated by this proposed 'adventure park' is beyond the capacity of surrounding roads and will radically alter the peaceful character of the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

1. I am a user of this park and the proposed amendment will adversely affect my park use and that of may others who use this area for cycling and walking.
2. I am a resident of the area, having chosen to live here because of the

peacefulness and access to wooded parkland that characterizes this valley.

3. Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” Yarra Flats Park by even considering this proposal.

The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”. This proposal does not meet PV's own objectives.

4. Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

5. The location of this 'adventure park' is completely unsuited to rare remnant woodland in a middle suburb of a city. There are many other locations outside the city that could be leased to these applicants.

Attach more information

- [Attachment to objection to Planning Scheme Amendment C107.docx](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Attachment to objection to Planning Scheme Amendment C107.

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Whitehorse City Council is seeking a contractor to count tens of thousands of trees, and there's a lot more to the challenge than meets the eye.

The city has launched a "data harvest project" covering the estimated 75,000 trees spread across its leafy suburbs, including Blackburn, Balwyn, Mont Albert, Box Hill, Surrey Hills, Burwood, Nunawading and Vermont.

Tender documents call not only for each tree to be counted, but also stumps and places where a tree might "reasonably be planted". Each tree is to be photographed, species identified, and age and health assessed to gauge its useful life expectancy.

Trees must also be given a dollar value under a pricing system based on trunk diameters. Basic values range from \$310 for six centimetres **to \$181,000 for a 145-centimetre diameter trunk, but scenic, cultural or historic values can lift prices much higher. A Moreton Bay fig in South Yarra has been valued at \$1.7 million.**

Another current tender from Moreland City Council calls for a panel of specialists to provide general tree and arboriculture services – and tree management appears regularly in local council tenders for good reason.

A study by Melbourne's Burnley College places a single large tree's "street value" at \$200 per annum, giving Whitehorse's trees a value of \$15 million a year in real estate terms alone.

The study also shows trees saving \$450 over their lifetime by extending the life of bitumen footpaths, as well as contributing massively to carbon sequestration and water and electricity savings.

Other benefits mentioned in the study are: "how gardens improve human health, extend life spans, reduce violence and vandalism, lower blood pressure and save our society a fortune on medical and social infrastructure costs".

A range of studies show suburban tree canopies combat what planners call the "urban heat island effect" by lowering temperatures, reducing household power bills and contributing to residents' physical and psychological health.

Research published in the Scientific Reports journal found people living in streets with higher tree densities had a better perception of their own health and reported less obesity and hypertension.

Real estate agents have also estimated that tree-lined streets can add up to 30 per cent to a house's value.

One study, by global environmental development company AECOM, found streets with a 28 per cent tree canopy coverage were four degrees cooler than streets with only 20 per cent canopy coverage.

Whitehorse council's tender documents say the data capture project will be used to "manage tree assets and deliver efficiency in undertaking our street tree management programs including maintenance, electric line clearing and planting".

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This proposal will detract and reduce the size of the natural park, disturb wildlife habitat, restrict walking underneath overhead ropes course or having people accidentally dropping food wrapping or other items from above to blow around the park, I like the natural park, not having commercialised recreation, or having people looking down on me. preserve natural parks, think of the wildlife.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The Yarra Flats park has the best balance of wildlife living in harmony close to residential living I've seen. Wildlife will be scared away by this human intervention.

I am a local resident.

I'm against reducing the natural local parks.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I take this position because the area involved is unique so close to the CBD. There is no other like it. While there are green wedges in places such as Studley Park, I have never seen a mob of kangaroos there. By contrast, a walk along the unmade road near to the proposed adventure park hosts kangaroos. Truly amazing. The wild life in the area as been particularly evident during the Covid-19 lockdown. This is testament to the fact that when the humans are out of the way the animals come out to play. The intervention of an adventure park would bring disturbance to the area. Cars, people and noise will impact the local wildlife.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

This submission is relevant because it seeks to articulate a point of view too easily overlooked. While it may be argued that undeveloped land is ripe for the picking, an attempt to amend its Planning Scheme will in fact undermine the unique identity of the area. Current rate payers are custodians or stewards of this beautiful area. We need to protect it for future generations. An adventure park looks like a worthy endeavour but the place that is proposed is inappropriate. It would act as a wrecking-ball.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Habitat loss, we need our very limited urban habitat preserved and protected.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Canopy habitat is forever reducing in urban areas, this proposal is an unnecessary disturbance that will reduce safe habitat.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am opposed to amendment C107 for 2 reasons:

1. The commercialisation of public parks is wrong in principle. Parks are social assets, kept aside for the purpose of protecting and maintaining areas of the natural environment, and for providing habitat for birds and animals.
2. During opening times, the project will exclude a significant area of large old growth Redgum trees from the range of most local species of fauna.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission is that the amendment C107 should not be enacted in order to protect the area from commercial exploitation, and from loss of habitat caused by the proposed Treetops Adventure Park.

Attach more information

- [Submission to C107 Amendment.doc](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To the Panel

5 December 2020

My submission is that C107 amendment not be allowed, and the ecological values of the area and characteristics be maintained and enhanced into perpetuity.

Matters of principle

The public parkland in question is native redgum forest adjacent to the Yarra River, with a billabong and waterhole as part of the area. The affected trees are some of the oldest and largest in the area of the Banyule Flats.

Allowing public parkland to be used for commercial profit at the expense of habitat value and of public accessibility is against the principles of conservation and of maintaining areas of the natural environment for mental and spiritual replenishment.

The way people flocked to parks during lockdown is a clear indication of their value as passive recreation and replenishment.

Our natural environment is in a losing battle against development and population pressure, and existing parkland and conservation zones should be protected at any cost. Every precedent makes the next area coveted by a developer harder to protect.

Parks are paid for by the ordinary taxpayer, so should be accessible by the public at any time. The proposed commercial activity would exclude the non-fee paying public from parts of the site.

Matters in particular

The Adventure Park proposal is to modify a stand of Redgums to incorporate platforms, flying foxes, rope-ladders and other 'adventure facilities'.

The Adventure park will be open 364 days a year.

In the early part of last century the Banyule flats was cleared to become farmland, and the vast majority of mature vegetation was lost. The area has been regenerated over the last 50 years by conservation groups in collaboration with the BCC, and has become habitat to a diverse array of fauna including powerful owls, kangaroos, wallabies, echidna's and several species of migratory birds.

The stand of trees that the adventure park would be built around are some of the largest in the area, with their value as habitat enhanced by the relatively secluded position along an elbow of the Yarra River. The secluded position of the trees in relation to the river, and their size suggests that they survived the land clearing of last century.

North East Link

It is especially important to protect as much of the natural environment of the Banyule Flats as possible due to the impending loss of 30,000 trees including the Simpson Barracks forest, to North East Link. The value of the area targeted by the adventure park is even more significant when the habitat lost to the North East Link is taken into consideration.

Conflicting purpose

By moving that parkland be re-zoned for commercial activity, which will cause significant destruction of habitat in a high value part of the Banyule flats, the Banyule City Council is working against the aims and objectives of its own bush crew. (as the project area is in the habitat zone of the fauna the BCC bush crew is working to protect)

Passing amendment C107 would be in violation of the Council's own stated conservation aims which justify the existence of the BCC Bush Crew.

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra flats should be preserved in it's natural state. That is the attraction of our area. People don't need to climb trees to enjoy them.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and a user of Yarra Flats Park

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and am very concerned about the impact this development will have on the precious natural environment. Also, the park should not be subjected to a commercial operation.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a ratepayer and an active user of the local parklands. I highly value allowing the park to be maintained in its natural state. It is a unique part of Melbourne and should be protected at all costs.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Nicola Rooks

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra Flats Park as a semi-rural, natural environment is a real gem to the area and to Banyule Council. There aren't many natural environments like this in Melbourne suburbs, especially so close to the CBD. It should be protected and valued as is.

During the recent extensive lockdown due to COVID-19, it was a real God-send for me to have this park within my 5km zone. The stress and anxiety I felt as a result of the effects of COVID-19 (isolation, losing work) was greatly alleviated by going on daily walks in Yarra Flats Park. It helped my mental health immensely, and continues to do so.

I also appreciate being able to birdwatch and take photos.

The Banksia Billabong, which is in the designated Tree-Tops development area, was once thriving, full of fish, birds, eels and was a valuable place to local Indigenous people. Could it be regenerated and become a special place for people to visit – similar to how Darebin Parklands have established their Indigenous inspired Self-Healing walk?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I grew up in the area, and still live locally. I frequently visit Yarra Flats Park to walk, bird watch, observe the kangaroos and take photographs. For this reason, I feel my views should be taken into account as to the future of the Park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am concerned about the impact of the proposed treetops ropes course on the native fauna and flora in the park.

In my opinion, we humans must protect and preserve all natural spaces. The Yarra Flats Park is an extraordinary asset to the citizens of Melbourne and should be preserved for future generations. The trees within the park are contributing to carbon capturing, which is important as climate change occurs.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and frequent user of the Yarra Flats Park.

I believe Parks Victoria must protect and preserve the Yarra Flats Park for current and future generations of humans and wildlife.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Nicola Rooks

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment this is extensively used for passive recreation

The park should not be commercialised

Erecting an intrusive structure will be detrimental to the natural environment

There will be increased vehicle traffic

Native fauna and flora will be adversely impacted

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of Yarra Flats Park

I am a local resident

I believe the amendment will adversely affect the value of the park use and my wellbeing

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to 'protect and preserve' the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria was quoted (Nov 2020) as saying parks are 'primarily for the preservation of nature and culture'.

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi natural parkland

All the FAQs on the Shaping Banyule web page use qualifying statements about possible impacts on the environment that does not inspire confidence. To read that issues are 'unlikely' to occur, or 'may' happen is not convincing.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- ☐ I do NOT want a natural environment spoiled by commercial greed.
- ☐ It would be much better if ratepayers money was used to improve the park as it is.
- ☐ The wild life in the area would suffer from the extra noise and activity.
- ☐ There would be more, unwelcome, traffic.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission intends to defend the Yarra Flats Park, a natural space that I love and where I walk every day, from commercial intrusion.

There are too few natural spaces in Melbourne to allow the greed of some enterprising business people to diminish them.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The development proposal is illegal : where in the Act does it allow for a commercial operator to carve up and develop for commercial gain any Parks Victoria Park

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment this is extensively used for passive recreation

The park should not be commercialised

Erecting an intrusive structure will be detrimental to the natural environment

There will be increased vehicle traffic

Native fauna and flora will be adversely impacted

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of Yarra Flats Park and I am a local resident

I believe the amendment will adversely affect the value of the passive use of the park and my wellbeing

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to 'protect and preserve' the Yarra Flats Park. (The CEO of Parks Victoria was quoted (Nov 2020) as saying parks are ' primarily for the preservation of nature and culture')

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by

opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi natural parkland

All the FAQs on the Shaping Banyule web page use qualifying statements about possible impacts on the environment that do not inspire confidence. To read that issues are 'unlikely' to occur is not convincing.

What liaison has happened with indigenous peoples as required by Parks Victoria Act

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The amendment allows for the gradual erosion of a conservation space of natural beauty by commercial interests and does not sufficiently protect the area from commercial interests in the future. The semi rural nature of this area is one of the main reasons we live here. We do not want to see this damaged or intruded upon by commercial ventures which would reduce the conservation elements of the area with increased road traffic and pollution associated with human activity into what is currently a natural wildlife habitat. There is no reference to an Environmental Impact Statement which should be considered mandatory. Passive users of the park would be deterred from walking nearby or underneath tree top structures due to overhead safety concerns, limiting the use of the area largely to those using the tree tops activity. The community most values the natural environment of the park and does not need the imposition of an adventure activity to enjoy the surroundings.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and frequent user of the Yarra Flats Park. I believe that the amendment will adversely affect my enjoyment and value of the park and the disappointment of such a change to the park would affect my overall wellbeing.

Parks Victoria has a responsibility to protect and preserve parks which are for the preservation of nature and is failing in its duty by allowing this amendment. Inner city semi- natural parkland is a precious commodity and as a ratepayer I would expect Banyule City Council to act in the interests of local residents and oppose this amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Melbourne is a unique Capital City. We have natural easements along our waterways and this includes the Yarra River. I am a Banyule resident who uses this amenity daily. I am proud that I live in a city where kangaroos can live, unharmed or harassed, only 10km from the CBD. During the Covid-19 crisis, many locals and other Melbournians used these open, green spaces for recreation, exercise, and simply to enjoy some open green spaces.

We have an opportunity to maintain this rare resource with its horses, feed crops, and natural habitat for local wildlife. I strongly object to the council granting permission to a commercial enterprise that would change this area forever.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Many councilors claim to be 'green' or 'greenish'. But when it comes to commercial interests the ground shifts. The council wants income and commercial interests are given priority over environmental issues.

Once we sell off the right to use our river easements to commercial interests there is

a precedent set. And the Yarra valley throughout Banyule becomes a cash cow and a most precious green environment will be lost to future generations.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I have used these flats for the last 10 years and and commercialation would be a step backwards :

1. too much traffic

2.destroy the wildlife

3.one of the few places of tranquility left in Melbourne.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a daily user of this park as well as a local resident and ratepayer.

The added traffic and a large business in this area would impact om my my daily life.

I would like to add my voice to many others for the Banyule Council to reject the amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park should not be commercialised. Increased traffic, litter and infrastructure will reduce the amenity of this area. Wildlife that populate the Park, such as kangaroos and native birds, will be adversely affected. The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment so precious in that it is located so close to the city and built up suburbs and it is extensively used for passive recreation. The community benefits are non-existent, they are not negligible they are non-existent whereas the detriment is clearly apparent. It is not something the BCC has seen as necessary or beneficial to develop and it will set a precedent within the BCC zones to permit commercial use of public land. Food trucks and ice cream vans will follow. Let the proponents locate and purchase their own land rather than seek to monopolise public land for private commercial purposes to the exclusion of Banyule residents and other low impact visitors.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My family and I are local ratepayers and residents who use the Park regularly. We appreciate, respect and preserve the nature, culture and heritage of the Park and the peacefulness felt there. I believe the amendment will adversely affect the value

of our park experience and consequently, our well-being.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am concerned about traffic, nature and people pollution.

Absolutely ridiculous proposal.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local and use the park

The wildlife is beautiful and thus will destroy all the kangaroos and birds

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The park should not be commercialized and should only be used for passive recreation. With the increased traffic, wildlife that populate the area will be adversely impacted

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I'm both a local resident and a user of the park

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Object to park being used for commercial development. Passive green space is important to the community, particularly post Covid. Community research figures Parks Victoria uses to justify this project is based on 2012. That community research was very limited and is not appropriate now as people are now more interested in green space for mental, as well as physical health. NELA will already reduce green passive space in Banyule. Area is a wildlife corridor. Kangaroos move between Westerfolds Park and Yarra Flats Park. Powerful Owls use the areas nearby and this part of Yarra Flats is within their hunting region. They need undisturbed hollows which possums use, for their food supply. Melbourne Water has rewatered the Annulus Billabong and has plans to rewater the Banksia Billabong which is in the TreeTops site and to develop wetlands. The two schemes are not harmonious - TreeTops will scare away the resulting birdlife. The environment will be adversely impacted and stressed.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local Boulevard resident and daily park user. I believe that the value of the use of the park to me, other users and wildlife will be diminished. 'The purpose of

parks is primarily for the preservation of nature and culture' CEO of Parks Victoria
November 2020. This is an adventure activity that does not need to be on precious
remaining inner green space close to the CBD. Why have other sites not been
examined or have they? Re culture: there needs to be more examination of
indigenous use of the site. Ecoline says no need to as soil has been altered, but soil
has not been altered in the Banksia Billabong area. Ecoline reports are not
independent - a fully independent environmental assessment is needed. As a
bushwalker I have seen large River Red Gum branches fall suddenly -
unpredictability of this is worrying and unsafe. The area of the amendment is large in
relation to the actual TreeTops site. Why?
Concern re traffic and speed on The Boulevard which will happen.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is public land, not a place that companies should be making money from and preventing free use.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The adventure park will not be for everyone, only those who can afford it. Leave public land in the hands of the public.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I think we should try to preserve this unique area as a community resource in its current non-commercial state. It is a wonderful community resource as it is. With increased suburban development, these natural green spaces have grown in significance.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and a user of the park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Sent: Monday, 7 December 2020 11:04 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Because I value the rare areas of conservation value that exist in our city, including areas with Billabongs and large old Red Gum trees and think they need to be preserved for all species, not just for human needs. I support leaving the current protections in place for the park.see attached PDF.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

It is relevant because I am a resident of Banyule that knows this valuable habitat area, and because I am one of Banyule's 'Environmental Stewards'.

Attach more information

-  [c107.pdf](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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RE Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C107

Submission from [REDACTED]

I oppose the construction of any type of commercial development including the proposed 'Treetops adventure rope climbing course through the northern section of the Yarra Flats Park.

Banyule City Council should not be supporting Parks Victoria to enable a commercial enterprise in this valued conservation, wetland area. My reasons are as follows:

- This area is of conservation value includes a degraded Billabong and a deep water hole, part of an ancient wetland system that needs regeneration, Melbourne Water intends to re water the wetland system that includes two other Billabongs in the surrounding area.
- The area is of conservation value with big old Red Gum trees of high habitat value. Powerful Owls use this area and need large old trees and hollows that support their food source.
- PLANET 2.1 Protect and enhance our Natural Environment, we are not being Environmental Stewards by exploiting areas of natural beauty and conservation value by encroaching with our desires for entertainment, this does not set an example of respect for nature and nonhuman species, nor a wish to conserve diversity.
- A commercial enterprise like this for tourists and others would disturb the habitat value of the area by the noise factor of human activity on the ground and within the treetops, and the 'pruning' of significant old trees.
- This commercial enterprise can be located anywhere and should be located in an area of low conservation value or a purposefully built environment.
- Red Gums are trees known for dropping limbs and that is why they are such superb habitat species, they are not appropriate trees to be incorporated into a rope climbing activity Adventure Park.
- The area delineated for the amendment, is a large area which needs care and regeneration and protection, by Parks Victoria and Banyule Council, for all species to benefit from. It could become a significant wetland area attracting many bird species to return.
- Banyule is going to experience immense canopy/tree/vegetation/flora and fauna loss due to the NE Link, this destruction just highlights the importance of preserving every area of conservation value such as the area considered for relaxation of protection. I think the projected loss of trees is 30,000! This area and similar areas of conservation value are alive, they are living treasures, when are we going to become Environmental Stewards...Words or actions?
- As David Attenborough has said the destruction of the extraordinary diversity of species on this planet is being driven by Human Needs dominating all else. The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C107 and the Parks Victoria, intention to lease public land for a 'Treetops' rope climbing park over the conservation value of this area is a local example.
- Please consider the value of the area within subject site for all species.

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am not totally against the facility but everything I read still has me concern about the impact of traffic on the surrounding local streets (Mossman Drive, Glenard Drive and the Boulevard). The traffic is bad enough during peak hours with people using it to cut through between Banksia Street and Lower Heidelberg Road and along the Boulevard on really bad days.

Is there any plans to restrict parking in the surrounding areas, especially as this area is on the bike trail and the Yarra Packlands is is on of the main meeting areas for people to park their cars and head off on bike rides or walks.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I live in the local area and concern on how the increase of visitors into the parklands will impact on the local streets, especially on weekends.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Email

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I absolutely reject and strongly object to this amendment!

Walking in the bush land in the local area is an activity which I frequently enjoy and find is increasingly important with the busyness of life.

The Yarra Flats Park is a beautiful semi-natural environment which is home to many native animals who will be negatively impacted by ANY further development in the area. Our wildlife is already under extreme pressure and their habitat would be under even further threat with this proposed development with increased traffic and people to the area.

I work in the field of child development and know that children would benefit and learn much more by experiencing this environment in its natural state by simply going for a walk with their family – looking up in to the trees and around the bush to spot our abundant native flora and fauna. This is in contrast to a treetops ropes course which is yet another commercial structured play activity in our children's over-scheduled world.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and user of the Yarra Flats Park and believe that the

amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.

I am shocked that Parks Victoria would have approved this commercial proposal as its role is to preserve and protect our parks.

I appeal to Banyule Council to oppose this amendment and preserve Yarra Flats Park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The proposed activity encroaches on native vegetation that is home to wildlife. We shouldn't allow activities to occur that disrupt local wildlife, and while this proposal goes to lengths to say that it doesn't remove trees, it definitely repurposes trees and vegetation that is there to support local wildlife.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I live in the local area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Unknown impact on flora and fauna.

No study undertaken to identify rare or endangered species in proposed area. E.g. Gliders.

Probable large increase in foot traffic in area with associated rubbish dumping.

Loss of existing rural amenity being a rare example of an large area close to the city.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As above.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and use the park. I am worried about additional traffic in the area and do not want to see the unique, natural environment used for commercial purpose.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local Resident.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Sounds fantastic! Keep children active and learning skills outdoors, rather than idle and tempted to vandalise etc. There is ample Riverland around - I do not agree at all with the protection society. The land is subject to flooding and is actually creepy to walk around. This is a great use of the land.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Yes, as we need to show more positivity to make this progress. The protection society should focus on pushing for rubbish removal around the whole Yarra river instead. I am horrified by the amount of rubbish floating by in the river and some stuck in the floating branches and riverbanks.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I feel the park is a unique and unusual feature of this neighbourhood.

Enjoyed by locals everyday as well as visitors.

We do not want the area changed or upgraded to facilitate a private venture.

We do not want the extra traffic this would attract.

We do not want wildlife disturbed.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a Locsl resident and my family uses the area for walking daily.

We love it the way it is and don't want the area to change.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

the Adventure park sounds fantastic, a great opportunity for kids to have some fun and exercise, but I think that the costs of putting it in such an environmentally sensitive area are too great. The influx of people will frighten the fauna and wreck their habitat, We lost millions of native animals to bushfire in areas that may well be burnt again. Let's keep this spot for the animals.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

it counteract the amendment

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Because this activity could be conducted less close to the Yarra River and its flood areas, and it will affect the local bird and animal life. We need to preserve and protect this area of remnant vegetation and the River Red Gums therein.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I do not want the amendment to be implemented and therefore enabling this commercial and recreation development to proceed.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The traffic control in an already congested Bourke road is not ideal

Also the park should not be commercialised and wildlife populating the Park will be also adversely affected

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of the Yarra Flat Parks and local resident. I believe the amendments will adversely affect the value of my park use and my well-being

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident who regularly uses the parklands. I do not support the amendment to the Planning Scheme as it will affect the natural environment and open the area to commercial interests.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment would allow a large tract of the natural environment to be developed, having a negative impact on the local flora and fauna and balance of nature.

Increased traffic in the area is not desirable.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- public parks should not be used for private commercial use.
- commercial enterprise will change the amenity of the park.
- allowing commercial use of public park sets a precedence for further commercial use.
- this park and land is a habitate for many birds and animal indigenous to the area and australia and should remain as such.

_ recent covid restrictions and isolation have proven the need for large public area. I spent substantial amount of time exercising in this park during this time as did thousands of other people.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use this public park most days and feels commercialising can only be detrimental to both the flaunt and flora.

I am a local resident and feel i need to speak up to protect the amenity of the park. States parks and green areas should be preserved for the future.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This region is part of Melbourne's green wedges. These regions are quintessential to what makes Banyule great. During the pandemic we were drawn to this region every day for exercise. Loss of this parkland area to commercial development is unacceptable.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment is designed to change the way this region is used. Currently, it is a bush region full of native plants, birds, frogs, kangaroos and parkland. To turn it over to commercial use is recipe for disaster.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I have lived in the area & walk/ride often in all the lovely parklands along the river to escape the maddening world, at least once a week.

This development should never be able to go ahead, this is a unique green belt which needs to remain as is, also the Boulevard is also sacred to the green belt, which is why the road has never been made easily traffic able other than to the owners on that road.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The Public Conservation and Resource Zone is there for a reason, it is there for... allto enjoy not just 1 private organisation -not to be overridden by a money hungry Council-for more income.

It will also impact heavily in the neighbouring suburbs with traffic & noise 365 days a year.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra Flats park should not be commercialised as it is a unique, natural environment close to the city and in the demographically diverse northern suburb.

A commercial venture will increase traffic in the area, both people and cars / buses and this will have a detrimental effect on the environment.

Wildlife that populate the area will be adversely impacted. We now have a mob of Kangaroos in the area, showing that the environment is currently in a good balance, why disrupt this with a commercial venture?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and frequent user of the Yarra Flats Park.

I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.

Parks Victoria is abroaching its responsibility to 'protect and preserve' the Yarra Flats Park.

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

As a local resident who daily uses the Yarra Flats Park I am both appalled and repulsed by the idea of a commercial entity encroaching on our public sanctuaries. It is the job of council to maintain our natural areas and protect them. The covid crises has brought home how crucial such quiet places are to our mental health. I see this proposal as council failing its responsibilities to the ratepayers and residents, human and animal of Banyule. It is currently forbidden for good reason.!!

A resounding, outraged no from me!

Frances Harris

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Local resident and constant user of the Park. I have become a keen birdwatcher over COVID lockdowns

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I strongly disagree with the proposal by Banyule City Council to amend the Planning Scheme to allow the Commercialisation and privatisation of a portion of the Yarra Flats Park which is a unique natural environment used extensively by not only local residents but visitors from throughout Melbourne for passive recreation. The preservation of this precious resource should be the utmost responsibility of the Council who should be acting in the interests of the Community they are elected to represent and not the private financial interests of a commercial enterprise.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and frequent user of the parklands with walking through the bush land areas and cycling on the bike path. I am extremely concerned that the resident wild life and wide range of bird life and habitat would be adversely affected by the establishment of such an inappropriate commercial enterprise.

Parks Victoria is abrogating it's responsibility to protect and preserve the Yarra Flats Park for future generations.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

> Banyule & Melb are growing. Hence parkland more important than ever. Though Treetops will allow public to walk into the forest, given that it will be occupied 364 days pa with up to 100 people, it will be very busy, crowded and noisy. The beautiful ancient forest will have been converted to a theme park - Major loss Banyule.

> Banyule gets NIL from this amendment. Yes schools will be able to use it. At \$40 per ticket that will be infrequent - say qly at most. The theme park could be anywhere in Melbourne and still be very available for Banyule school kids. A 30 minute bus ride for these kids 4 times per year is hardly compensation for the great loss to Banyule of the ancient forest.

> The site is part of our Powerful Owls territory. Yes, the consultant didn't see the owls on the day he visited, but they move around and are highly endangered.

> The trees and ecosystem will be damaged; extinction threatens; need to rewild not dewild.

> I will present expert reports at hearing.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use Yarra Flats Park nearly every day of the year. I cycle and walk in it.

My grandchildren also use it very frequently.

YFPark keeps us healthy - both physically and mentally.

The amendment reduces the amenity my family and I enjoy.

All the small encroachments of development on public land aggregate into a large loss to the people of Banyule.

The NEL will destroy 16,000 tall trees in Banyule. Enough is enough!

We need more wilderness areas, not less, in order to reverse the horrendous loss of carbon-absorbing vegetation, thus exacerbating the Climate Crisis upon us. I note BCC has declared a Climate Crisis.

Banyule Council and the Minister have a duty to serve the residents and ratepayers (I and family are these) of Banyule. We neither want the amendment, nor Treetops in our rare and treasured River Red Gum Forest of YFP.

All resident groups need to be catered for. Near YFP live a great many elderly and retired people. The serenity of the RRG forest is restorative to them (us).

Attach more information

- [Treetops Submission 29-11-20.pdf](#)
- [Treetops 1.jpg](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Submission opposing Treetops Adventure Park

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I oppose the rezoning application because it is anathema to Parks Victoria's stated vision, which is **"To conserve Victoria's special places and make them accessible to all"**.

The rezoning would allow the proposed Treetops commercial development to occupy and convert several hectares of, what is currently a fabulous natural ecosystem which has evolved over millions of years, into an adrenaline-fuelled adventure playground. This would clearly eliminate the ability and present attraction of the area for indigenous fauna such as powerful owls, wombats, possums (preyed upon by owls), wallabies, kangaroos, platypus, bats and many other species. The precious ecosystem would be lost.

It can be argued that the impact of this ecosystem loss would be marginal. That is, "It wouldn't matter. There are plenty of other places for the powerful owls to go." This is essentially the argument made by the Ecoline's flora and fauna consultant in their report. The trouble here is that, as with all pollution problems globally, all the nothings make a big something. That is, all the seemingly-inconsequential destructive actions (loss of a small ecosystem, inappropriate discarding of plastic rubbish etc) seem like nothing. But together we, members of our species, have radically reduced Earth's wilderness by about 50% and falling. Pollution abounds choking waterways, oceans and wildlife. And a catastrophic Climate Crisis is now upon us. We need to "rewild" not "dewild". The site under review has, remarkably, survived in a fairly natural state since European settlement in 1835. There is, we believe, no other such natural forest this close to Melbourne's CBD.

The site is a treasure and to remain so it needs to be improved by weeding, billabong restoration and expert ecological care rather than exploited as a handy resource to supplement Parks Victoria's budget by leasing it out to a theme-park developer.

Here, on the city-fringe, forest is almost non-existent, but clearly this is an exceptional location for Ecoline to make a lot of money from this business enterprise. But at what price is this to be borne by the residents of Banyule and Melbourne? Ecoline's gain is society's loss. Parks Victoria has decided to "throw Yarra Flats Park under the bus" in order to boost their poor revenue stream. We call on the Victorian Government to

recognise the very high priority that Victoria's parks and wild places deserve, to fund Parks Victoria accordingly and to conserve special places such as the River Red Gum forest of Yarra Flats Park in perpetuity.

Returning to Park's Victoria's Vision: **"To conserve Victoria's special places and make them accessible to all"**

- The River Red Gum forest (Treetops proposed site) is, indeed, a **special place**.
- The Treetops project will **not conserve** this special place. Rather it will destroy it.
- The Treetops project **will not make this special place accessible to all**. It will do the opposite. Right now it is accessible to all. The Treetops development will limit accessibility to only those capable of climbing rope ladders and taking flying fox rides. Yes, the public can walk below, but the area will be noisy, the native forest ambience will be destroyed and the wildlife will have long-since vanished.
- **The Treetops project is entirely counter to Park Victoria's vision.**

Why do I oppose the application?

- The North East Link will destroy 16,000 indigenous trees. Enough is enough. Save what little remaining forest we have in Banyule. The area is currently classified a Conservation Zone. It should remain so. We have a Climate Crisis and an Extinction Crisis upon us. Locate the Treetops elsewhere, out of the city and get Ecoline to revegetate and rewild to compensate the loss they will create at that new location.
- Yes, the River Red Gum trees themselves will survive the Treetops development, but the forest is more than the tree trunks and a few branches that are not in the way of flying foxes, safety nets and rope ladders. This is what Ecoline assures us will survive. But the forest is the nesting birds (including the endangered Powerful Owls), the wombats, the billabong, the platypus, the many thousands of species which together make up the incredible ecosystem of a wetland environment. That's what will be destroyed by this project.

- Ecoline's non-independent consultant report says that Powerful Owls have no nests in the Treetops forest location, basing this on their inspection one day in 2018.. This is quite irresponsible. Birds don't always nest in the very same spot forever. They move around. This is Powerful Owl country and they can nest anywhere in this region, so long as it's safe for them to do so. At present the River Red Gum forest is safe and they may be nesting there now. Or yesterday. Or tomorrow. But they certainly won't be nesting there once the Treetops project goes ahead. One more section of their ever-reducing habitat will be excluded. This is how extinction happens!
- Ecoline has cleverly used the new buzzword "eco" in its name and has presented itself in its promotional material as "eco-friendly", "environmentally-supportive" and so on. This is called "greenwashing" and is quite popular today. It's a marketing ploy to convey green credentials which have some superficial validity, but really hide underlying motives and reality. Ecoline is a business which seeks to make a lot of money by exploiting a valuable public resource. The greenwashing is intended to sanitise the commercial and environment-damaging reality.
- The Treetops project will have up to 100 people in the forest at any one time over 8 courses and 100 challenges. So over the course of a 9-hour day it's reasonable to conservatively estimate 350 people coming and going into the forest. The business will be open 9am-6pm for 364 days/year. So we'd have 127,400 people going into that small forest each year. Clearly this will decimate the forest ecosystem. This is what Ecoline's non-independent consultants have not exposed.
- Ecoline says "branches are only removed when dangerous to the public". By allowing this carveout to protection of trees, where branches can be cut for "safety reasons", the approval will allow Ecoline to cut any branches that are in the way of their flying foxes, nets, ladders, rope lines and any other part of their infrastructure, all in the name of "Safety". If they are concerned about danger, locate the project elsewhere, not in a River Red Gum forest.
- The planned site for Treetops is right over the Banksia Billabong, which Melbourne Water has been researching with the view to refilling via diversion of nearby stormwater. This billabong, according to locals who have lived in the area since the 1950's, used to be an incredible wetland paradise, with massive and spectacular birdlife including black swans. The billabong has suffered in all sorts

of ways since the 1950's, but it is projected to be restored. The Treetops project will destroy this opportunity.

- The advent of 350 people per day, every day bar Xmas, in perpetuity descending on the area will cause dreadful parking issues in Yarra Flats Park, despite contrary claims of Ecoline. This will displace the many bike riders and walkers who currently use the car park. The flow-on effect will be that these latter people will then seek parking elsewhere along The Boulevard, causing traffic and parking problems there, especially around the McArthur Rd and McCubbin St entrances to the park. This is inevitable if the project proceeds.
- The amendment must not proceed.



29-Nov-20



Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Monday, 7 December 2020 10:26 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

It is wrong to change public conservation-zoned parkland into commercial zoning for use by private interests for profit.

This is not what parkland is for.

Treetops should go to outer Melbourne.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My immediate family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Banyule.

I use the park with my family as often as I can do so, though being 96 now.

The red gum trees are beautiful as they are, with lots of hollows for birds, possums and other animals. The Treetops development would destroy all of this.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Tuesday, 8 December 2020 7:47 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The fragile nature of the Yarra Flats area is currently reflected by conservation zoning that is in place. These are not arbitrary and should not be weakened for commercial outcome.

The notion of a light foot print is almost a farce. The area is a haven for a range of flora and fauna that are increasingly under pressure in our already reduced nature corridors, tree mounted structures enabling people to "walk through the trees" is simply unnecessary.

We can walk at ground level and marvel and the serenity right now.

Corridor A construction for North East link will already altering the broader environ significantly and will place considerable pressure on this already fragile area.

I object strongly and do not support the proposal in any form.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a regular user of the corridor by passive means. Visitors to the area also enjoy and relish the opportunity to enjoy the flats as they are and as they have been for 1000's of years.

My submission is therefore relevant as a concerned resident of Banyule.

I encourage my City and Parks Victoria to enact their responsibility to the community and continue to preserve and protect our precious & unique natural environment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra flats is a unique natural environment only 10km from Melbourne CBD which could be mistaken for country or state forest . This precious land should not be commercialised allowing rif raf and increased vehicle traffic . With the vegetation overlays in this region I don't know how this could even be considered. This is outrageous and absolutely ridiculous .

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and rate payer and totally oppose this development. This is the last piece of land 10kms from the city which is untouched . I am a user of this beautiful parkland and wish for it to remain as is .

Thank you

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The yards flats park is one of our last areas to go for passive recreation. We are concerned about the traffic increase that development will bring to a road which is already used by people speeding between banksia st and Burke road to avoid the rosanna rd cutting. And I don't think this is an appropriate use of my rates. I'd prefer they were spent on conservation of the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.
- The park should not be commercialised. This will create a precedent for other commercial proposals.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural” environment will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.

- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park.

The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.

- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Our parklands should not be commercialised

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I don't want to see our parklands ruined for commercialisation and there is a bellbird grove right in this spot as well as a beautiful walking track used by locals

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

[REDACTED]

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I strongly oppose the proposal for a dozen reasons set out in a detailed over 2000-word submission e-mailed and snail-mailed to the Council. In short,

- (1). Stop the land-alienating rot - once it is gone it is gone forever.
- (2). When in doubt leave it alone e.g. Rosanna Parklands violation.
- (3). The area is sacred to the memory of the famed Heidelberg Impressionist School.
- (4). Violates the Eltham to Melbourne CBD walking track.
- (5). So many of us exercise by peaceful walking that does not impact others.
- (6). Threat to endangered species.
- (7). Adds to the huge NEL environmental vandalism.
- (8). With the NEL this spot will be highly polluted.
- (9). Potential massive liabilities from the proposed project and park alienation.
- (10). The fundamental "foot in the door" argument re downhill progression to degradation.
- (11). Council adhere to its Climate Emergency declaration and implicit environmental protection.
- (12). Bottom line: you cannot destroy what you cannot replace.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

In particular:

Threat to endangered species. The Banyule Flats is a vital repository for iconic trees [2] and endangered plants and animals e.g. the Studley Park hybrid gum (a fertile hybrid of the Red Gum and the Swamp Gum), the Powerful Owl and the swift parrot. Further land alienation in this area further threatens endangered plants and animals.

Banyule City Council must do due diligence over potential massive liabilities from the proposed project and park alienation. Air pollution concerns in particular, and the risks associated with “adventure tree scaling” indicate massive potential liabilities for the Banyule City Council and hence ratepayers.

The proposal violates the Eltham to Fairfield and thence Fairfield to Melbourne CBD walking track. Older people in particular exercise by quiet walking in relatively unspoiled bushland that is good for the soul as well as the body and does not interfere with others. This public amenity should not be violated .

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 December 2020 10:23 AM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: CM: detailed submission re Yarra Flats

Record Number: D20/270028

Dear Ms Rooks,

I wrote a detailed response to calls for submissions over the proposed alienation of Yarra Flats (Banyule Flats) land .

I strongly oppose the proposal for a variety of cogent reasons. However the web form does not permit my over 2,000 word document. Further, I will post my submission today but it may not get to you in time.

I would be grateful if you would forward my detailed response to Banyule City Councillors and relevant Council officers.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Banyule City Councillors,

I strongly oppose the proposal to alienate this unspoiled part of the Banyule Wetlands in the interests of a commercial “adventure” operation. The arguments are succinctly presented below.

(1). Stop the land-alienating rot - once it is gone it is gone forever. I have lived in Banyule for nearly 50 years but to date the biggest changes have been the beneficial Banksia Street diversion (easing traffic congestion) and beneficial residential towers near the Ivanhoe and Heidelberg railways stations (rational residential building upwards rather than land-alienating building outwards for which Australian cities are notorious). However “They” who evidently won’t be satisfied until all of Australia is concreted over are now set to violate Banyule on a gigantic scale with the A\$16 billion North East Link perversion [1]. The fight is on and we must fight to prevent any alienation of Banyule public land. Once it is gone it is gone forever.

(2). When in doubt leave it alone e.g. Rosanna Parklands violation. About 10 years ago there was a huge furore about the Banyule Council adding wide paths for bikes and powered wheel chairs to the beautiful Ellis Stone-designed Rosanna Parklands. The local residents lost that battle and the Council splurged about \$0.7 million “improving” the parklands. In the event, from my observation bike use has been minimal and motorised wheel chair use almost non-existent.

(3). The area is sacred to the memory of the famed Heidelberg Impressionist School. The disputed area adjoins areas in which Council has provided modest installations illustrating famous Heidelberg School paintings of the area. This is another powerful reason not to alienate this area.

(4). The proposal violates the Eltham to Fairfield and thence Fairfield to Melbourne CBD walking track. Melbourne has lovely urban walking tracks e.g. the Darebin Trail and the Cherry Street grasslands reserve (cared for by the civilized Darebin Council), the lovely Fairfield to Collingwood walking tracks, and the lovely Merri Creek Trail. The proposal violates a central part of the Eltham to Melbourne CBD walking track.

(5). So many of us exercise by peaceful walking that does not impact others. Exercise is good and many of us peacefully exercise by walking in what is left of wild nature in Melbourne without impacting others. Older people in particular exercise by quiet walking that is good for the soul as well as the body.

(6). Threat to endangered species. The Banyule Flats is a vital repository for iconic trees [2] and endangered plants and animals e.g. the Studley Park hybrid gum (a fertile hybrid of the Red Gum and the Swamp Gum), the Powerful Owl and the swift parrot. Further land alienation in this area further threatens endangered plants and animals.

(7). The alienation will add to the huge contiguous NEL violation of Banyule. The related and contiguous NEL Project will destroy 25,000 trees including iconic trees such as the wonderful old Red Gum on Manningham Road/Banksia Street near the proposed alienation [2]. In March 2020 I published an article overseas on the NEL monstrosity that stated in part: “ Beautiful Melbourne (capital of Victoria), that vies with Vancouver and Vienna for being the most liveable city in the world, is threatened with a fiscally, morally and environmentally perverse \$16 billion super-highway North East Link (NEL) project that is set to carve a swathe through its beautiful, tree-rich City of Banyule (aka Heidelberg), the former home of the famed Heidelberg School of Australian Impressionist painters, with 25,000 trees to be felled including an ancient River Red Gum that I adore [see [2]]. Although local government councils of the adjacent Cities of Banyule, Whitehorse, Boroondara and Manningham, have taken legal action in an attempt to constrain the NEL project, this super-highway project is supported at both the State and Federal level by the 2 major political groupings, namely the conservative Liberal Party-National Party Coalition (in opposition in the state of Victoria, but in government Federally) and the centrist Labor Party (in government in Victoria but in opposition Federally). Accordingly, this monolithic monstrosity seems unstoppable and indeed the Labor Government of the state of Victoria has announced that works are set to start in 2021... **(1). Cost – A\$16 billion for a dirty and deadly super-highway versus 5,246 new hospital beds... (2). Cost – A\$16 billion for a dirty and deadly super-highway versus trying to save 85,000 annual preventable deaths in Australia... (3). Cost – A\$16 billion for a dirty and deadly super-highway versus sorely needed funding for free child education... (4). The A\$16 billion NEL cost adds a one-off A\$8 billion to Australia’s horrendous and inescapable Carbon Debt of US\$5 trillion (A\$7.7 trillion) that is increasing at US\$0.7 trillion per year... (5). An extra 50 annual air pollution deaths from the NEL project... (6). Pollution deaths aside, rail transport can be 10 times more energy efficient than the private car, ergo 100% renewable energy powered rail and not roads... (7). 25,000 trees are planned to be removed or at risk of being removed by the NEL project... (8). Steel and concrete use is hard to avoid for tall buildings – but potentially avoidable with green steel and green cement alternatives and readily avoidable by scrapping a climate criminal super-highway... (9). How necessary are these daily 100,000 vehicle trips on the proposed NEL? Numerous alternatives from using trains and staggered use of highways to staying home and reading a book [the bicentennial advice of Australian Nobel laureate Patrick White] [1].**

(8). Air pollution kills 9 million people each year including 10,000 Australians – with the NEL this will become a highly polluted spot. The huge air pollution from the NEL tunnel will be deposited over the Banyule Wetland and what with an adjoining 6-lane Banksia Street /Manningham Road highway this will make the proposed area a high air pollution zone. Air pollution kills 9 million people each year including about 10,000 Londoners, 10,000 Australians and 75,000 people world-wide due to the long-term effects of toxic pollutants from the burning of Australia’s world-leading coal exports [3, 4]. This area is unfit for the vigorous exercise contemplated.

(9). Banyule City Council must do due diligence over potential massive liabilities from the proposed project and park alienation. Item #8 air pollution concerns in particular, and the risks associated with “adventure tree scaling” indicate massive potential liabilities for the Banyule City Council and hence ratepayers.

(10). The fundamental “foot in the door” argument re downhill progression to degradation. The proposed alienation of precious park land may seem modest but there are powerful, fundamental “foot in

the door” arguments against any alienation i.e the alienation may be small but bigger alienations may well follow. Indeed the disastrous consequences of the vastly greater but contiguous NEL super-highway project well illustrate this Gadarene progression [1]. After the initial alienation occurs, the resultant further degradation provides a more compelling argument for further alienation and degradation. Thus, for example, economic pragmatists argue that all countries use the resources with which they are endowed, and that Australia should be able to exploit its huge coal, gas and iron ore resources. Unfortunately such exploitation doesn’t stop there, and Australia is among world leaders in 16 areas of environmental vandalism and climate criminality, namely Australia is among world leaders for the following 16 climate criminal activities or parameters: (1) annual per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution, (2) live methanogenic livestock exports, (3) natural gas exports, (4) recoverable shale gas reserves that can be accessed by hydraulic fracturing (fracking), (5) coal exports, (6) land clearing, deforestation and ecocide, (7) speciescide or species extinction], (8) coral reef destruction, (9) whale killing and extinction threat through global warming impacting on krill stocks, (10) terminal carbon pollution budget exceedance, (11) per capita Carbon Debt, (12) ultimately GHG generating iron ore exports, (13) climate change inaction, (14) climate genocide and approach towards omnicide and terricide, (15) increasing Domestic GHG pollution despite Paris commitments to lower GHG pollution, and (16) complicity in 9 million annual air pollution deaths from burning carbon fuels, Australia’s share being 75,000 overseas and 10,000 Domestically. Australia with 0.33% of the world’s population contributes 5.4% of global GHG pollution (including that due to the burning of Australia’s world leading gas and coal exports) [1, 5].

(11). Banyule City Council should live up to its declaration of a Climate Emergency and implicit environmental protection. Banyule City Council has laudably joined a large number of local governments around the world in declaring a Climate Emergency. However despite mounting some legal resistance it has failed to stop the gross environmental vandalism of the NEL, presumably because it is too big physically and politically. Will the Banyule City Council fail to stop the present environment-alienating proposal because it is perceived as too small to matter? Banyule City Council should live up to its declaration of a Climate Emergency, and the implicit support for environmental protection, by rejecting the proposal.

(12). Bottom line: you cannot destroy what you cannot replace. After reading Rachel Carson’s “Silent Spring” [6] about 60 years ago as a science student at university I was immediately converted to preservation of the Biosphere, of species and ecosystems. The fundamental moral conclusion was “you cannot destroy what you cannot replace”. All species and ecosystems are priceless. Any speciescide or ecocide is intolerable – already the species extinction rate is 100-1,000 times greater than normal. Unfortunately the Gadarene and neoliberal “They” are in charge and remorselessly increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution. This means to me as a scientist that a catastrophic plus 2C temperature rise is effectively unavoidable. However we are obliged to do everything we can to make the future “less bad” for our children, grandchildren and future generations. We must save the remnant Banyule Flats from any further alienation.

I would respectfully urge the Banyule City Council to oppose the proposed alienation, and indeed to oppose any alienation of the Banyule Flats.

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Yours sincerely,

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Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Tuesday, 8 December 2020 1:16 PM
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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Park should not be commercialised.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and regular user of the park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats park is a unique, natural environment that is very rare in the inner city area.

Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

I am concerned about the increased traffic in my area

The park should not be commercialised.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident.

I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.

Parks Victoria is responsible to protect and preserve the Yarra Flats Park, it is part of nature and culture of this area.

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of local residents and ratepayers to oppose the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and user of Yarra Flats Park and I believe the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my and my family's wellbeing.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Ivanhoe East park had it's play area already renovated and attracted more individuals and is now more popular with kids and parents which this amendment supposedly attracts so this makes the amendment completely useless, I am concerned about the environmental impact and the costs of this recreation centre. It also only benefits a select few individuals as this would only really be used by children and this area Yarra flats park is used for casual recreation and I also condemn the commercialisation of a public space as this amendment seems to be more for profit rather than to help the community. Also the details about this centre are not answered where is the statistical evidence it is wanted or needed

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The exhibited amendment facilitates the use and development for an unnecessary centre on a public space and it is condemnable to use a beloved public space be privatised and a means for profit.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Public access to remain for public access

I do not support this proposal in any way

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I do not support the sell off or use of public space or ammenities for private or commercial purposes.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

If nothing else, the pandemic has made many of us realise how much we need local green space for recreation, relaxation and to maintain our mental health. In metropolitan Melbourne in particular, we need more green space, not less! Councils need to stop taking green space away from communities and giving it to private organisations. Unless they can share the green space, private organisations need to find their own land!!!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The proposed amendment would take valuable green space away from the local community. I do not support this. We need more green space, not less!!!

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The C107 amendment will have significant negative consequences on the existing trees, flora and fauna of the area. It does not provide sufficient protection for the park nor protect the ecological values of the area which must be maintained and enhanced into perpetuity.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission is relevant to the amendment because I have outlined the threats to the ecosystems present at the site, including significant old Redgums.

Attach more information

-  [Submission to Treetops Park planning ammendment.doc](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Submission opposing Treetops Adventure Park

To the Panel - 7 December 2020

My submission states that the C107 amendment not be allowed as I believe it will have significant negative consequences on the existing trees, flora and fauna. It does not provide sufficient protection for the park nor protect the ecological values of the area which must be maintained and enhanced into perpetuity.

Flora and fauna assessment / Native vegetation Impact assessment by Practical Ecology]

The public parkland in question is native redgum forest adjacent to the Yarra River, with a billabong and waterhole as part of the area. The affected trees are some of the oldest and largest in the area of the Banyule Flats.

Practical Ecology's report – rather than supporting the ParksVic/Ecoline position - actually seems to rebut it though the description of a credible habitat made up of many working layers. These include tree canopies, and trees with small and large hollows, a mix of sparse and dense understory, surrounded by deep leaf litter, with many small logs observed on site providing good fauna habitat. Importantly, all this is connected to broader areas of native vegetation.

The report documents that within the site there are many large old trees containing hollows and suitable nesting habitat for many bird and bat species as well as possums. Small hollows also occur within deadwood of the tree canopy and are characteristic of River Red Gum trees which dominate the site. The mid storey varies and is thick in some areas and sparse in others and generally providing good nesting habitat for smaller birds. Some areas within the site contain thick leaf litter that is ideal habitat for smaller fauna species such as lizards, frogs and invertebrates. It also provides good foraging material for birds. There are many small logs on site that can be used for nesting and foraging by smaller mammals and lizards.

All of these things point to a diverse and credible existing environment supporting a range of ecosystems, fauna and flora. This diverse environment will be severely compromised by the work required to set up the lines and aerial pathways.

Ecoline plan says 'no trees will be removed'

While Ecoline has advised that no trees will be removed it is obvious, due to the density of the tree canopy that vegetation in this zone will be modified to allow for the obstacle course facilities in trees and for the safety of participants. While Ecoline states that the majority of the remnant vegetation [in particular canopy trees] will be retained, their Arborist report acknowledges that the canopy trees will require some remedial work such as crown clean up and dead wooding. Installing the areal pathways, lines and platforms means that the understory trees and medium shrubs [also growing densely] that reach the height of the canopy will need to be trimmed to clear an aerial pathway for the apparatus in particular the high rope adventure challenges or flying foxes.

This will increase the amount of interference in this area. While the River Red Gums themselves may survive the Treetops development, the environmental integrity of this park will not. This area is more than just tree trunks and a few branches being used for overpriced interactive' nature play. This area is the nesting birds (including the endangered Powerful Owls), the wombats, the billabong, the platypus, the many thousands of species which together make up the incredible ecosystem of a wetland environment.

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The constant use of this section of native forest will apply pressure into an already challenged eco-system at the site. The capacity of the space to provide quality habitat will be impaired..This sort of habitat is in constant decline across the Yarra river system in Melbourne.

The increase in planted area to offset (by quantity) what will be lost in quality (simply by the nature of the constant presence of humans in the canopy) should be an absolute precursor to any approval.

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How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission directly addresses the amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a 26 year serving member of Victoria police, 18 of which have specialised as a youth officer, 12 of those I have coordinated a young offender high ropes program through Heidelberg children's court. I have experienced first hand the dynamic benefits of a high ropes course in challenging individuals, to grow and learn and develop resilience. This venue could be used to run such programs.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment should be made to allow for the development of this fantastic community facility, which in turn will increase the use and value of this beautiful piece of land.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a walker and a bike rider in Banksia Park. The proposed activity will increase the number of people and cars in the park which will have a detrimental effect on the enjoyment of the park by myself, my family and others. The beauty of the park is that it is a peaceful, bush setting close to my home. It's location on the river and the surrounds of beautiful old gum trees should be preserved as they are. The proposed activity will have a negative impact on the vegetation and the beautiful old trees in this precinct.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am objecting to the proposed amendment

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation
- The park should not be commercialised
- No matter how "lightly resting" the proposal may be erecting an instructive structure in the precious, natural environment will be detrimental to the park
- Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by the Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the "natural state" of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park
- I am a local resident
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to "protect and preserve" the Yarra Flats Park (parks are "primarily for the preservation of nature and culture" - quoted

by CEO of Parks Victoria, November 2020)

- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents
by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The proposal does not have a mandate full stop. To get a mandate, a person in that ward who is in support needs to be elected. Otherwise, it's a desecration of democracy.

It's a fact the proposal has no educational or ecological merit. There is not a scrap of evidence. It's an all meat, no veg. proposal. It's simply a dash for cash on public parklands.

This is a huge issue for local residents because they know the amenity will be significantly affected. Let democracy run its course - put it before the people to vote it in or out.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

It's highly relevant because we live in a democracy and council and the state government don't have a mandate. Allowing the proposal would ignore the democratic process. A consultation committee isn't democracy - it's a rubber stamp.

Put the proposal to the people. Let the people decide this important issue.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment



Why do you take that position?

See attached document

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

See attached document

Attach more information

-  PositionStatementC107.doc
-  Relevance C107.doc

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name



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PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C 107

Position of [REDACTED]

The Yarra River as it runs through Heidelberg is one of the true treasures of our municipality. Through the recent COVID crisis, Melburnians have become even more aware of the importance of open space that belongs to us, and not commercial interests. It is ironic that Parks Victoria are proposing the commercialization of this area of riverside bush and treetops, when the ratepayers of neighbouring Darebin are agitating to reclaim their public space along the Darebin Creek from a private entity. Banyule Council should resist this commercial venture from the outset.

The billabong over which the proposed Treetops structure has not been compromised by infill. It contains pre-settlement trees which the ropes course proposes to use as tethers for their rope structure. These ancient trees contain hollows which are used by birds and marsupials as part of the whole faunal ecosystem of the Banyule municipality. The noise of hundreds of daily visitors, every day of the year, will discourage wildlife in the area. The trees themselves may be compromised by this new, and completely artificial, use.

The proposal is not in keeping with Banyule Council's own aspirations. Council's own Biodiversity Plan 2019-2022 states that it "recognizes the intrinsic value of the natural environment and aims to conduct its activities in a manner which ensures its diversity, protection and enhancement." Council itself has identified that "Trees and vegetation provide environmental, economy, health and community benefits including: keeping the environment cool in hot weather; providing habitats and shelter for local birds, animals and insects; providing a more physically appealing environment; improving air quality by removing pollutants and lowering temperatures; and contributing to the improvement of our urban residential environment."

Once this commercial project operates, public safety for visitors will become paramount. For insurance purposes, any branch that *could* become hazardous will be removed and pathways smoothed. The safety and public liability of the ropes course will trump all other considerations. Although at the moment there is no proposal for fencing, for insurance purposes, it is almost inevitable that access will be limited in the future.

It is concerning that the area over which the planning amendment is proposed extends right

up to the Banksia Street/Boulevard corner. It would be no secret to Banyule Council that this Banksia/Boulevard corner site has long been coveted by another private consortium wanting to build a 'Heidelberg School' gallery space with associated parking and probably cafe facilities. By including this area with a so-called 'ecological' project, the gallery proposal will receive a green light by default without proper community consultation.

Opening the door to commercialisation in this way will lead to demands for other facilities in the area. I have no doubt that it will be commercially successful (the exorbitantly high entry price notwithstanding) and there will soon be demands for increased car park, better turning circle access for buses, cafe facilities for parents whose children are using the ropes course, etc. etc.

As a matter of principle, Banyule Council must resist the privatisation and commercialisation of the Yarra River within its municipal boundaries. Allowing the commercialisation of one area opens the door to other proposals. Only by insisting on **no** commercialisation along the whole length of the river can this treasure of Banyule be maintained for future generations.



PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C 107

Relevance to exhibited amendment

[REDACTED] has operated since 1967. We hold within our resources, and honour, the work of individuals and organizations within the City of Heidelberg/Banyule that have fought for the Yarra River and its riverflats right from the 1930s onwards.

We know that there have been many proposals for 'better use' of the river, including farming, sporting stadiums and even a caravan park in the Sills Bend area. These proposals were resisted at the time, and with hindsight we are grateful that they never proceeded. Indeed, this proposal is taking commercial advantage of the activism of grassroots environmental groups in the past. We are aware of, and support, the work of groups like the Warringal Conservation Society and the Friends of Wilson Reserve who have worked so hard to protect the Yarra River as one continuous riverside bush area and resource for wildlife. We represent over 200 members committed to the heritage of Banyule.

We see this proposal as one more step in this constant battle against privatisation and commercialisation of the Yarra River, and as a community group sited within Banyule, we express our opposition to the proposal.

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I oppose the privatization and commercialisation of the Yarra River flats. Opening the door to one commercial venture will prompt further demands for privatization and alienation of public space. The River Flats needs to be one continuous semi-natural bushland corridor not only for wildlife, but also for the people of Banyule. Public safety concerns will trump all other considerations, and trees and branches which might possibly constitute public risk will be lopped for insurance reasons.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a ratepayer of the City of Banyule and a user of the Yarra Flats. I value the Yarra River flats and I expect that my council will protect this asset, rather than facilitating or acquiescing in privatisation for commercial purposes. I believe that Banyule Council should instead be assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and maintain this precious resource.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The applicant's proposed location for a treetop adventure activity in a remnant River Red Gum forest is incompatible with Banyule's Strategic Plan, Banyule's Biodiversity Plan and Wildlife Corridor Program. In the context of substantial prior loss of native vegetation, it will lead to further loss of wildlife habitat and degrade vegetation quality.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission (attached) addresses the implications of the proposed Treetop Adventure Park on Banyule's Strategic planning framework and the environment.

Attach more information

- [Objection to proposed planning scheme amendment C107 Platt.docx](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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9 December 2020

Banyule City Council

Objection to proposed planning scheme amendment C107

I wish to submit an objection to the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C107.

Native vegetation is vitally important for maintaining wildlife in the City of Banyule. The type, the extent and the condition of native vegetation affect what species can survive in an area. Threats, such as pest animals, weeds and inappropriate fire regimes degrade natural ecosystem processes leading to loss of biodiversity.

Vegetation and wildlife contribute to the health of the environment, the health of the community and the enjoyment of living in Banyule.

The site

The site subject to this proposal is on public land and contains a remnant River Red Gum forest. It is part of a corridor of native vegetation extending along the Yarra River. In the context of Melbourne, being a highly urbanised and therefore modified landscape, the Yarra River corridor is one of the most significant contiguous pieces of native vegetation remaining in the city. It supports an extraordinarily wide diversity of wildlife species that utilise its resources for shelter, feeding and breeding. The contiguous nature of the vegetation allows for the safe movement of wildlife along the vegetation corridor and facilitates genetic exchange which is critical to the health of wildlife populations. The indigenous animal species of Banyule include 214 bird species, 20 mammals, 23 reptiles, 12 frogs and 9 freshwater fish. In the vicinity of the proposal you will find species that have disappeared from most of Melbourne including, for example, Common Wombat, Scarlett Honeyeater, Sacred Kingfisher and Powerful Owl.

1. The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives of Banyule's Planning Scheme

Banyule's planning scheme (21.02 Vision and Strategic Framework) aims "To protect and enhance our natural environment". The natural environment includes native vegetation, wildlife and ecological processes.

Planning controls support the objectives of the planning scheme. They are in place for a purpose, to support the long-term aims of the planning scheme by preventing inappropriate or inconsistent uses of land.

The area subject to the proposal is clearly within an area of 'environmental or landscape significance', as shown in the Strategic Planning Framework.



The site is within a Public Conservation and Resource Zone, a purpose of which is to protect and conserve the natural environment and natural processes for their historic, scientific, landscape, habitat or cultural values. The proposed use of the land, as a tree top adventure activity course, is currently prohibited, as stated in the proponent's Planning Report (and hence the proponent's application for an amendment).

There is nothing unique and in the public interest about a treetop adventure activity which requires it to be placed in the proposed location and to change the current zoning from Public Conservation. The proposal could just as well be sited on private land well away from the Yarra River corridor and where it would not damage wildlife habitat and the environment, as I believe it should be. It's location in the midst of one of the most significant wildlife corridors in Melbourne along the Yarra River is incompatible with the planning scheme and completely inappropriate. The proposal should be rejected.

2. The proposal is inconsistent with Banyule's Biodiversity Plan 2019-2022 and Vegetation Protection Overlay. It would contribute to the decline in extent and condition of native vegetation and further loss of biodiversity

Maintaining biodiversity is both a legislative requirement under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* and a policy objective of government ('Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037').

Banyule's Biodiversity Plan 2019-2022 aims to "protect and enhance our natural environment". It recognises that you need to manage land according to ecological principles and to address threats in order to sustain biodiversity values. The Plan supports the protection and enhancement of wildlife corridors.

The loss in extent and condition of native vegetation is of statewide significance. The Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC)*, in its assessment of native vegetation, observed that "Victoria has the lowest proportion of its original extent of native vegetation remaining of any Australian state or territory"..."the extent, condition and configuration of remnant native vegetation is the primary determinant of ecological health". The Victorian Volcanic Plain Bioregion, in which the site occurs (but is not typical) is in the 'most cleared' category, with no intact remnant vegetation remaining, according to VEAC.

The site of the proposed activity contains mature-aged, native River Red Gum forest.

The proposed activity will involve some removal or modification to vegetation for the purposes of maintaining visitor safety, protecting its infrastructure and maintaining access. In other words, further loss of native vegetation. It will also likely lead to a decline in the quality of native vegetation

on the site through visitor trampling, disruption to natural processes (disturbance to natural processes such as pollination), and introduction of weed and pest species. Most importantly, it will prevent land managers from undertaking management actions necessary to maintaining ecological processes, such as planned burning, within the activity centre and in the wider area.

Weed seeds and pathogens in soil carried by visitor's shoes, food scraps that attract exotic animals and so on are inevitable consequences of the proposed activity and largely outside of the control of the proponents. They will, over time, lead to loss of biodiversity both directly on site and also in the wider area. As a consequence, vegetation condition and biodiversity will decline.

The proposal is inconsistent with Banyule's Wildlife Corridor program

Banyule's Wildlife Corridor Program states the importance of wildlife corridors as "Wildlife corridors, or habitat links, allow for the movement and dispersal of indigenous animals and plants between fragmented or otherwise isolated areas of natural habitat." And lists a range of key functions including maintaining biodiversity. In particular, it identifies the Yarra River as a 'Major Wildlife Corridor'.

Banyule's Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO1) requires responsible authorities to consider, among other things, as appropriate:The benefits of retaining a buffer strip of vegetation within specified distances of watercourses, roads and property boundaries. The site is adjacent to arguably the most significant riverine corridor in Melbourne, being the Yarra River. Wildlife habitat and water quality are two key reasons for maintaining buffer strips of vegetation along watercourses.



The placement of 'treetop adventure activities' directly within the Yarra River habitat corridor will affect the value of the corridor for wildlife and, for some species, is likely to reduce its functional value in facilitating wildlife movement particularly for those animals that are shy of humans.

The proposed 'treetop adventure activities' will involve physical structures, noise and potentially lighting all of which can disturb wildlife, disrupt breeding activity and movement.

Physical structures in vegetation can disrupt natural processes such as the shedding of bark and the movement of an animal up a tree to find food or shelter in a hollow. They may facilitate the movement of predators by spanning gaps that would otherwise require descent to the ground. They can disrupt the flight of birds and gliding possums by creating aerial barriers and thus making them at greater risk of predation. They can cause physical injury to trees leading to infection and potential death.

The proposal will likely generate a considerable amount of noise from participants, staff, vehicle movements and so on. Noise has implications for wildlife. Blickley and Patricelli (2010) state that a

growing and substantial body of literature suggests, however, that [anthropogenic] noise impacts may be more important and widespread than previously imagined. They range in effects from mild to severe. They can impact wildlife species at both the individual and population levels. The types of impacts run the gamut from damage to the auditory system, the masking of sounds important to survival and reproduction, the imposition of chronic stress and associated physiological responses, startling, interference with mating, and population decline.

Artificial lighting can cause harm to wildlife. It can disrupt orientation, the ability to find food, avoid predation and to communicate (National Light Pollution Guidelines). Invertebrates are particularly affected along with their functional roles in ecosystems including as pollinators, predators and dispersers.

Conclusion

The applicant's proposed location for a treetop adventure activity in a remnant River red Gum forest is incompatible with Banyule's Strategic Plan, Banyule's Biodiversity Plan and Wildlife Corridor Program. In the context of substantial prior loss of native vegetation, it will lead to further loss of wildlife habitat and degrade vegetation quality. The current zoning is appropriate and, in this location, should be focussed on protecting the natural environment. The proposed change in zoning should be refused.

Sincerely,



*Victorian Environment Assessment Council (2010). *Remnant Native Vegetation Investigation Discussion Paper*. VEAC, Melbourne.

Blickley, Jessica & Patricelli, Gail. (2010). Impacts of Anthropogenic Noise on Wildlife: Research Priorities for the Development of Standards and Mitigation. *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*. 13. 274-292. 10.1080/13880292.2010.524564.

'National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife Including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds, Commonwealth of Australia 2020'.

Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Wednesday, 9 December 2020 1:06 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

As the crime prevention officer for Banyule police servicing area I am always looking for opportunities to legitimise space and provide areas of recreation for the community. Currently the proposed area is somewhat "deadlands" without guardianship which creates a feeling of isolation to the area and a lowered perception of safety. I am certain that external agencies will patronise the proposed Treetops adventure parks including the Department of Education , Scouts Victoria, Victoria Police, Berry Street agencies and more.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I believe that the activation of this space as a recreational activity will provide community engagement and cohesion. The use of the facility for early intervention programs will be useful of steering emerging youth offenders away from crime by providing an opportunity to engage with positive role models and build resilience and confidence.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The creeping commercialization of this type of plane will inevitably lead to more intrusive interventions, and controls of this will not be in public hands, but concealed in "commercial in confidence" arrangements.

It is notable that the financial return to the general population (what is Ecoline paying for this intrusion?) is not made clear. What are the commercial arrangements being made, for now and into the future. This should be a part of the transparency of government dealings.

The vision of the natural environment will be corrupted, and our children will not learn to respect the bush as it is, rather than as something which needs to be utilised in some commercial way to have legitimate value.

Tree top activities are best left in areas remote from Melbourne, encouraging the tourism of regional areas.

I firmly believe that local wildlife will be adversely affected because of a loss of

habitat and inappropriate public interventions through feeding and other disturbances.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and user of the park, and I believe that this amendment will adversely affect the value of the park and my use of it, and consequently my well-being.

I also believe that Parks Victoria is not fulfilling its responsibility to protect and preserve the park and its natural characteristics.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I value the wide linear park along the Yarra in this most important Green Wedge. We should preserve the natural environment for all to enjoy passive recreation.

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation and I disagree with the park being commercialised.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

We don't feel that Yarra Flats Park should be commercialised, it is a unique natural environment that we use for recreation.

The wildlife that live in the park would be adversely affected.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

We are local residents who regularly use Yarra Flats Park for recreation. The proposed use for commercial purposes will affect our use of the Park.

Banyule City Council should oppose the use of this valuable semi-natural parkland by a commercial adventure park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is an area used extensively for passive recreation by the public (and by me). The area is of environmental significance and this proposal is likely to disrupt both passive recreation and disturb sensitive environmental areas. I do not support privatisation of this area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

It argues for continued public ownership and protection of this unique and sensitive environmental area.

It does not support private interests being allowed to privatise a public asset and disrupt its environmental values. There are other suitable sites for such a proposal where this can be organised on private land owned by the operator.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The proposed development will just cater for a minority of people at a particular stage in their lives to the detriment of all others for their whole life times.

It will also have a major impact on the local wildlife.

This is a natural area suitable for passive recreation and creating a sense of well-being in those needing the serenity of the Yarra Flats.

It is natural treasure as it is. The proposal is just a commercial venture.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As a local resident I have for many years been a user of the Yarra Flats Park and appreciate its sense of timelessness. I understand that the CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I don't feel that Yarra Flats Park should be commercialised, it is a unique natural environment that I use for recreation.

The wildlife that live in the park would be adversely affected.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I'm a local resident who regularly uses Yarra Flats Park for recreation. The proposed use for commercial purposes will affect my use of the Park.

Banyule City Council should oppose the use of this valuable semi-natural parkland by a commercial adventure park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

As a rate payer for over 50 years I cannot believe our Council would even consider amending the Planning Scheme to allow commercialisation of the wonderful Yarra Flats.

This is a wonderful natural environment and the entire area should remain that way for future generations to enjoy. Next someone will want to build a Coffee Shop !!! How dare you BCC even consider commercialising/selling our heritage. SHAME

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I have enjoyed roaming all over the Yarra Flats for 50 years and delighting in every aspect because of its uniqueness and its link to the early settlers of Heidelberg. This openness and freedom must not be impaired by commercial enterprises.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

We need public land

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a current user and long term local resident concerned at the loss of public/private boundaries. Once lost lost forever - there's a significant cost to all of this - cultural emotional psychological

Our council should be moving to protect not to sell

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I love the natural reserve & do not want it commercialized.

The flats are unique, natural and relaxing AS THEY ARE NOW.

The proposed environment is not suitable.

Added traffic is not environmentally ethical to this reserve.

I am a ratepayer in banyule & would prefer upgrading & protection to be undertaken instead and planting.

Wild life would be impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use this park regularly and enjoy it as it is.

I am local & People would be better served with a natural environment.

Parks Vic should be preserving the flats as quoted by the CEO November 2020 saying parks are primarily for the preservation of nature & culture.

Council should act for the ratepayers of this area by opposing the alienation of this valuable inner city resource.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra Flats park is so attractive because it is an area of completely natural bushland close to the built up areas of Banyule. At present when I am in the park there is generally no visible sign of human development and this is a welcome break from the environment in which I generally live. The part of the park which the TreeTops proposal covers is the area around the main entrance and if this proposal goes ahead, park users will be confronted with the sight and sound of commercial development every time they use the park.

I am also concerned that if this initial proposal is successful the commercial intrusion will grow incrementally. Several of TreeTops' other locations contain shops, cafe facilities and administration areas.

Yarra Flats park is a publicly owned unique bushland area which exists for passive recreation. No part of it should be changed into a commercial amusement/adventure area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I live in Banyule less than a kilometre from Yarra Flats park and am a regular user of the park.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Public parks should not be encroached upon. The area is not pristine but needs to be kept as open space. It's part of the lungs of our environment.,commercialisation is NEVER acceptable.

I remember the floods of 1951 and later....no building is safe on the flood plain and never should be contemplated.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

By highlighting the community and environmental undesirability of the proposed amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

It is public parkland. You have already sold off Chelseworth Park for a peppercorn rent which most in the area strongly resent. The area is part of the Yarra Flats area and as a resident and local user of the area i believe any amendment like this will greatly negatively affect the value of the park which is one of the reasons i paid a lot of money to purchase property in this area. In addition we do not know what will happen with the ring road extension and nothing should be even considered until that is completed. There should not be any commercialisation of this area in any way shape or form

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use the area and am a local property owner/resident.

I don not want any commercialisation to diminish the area

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Jkangaroos, wallabies, birds ... no funding from them but developers need toilets and income fro turnstiles ... all wrong!

Big dig is enough

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

All issues included

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

What a horrendous plan.

Council should be protecting what is left, rather than cashing in and degrading nature of the region

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.
- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.
- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra Flats Park is a significant area of relatively undisturbed natural parkland. providing beauty, physical recreation & mental respite for citizens of Banyule and other municipalities. During the recent lockdown, Yarra Flats park was one of the few places I was able to access for exercise in nature. With increasing urban density Councils need to be safeguarding these areas, NOT opening them up to private commercial enterprises. We want our children and grandchildren to have some appreciation of the natural world close to home , without commercial signs, additional crowding, more parking etc. Not every piece of undeveloped land should be turned into a commercial opportunity!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission provides reasons for objection to the proposed Amendment C107

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique natural environment which is extensively used for passive recreation,
- The park should not be commercialised,
- No matter how "lightly resting" the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment will be detrimental to the park,
- I am concerned about increased vehicle traffic in the area, which is used extensively by runners, walkers and bicycle riders,
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the "natural state" of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation,
- Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park, both as a walker and a bicycle rider,
- I am a local resident, living, effectively, 3 blocks from the park,
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing,

- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to "protect and preserve" the Yarra Flats park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (Nov 2020) as saying that parks are "primarily for the preservation of nature and culture".
- Several years ago Parks Victoria was canvassing input from the public about possible alternative routes, out of the Park, for the Main Yarra Trail, to keep the park as natural as possible. It is therefore difficult to understand how Parks Victoria can now grant a lease to a commercial operator to commercialise to a major extent a significant part of the Park.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of inner-city semi-natural parkland.
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Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Nicola Rooks

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 December 2020 8:40 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is a passive te reaction area. A colony of kangaroos live in the vicinity. The proposed activity in inconsistent with the retention of a passive recreation are and would be devastating for the kangaroos.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

Very

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation, and my family and I walk there regularly.
- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- My family and I are users of the Yarra Flats Park.

- I am a local resident.

- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.

- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.

- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Banyule parks need to remain with rate payers and not to be privatised..I often take my dog for a walk I that park and wish to continue to do so

I pay rates, I chose to live I ivanhoe because of the open spaces and choice of parks

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

No question

I just object full stop

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Postal address

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Once you start to have structures and people in "adventure" things above the ground, you will not be able to continue to have people underneath (ie, bike path, walking etc), so while they say they are not affecting anything that currently goes on, on the ground, it will become an OHS issue and the bike path, dog path, walking area will end up being closed off to the public

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a resident who along with hundreds of locals use the area regularly

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.

- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

that is associated with aboriginal ways of life and the local history of were like open parkland (as described by early explores and settlers (with swathes of lush green grasses and only scattered large red gum trees still full of 100s of years old Trees due to covenants on the land

- I feel secure and safe for our future as - for many generations to come
- I would be mentally distressed to feel we would, as a society, alienate some of this prized resource to commercial interests and allow the profit motive to constantly “be at the heels of “ or harry, the execution of the myriad other interests for the environment – By in this case - constantly being able to request - changes to, or reviews of :

- o alterations to billabong flows ,and billabong management

- o alterations to natural process of tree decay and snag build up in the river and billabongs

- o extra fencing

- o extra signage

- o Extra parking

- o Tying up community time monitoring and advising council

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I use the trail regularly (3 times per month).

1 The park should not be commercialised. Despite (not binding) assurances, the entire envelope will eventually be restricted to public access. This has happened with other developments (eg IGS)

2 No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal is said to be, this is just a statement not a commitment; and council cannot be trusted to ensure this.

3 Bike and walking access to the Main Yarra Trail and the current safe crossing for the 6 lanes of Banksia St is not guaranteed in this proposed sell-off.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As noted above, I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park and a local resident.

This amendment will adversely affect the extent of my park use and the amenity of the local area. It is therefore likely to adversely affect property values all along the Boulevard..

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats. Which they have stated is "primarily for the preservation of nature and

culture”.

- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the encroachment of valuable inner city natural (Hamer's Green Wedges) and semi natural parkland, rather than signing onto any proposal that claims to be "eco", while effectively harming the local ecology (flora and fauna).

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 5:07 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

The issue of precedence is my main concern. Covenants, once breached, required rectification or penalties.

Looking forward, should the proposed theme prove not financially there maybe a requirement to introduce additional equipment or modification, or of that (including buildings) shelters. If successful / viable, so would some of that may also be necessary.

This is a unique piece of land. I know of no suburb in Greater Melbourne or in outlying suburbs, with genuine bushland in its natural state. The advent of kangaroos tell the story adequately.

This jewel, this prized piece of land, once at one with the Yarra Flats, is tampered with is gone forever there will be no going back.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

What needs to be known is what are the terms and conditions of the lease between Parks Victoria and the lessee.

A reasonable question is, would Council amend its Planning Scheme to enable the building of , say, several basketball stadiums or netball and tennis courts hockey

field/s etc. with associated parking, even taking into account it will serve rate payers / community?.

As I interpret this proposal you would this facility will not be serving the constituents.in the immediate area I should estimate to be on average 50 years of age or greater. I cannot envisage any of them climbing trees nor thirsting to engage with flying fox equipment.

This I would assume that this would appeal more to younger folk outside the demographics as indicated. Transport? cars, additional traffic and use of surrounding roads in a 100% residential area with quite narrow streets.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I do not want to see the Yarra Flats park used for commercial development - it is an amazing area to have in suburban Melbourne which should be preserved (and enhanced) in its natural environment for the benefit of Banyule residents and others for passive recreation.

A development such as that proposed would seem to go against the intent/purpose of the area when it was created.

I am also not sure that the increased vehicle traffic in the area is good for the surrounding environment.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a regular user of the Yarra Flats Park and a local resident of East Ivanhoe. I am concerned that the proposed development will impact on my ability to use the parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.
- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park. spend every morning down there and love watching the birds.
- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my

wellbeing.

- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 8:32 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and regularly use this beautiful Yarra Flats parkland for walking and highly object to his proposal. The park should be protected and preserved in its natural state. This development would affect the trees, the wildlife , the whole natural Ecosystem. Please retain Yarra Flats Park as is - no intrusive business ventures. We are very fortunate to have such a natural parkland area so close to where we live - let's not wreck that.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident who uses the parkland for walking. We are losing peaceful and quiet green areas everywhere in the neighbourhood with continual development and loss of trees and canopy - let's appreciate what we have and leave this parkland in its Natural state not only for us but for future generations who will use it.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The area proposed for use is a valuable public passive recreation area for use by all residents, ratepayers and visitors to our locality, not just a small number of paying clients. There has been an increasing number of large apartment blocks and dense housing development built recently in our council area, which have little or minimal vegetated “backyard” areas. Instead, developers are pocketing large profits and moving on to the next big development with no responsibility for the provision of outdoor spaces. As a result there is an increasing reliance on existing public natural areas to provide the shortfall, and a greater pressure on a shrinking area of natural bushland. I do not want to see more public green space surrendered to commercial usage for the benefit of a few. Gradually, wildlife corridors get broken up instead of being increased and consolidated, to cope with extra use. More land adjacent to waterways needs to be set aside for native flora and fauna, not less.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and frequent passive recreational user of this area, as both a walker and cyclist. I value it as a natural habitat that contributes to my mental well-being, and more importantly, to the conservation of our environment. I do not want to

see signage, increased car use, noise that is generated by even the quietest of groups, let alone the large noisy groups that would inevitably be attracted to such facilities. I am involved in native habitat regeneration. Our group of residents, backing onto the Darebin Creek, have worked with Melbourne Water over the last ten years to plant over 8,000 native tube stock in an effort to try to increase the wildlife corridors of our waterways and reverse damage done by the breaking up of green space into ever smaller unsustainably small parcels that have an adverse effect on native flora and fauna. Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility by allowing this prime natural habitat to be exploited for short-term financial gain.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Lockdown has demonstrated the value of our public parks and recreation areas to local residents - these should be preserved and improved, rather than commercialised for a short term profit. The wildlife and tree canopy will be adversely affected by this proposal.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and user of the parks in the area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is suburban semi-natural riparian parkland and I believe it should not be commercialised. I am concerned the proposed development would negatively impact on local wildlife and its connectivity.

I am concerned about the increased car traffic in the park which I believe will have a negative impact on wildlife.

I am concerned about the impact of this proposal on flora, particularly established indigenous trees on the proposed site.

I am concerned about the increase in noise resulting from the proposal.

I am concerned the proposal will have a negative impact on the natural aesthetics (once its gone, it's gone)

I believe the development would negatively impact on the tranquil boulevard character - one of the few areas in suburban Melbourne that has a rural feel

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and Banyule ratepayer

I am a daily user of Yarra Flats Park

Banyule council should act in the interests of ratepayers

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a local resident and regularly use the Yarra Flats park for walking and general destressing in my life. The park should be protected and preserved in its natural state. This development would affect the trees, the wildlife , the whole natural Ecosystem.

Please retain Yarra Flats Park as is - no intrusive business ventures. We are very fortunate to have such a natural parkland area so close to where we live - let's not wreck that.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident who uses the park for walking. We are losing peaceful and quiet green areas everywhere in the neighbourhood with continual development and loss of trees and canopy - let's appreciate what we have and leave this parkland in its Natural state not only for us but for future generations who will use it.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 10:38 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Stop giving open space to private owners!!!!

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

as above

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Yes, I acknowledge and accept the stated terms

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am a user and this commercialization of our natural parklands is unnecessary and no matter how "lightly" the intent it is unacceptable. The council should use its resources to add non commercial value by retaining the existing landscape as is.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user and local resident/ratepayer.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]



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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I may support the amendment if changes are made

Why do you take that position?

My wife and I are Ivanhoe residents, familiar with the proposed site. We have seen rope or metal treetop walkways in various places; also team building 'rope and timber pole' activities at Lord Somers camp, Mornington Peninsula and elsewhere. We are concerned about public access; safety during construction and daily operations; and site security.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The proposed site is on public land. It will be expensive to build and operate the site. Council, Parks & Wildlife and the operator all need to make a profit, or not waste public money as a result. The public and nearby residents need ready access and use of open space, river flats and roads and bike-paths.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

[REDACTED]

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

See attachment.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

See attachment.

Attach more information

- [RCS_C107_final_submission.pdf](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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10 December 2020

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Community

Yarra Flats Park was established in 1984 to preserve the semi natural character of this section of the Yarra Flats after strident and prolonged local community advocacy. Over 40 years the local community through organisations such as Riverland Conservation Society and Warringal Conservation Society has expended enormous amounts of time and effort in planting trees and other measures in the park to enhance these semi-natural characters. The local community has never wished the results of their work to be purloined by a private company for the purposes of a commercial operation.

Today there has been strong opinions expressed to us, by our community, that this proposal should not go ahead.

This opposition is not new. In 2013 at the public meeting organised by Parks Victoria there was strong opposition to the proposed Art Gallery and TreeTops developments. There was no extensive consultation, just a one-sided information day, this public meeting and a selective survey, with no explanation of adverse affects or possible better alternatives. The Art Gallery proposal took 95% of the limited time for discussion.



Old River Red Gum in the development area

Environment

The assertions that this proposal will sit “lightly” and “protect and conserve the environment” are, we contend, highly dubious.

The development site is directly over the Banksia Billabong. Much of this billabong was destroyed in the 1970’s except for this section in the development site. It still has its old River Red Gums - some hundreds of years old. Aerial photos from 1931 show them as large trees then.

The understory and wetland vegetation has been degraded though.

Ecoline is projecting that 50,000 to 100,000 people will use this facility a year. In reality the number of visitors will be significantly higher than this as many of the users will be accompanied by parents and other adults.

A large number of these adults will walk around under the course to watch their children. This will lead to significant compaction of soil and damage to any ground story vegetation planted there.

This constant procession of people will scare away almost all wildlife except scavenger species.

Tree health and the risks of limb shedding and trees falling

We are extremely concerned about the effects on tree health from soil compaction consequent on the area's past history and the proposed intensive use of the site. Dr Gregory Moore, a former Principal of Burnley College and a noted arboriculturist, wrote about river Red Gums in *The Conversation* on 12 July, 2019 (<https://theconversation.com/the-river-red-gum-is-an-icon-of-the-driest-continent-118839>):

"In going to places where the trees grow, people tend to compact the soil with their vehicles and footpaths, which can be causes of limb shedding. The compaction of the soil affects soil moisture and aeration, which can lead to limb shedding."
and

"In other contexts such as farms where limbs are shed, many old river red gums are growing in highly disturbed or changed ecosystems. Furthermore, many of these remnant specimens are often stressed and getting older and so more prone to shedding."

In commenting on this proposal Dr Moore suggested that compaction would be a major issue that could damage roots systems and lead to higher levels of stress on the trees. This stress could then lead to a tree reacting by shedding limbs or failing entirely. We observe many new fallen limbs from River Red Gums in the park each year - often sizeable ones.

On 9 December 2020 we observed that a River Red Gum tree had very recently fallen on the edge of The Annulus Billabong, 350m from the TreeTops site. This tree is in a very similar environmental situation to the trees proposed to be used by TreeTops on the edge of The Banksia Billabong.



We have had an opinion by Matthew Daniel of "Global Urban Forest" that the tree failed because of a poor root system caused by poor plant soil conditions. He says that compaction of the soil would most likely have contributed to this problem. We will need to assess if these conditions also exist in the TreeTops site but this would seem very likely given their almost identical environmental histories. We would like to present a formal report on this issue to the Planning Panel.

The end result of reduced tree health and limb shedding will not only be negative on the trees but also will be potentially deadly to people on the ropes course and underneath the ropes course.

On a recent visit to the Treetops facility in the Coffs Harbour hinterland in northern NSW one of our members noted extensive soil compaction around the trees being used.



The River Red Gums in the Yarra Flats are very different to the straight thick trees that appear to be the standard trees used on ropes courses. They are comparatively bent and thin with lots of large branches. The structural integrity of such trees, even if in a health state, we believe should be assessed by someone with a structural engineering background.

As far as we are aware there are no tree based ropes courses in River Red Gums in Australia to act as any guide to their suitability.

Will the fixings to the trees be able to comply with AS4970?

Detrimental effects on wildlife

The River Red Gums in the development area are some of the oldest in the park and have numerous tree hollows which clearly are important for wildlife. The disturbance of this development will clearly have an adverse effect on these animals use of these hollows.

We note that Powerful Owls are known to nest in nearby sections of the Yarra corridor. There have also been seen roosting in Yarra Flats Park. Their staple food includes Ringtail Possums which prefer to nest in hollows such as the ones present in the trees in the development site. There is clearly potential for them to be adversely affect by the development.

The proposal is right across a wildlife corridor connecting the park with the river corridor to the north. This is quite a tight section of the corridor due to developments on either side of the river - including the NE Link interchange less than 100m to the east of the TreeTops site.

For several years a large mob of kangaroos has been residing in the northern and central areas of the Park. These kangaroos are an important wildlife attraction. The mob roams from the Westerfolds Park area and their wildlife corridor will be threatened by the Ecoline activity.

Melbourne Water has advanced plans for a diversion of the stormwater drain from under Banksia Street into a wetland in the park which will then supply water for the Annulus Billabong and the Banksia Billabong. This is in the Parks Victoria Management Plan and has been studied in detail by Alluvium Consultants and found to be the best solution to re-watering The Annulus Billabong.

The positive affects on the Banksia Billabong wildlife from regular refilling with water will be blunted by the TreeTops proposal. Birdlife and marsupials will be scared away from it.

The undertaking that Ecoline will remove weeds and plant indigenous flora is welcome but the extent of this is vague and will be hard to enforce.

Public Amenity

The recent coronavirus situation has accentuated the growing community need for tranquil green space to have as a haven for psychological well-being and for passive recreation. This has been expressed to us by many users of the park. "The lockdown has been so much easier to bear because we have this peaceful setting to escape to" has been very commonly expressed.

Poor mental health is an enormous issue in our society and copious research indicates that tranquil green space is beneficial to psychological well-being.

Mental health associated issues arising from the impact of this proposal will include - noise effecting the surrounding parkland, visual obtrusion of the facility, signage and increased traffic generated.

There is no research to indicate that 1-2 hours on a ropes course will have any lasting benefit to mental well-being. Repeated use, that might possibly be beneficial, is unlikely due to the costs involved.

We contend that this proposal is fundamentally an entertainment facility.

Feedback from the community is that the increased usage of the Yarra Flats Park by people for relaxation and passive recreation will continue into the long term. Local residents are saying that "they have discovered worthwhile areas in the park to visit that previously they did not know were there".

Parking is now tight at times in the park with the increased usage this year. More parking will be required if this project goes ahead, increasing the adverse effects on the park.

Increased traffic is a serious concern in the surrounding streets.

The Boulevard and Glenard Drive are residential streets that are not designed for through traffic. However, there will be many visitors to the facility who will decide to use them as through routes. The residents along these streets have long expressed concern about this through traffic. The Boulevard is a narrow road that is a shared precinct with large numbers of pedestrians as there are no footpaths. Several hundred people a day have been recorded walking along The Boulevard.

Alienation of Public Lands

Fundamentally this proposal will result in the alienation of an open public parkland for a specific commercial facility. To claim that the land will still be available for all to use is dubious. Very few people who are not in the users family will want to walk around under a ropes course. Commercial imperatives will very likely take precedence over environmental requirements.

Safety issues

We have already highlighted the major safety concerns we have with the River Red Gums. There are also safety issues with children running around near the Yarra River and “The Bunyip Hole” with their very steep banks.

Tiger snakes are often seen in the park and their numbers will increase around the Banksia Billabong if it is re-watered.

Indigenous issues

There appears to be very little assessment of any Indigenous issues, which we find surprising as it has a history of being frequented by the first nations people up until the 1840's.

It is only 600m from Bolin Bolin Billabong. The Banksia Billabong prior to the 1970's was known to be a wildlife haven.

In the Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Report it states:

“In this case, significant ground disturbance must be established for the whole activity area as it lies entirely within an area of cultural heritage sensitivity It is the opinion of the consultants that significant ground disturbance is present across the entire activity area and has been caused by excavation and landfill activities associated with land use history that has occurred within the activity area”.

We contend that this is in fact incorrect, and that the section of the Banksia Billabong that is to be the development site has clearly not been excavated and filled.

It still has its very old trees lining the banks.

This aerial photo from 1974 shows the extent of the soil disturbance and this is the recollections of several members of Riverland Conservation Society.



The treed area next to the river on the far bottom right of the photo is the TreeTops site. We believe an indigenous assessment of the area is required and we will attempt to provide more evidence on this issue for the Planning Panel hearing.

Summary

It is highly questionable or incorrect to claim that the proposal will implement the objectives stated.

- a) The proposal will seriously and negatively impact the existing land.
- b) The proposal will negatively impact the natural resource and ecological processes. To claim that the proposal will provide for protection is incorrect; the proposal will have a negative impact;
- c) Yes, but at what cost when there are alternatives. The proposal is just inappropriate for the location and safety is highly suspect;
- d) How does the proposal balance present and future interests? It does not. It takes a valued, scarce “natural” environment and modifies it for short term commercial gain.

A TreeTops ropes course undoubtedly could be popular with children and we do not oppose the general idea of such courses.

However, for the reasons we have stated, this is a very bad location of such an activity with multiple serious problems and deleterious effects that outweigh its potential benefits there.



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I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Yarra Valley park is a natural environment used extensively for passive recreation. It should not be commercialised. Plants and trees would be adversely impacted. Wildlife, both birds and animals, would be driven from the area by the increased human activity in this relatively secluded part of the park.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a regular user of this part of the park, walking there 3 to 5 days a week. The proposed commercial development would adversely impact my use and enjoyment of the park with the loss of wildlife from the area and the visual eyesore of the proposed treetop walkway in this pristine natural environment. I believe that Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to protect and preserve the nature and culture of the park.

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1. This land and vegetation is public property and should not under any circumstances be developed for private gain.
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3. Urban areas with remnant vegetation and well established wild life habitat are scarce and highly valuable. They ought be respected.
4. Permitting any amendment such as this would create a dangerous precedent.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The proposed amendment supports private exploitation of public parkland. I, as a member of the public, strenuously object to such a move.

As a community member of an advisory group on management of our treed environment to a local municipality, I note that the amendment fails to address the full impact of any proposed development on vegetation and wildlife.

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Attach more information

- [AL Treetops submission .pdf](#)

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I believe an indigenous assessment of the area is required.

Summary

This proposal is clearly in the totally wrong location due to the obvious unsuitability of this forest for such an intensive activity that completely depends on the structural integrity of the River Red Gums.

These trees will already be stressed due to the major environmental changes over the last 180 years. Adding to this even more environmental change is a recipe for a clearly foreseeable disaster with frightening consequences for any child that might be on or under the ropes course at the time.

I would hope that anyone in a position to stop such a serious risk should not fail in their duty to do so.

To add to this it has the stated environmental and social problems.



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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Any development on this precious piece of Banyule known as the Yarra Flats Park should be strenuously opposed. The use of this land for commercial purposes is all wrong and goes against the most valuable use of this land which is for passive recreation and enjoyment by all age groups for years to come.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I have been a resident of Banyule for 40 years and have always valued the green wedge set aside along the Yarra River as many have done before me. I am a biologist with a particular interest in wetlands and am very concerned about the fate of the billabongs along the river. They should be left alone to the natural ebbs and flows of the seasons, flooding in the wet and allowed to dry out in a drought. A special consideration must be directed to the grasslands and the very old river red gums which give the park its special character. This whole area must be preserved for future generations to enjoy and appreciate, just as we have done with our own children. It is a wonderful part of our Melbourne, to be cherished into the future.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am very concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park every single morning, I ride through nearly every day and walk if not ride. I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value

of my park use and my wellbeing.

Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.

Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.

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I walk and ride the impacted area almost daily, and enjoy the environment and seeing that many others are likewise enjoying this public space. The "Green Wedge" has becoming pretty thin by the time it reaches southern Banyule and this amendment will result in a further incursion to it.

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Why do you take that position?

My partner and I feel that this amendment has the potential to erode the preservation of a unique environment by setting a precedent for commercialisation of the area and being a foot in the door that may have unforeseen negative impacts on its future amenity.

Attempts to justify changes to the natural state of our neighbourhood with alleged benefits do not hide the fact that the primary motive is profit, not the wellbeing of local residents and users of the parklands.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

We are local residents who moved to this area for the very qualities that could be put under threat because of this proposal.

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Currently users of the area appreciate it as they love the rural feel of the environment without necessitating long distance travel. Most users love the natural, quiet and unspoiled area & value it's history. A commercial venture is ALWAYS for PROFIT, not necessarily a peaceful amenity that will be disturbed by signage, noise from increased patronage, parking, toilets and fencing. If there is an issue with compliance then legal action needs to be taken by council and this becomes difficult and expensive. Also, it could then set a precedent for further development. Please allow this beautiful & natural area to remain commercial free. During Covid 19 the number of walkers increased enormously. However, they were respectful of the undisturbed area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local and regularly user of the area. Also, I'm restricted to walking on flat areas close to my residence daily due to health reasons. This is vital for me and fortunately it is a flat area in an otherwise hilly suburb. Retaining peace and quiet is important and so far I believe the area to be safe. Apart from a non-invasive bike path and a small toilet block and some parking, the area has been left with minor

interference. This has allowed native wild life to feel the environment is SAFE. Some time ago I encountered a young mother walking with a small child, another child in a pusher and walking her dog on a lead. When I queried if she was a local she mentioned she lived in South Yarra but came to the area to walk in a peaceful and safe location without needing to travel into the country. I certainly don't believe this will remain if "The Yarra Flats Park" is commercialised. I certainly object most strongly.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Places for passive recreation are an extremely important part of the recreational and living amenity of the Banyule area. They offer residents the ability to just be in the natural environment, not mastering it or shaping it. This year of COVID-19 has demonstrated how much the community values and needs that experience for our mental, physical and emotional well-being.

Handing over public land to private commercial groups changes the nature of that area completely. Increased car traffic, numbers of people, in the trees as well as on the ground, will inevitably impact the wild life in the area.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

This amendment would allow a significant impingement on this natural space and the attendant values outlined. It will change the nature of the experience of the park land for both humans and wildlife and set a concerning precedent for handing over public land to private use.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

Name

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Warringal Conservation Society is a local not for profit organization based in Banyule. Our members are of all ages and walks of life. Our common goal is to protect the natural environment with all its flora and fauna. We support passive and active outdoor activities in parkland, providing they are consistent with conservation goals. We are concerned that the amendment will facilitate a commercial operation that will reduce the habitat values of Banksia Billabong and surrounds.

Our specific concerns relate to:

- 1) Loss of River Red-Gum canopy in Banksia Billabong.
- 2) Loss and disturbance of wildlife habitat in Banksia Billabong.
- 3) The excessive area of parkland affected by the amendment.

*Please see attached document detailing concerns.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment seeks to make planning changes that will facilitate the development and operation of an outdoor recreation facility, and removal of native vegetation. We

argue that the proposed planning changes will result in an inevitable loss of River Red Gum tree canopy and a decline in the quality of wildlife habitat in the affected area.

Attach more information

-  Treetops submission 2020.pdf

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Specific Concerns relating to Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107

████████████████████ is Concerned that Amendment C107 will facilitate a commercial operation that results in:

1) Loss of River Red-Gum canopy in Banksia Billabong.

The *Arboricultural Tree Health & Hazard Assessment* provided indicates 15 trees directly used by the course will require deadwood for the course to be built. It also notes on pg 18 that “All trees to be retained will require some remedial work in the future such as crown clean-up and dead-wooding.”

Nearly all the trees to be used have been given a Safe and Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) of 2B which indicates that they are “Trees that may live for more than 40 years but would be removed to allow the safe development of more suitable individuals” (pg 41, Appendix 7). This suggests that tree removal is also a likely outcome in the future.

There are many more River Red Gum in the vicinity of the course or access paths that appear to have been ignored in the assessment (pg 20, Appendix 1). A significant number of these trees will also presumably require pruning or removal in the interest of safety.

Thus the proposed amendment and development will result in an inevitable decline of the River Red Gum canopy of the Banksia Billabong.

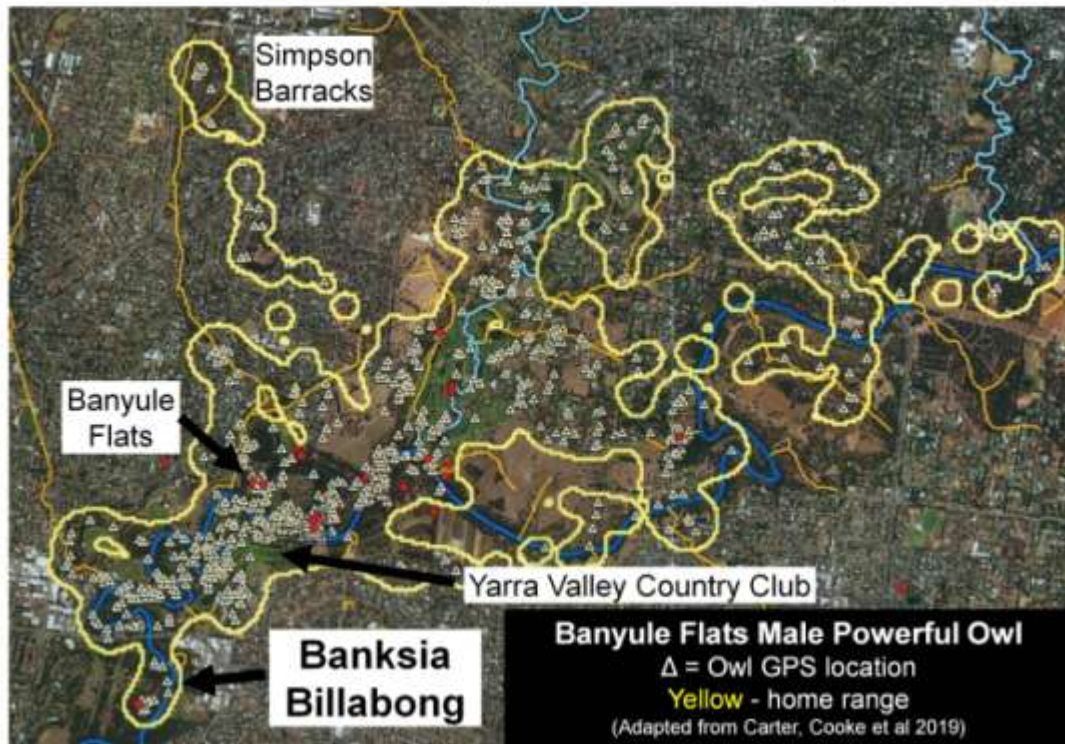
2) Loss and disturbance of wildlife habitat in a rare naturally flooding Yarra billabong.

Removal of dead branches from River Red Gum and “crown clean-up” will diminish their value as wildlife habitat. This is highlighted in the *Flora and Fauna Assessment, Native Vegetation Impact Assessment and Land Management Plan* (F&F, NVIA, LMP) which notes that “Within the site there are many large old trees containing hollows and suitable nesting habitat for many bird and bat species as well as possums. Small hollows also occur within deadwood of the tree canopy and are characteristic of River Red Gum trees which dominate the site” (pg 20, 3.3.1 Fauna habitat).”

The Powerful Owl is a Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act listed species that has not been adequately addressed in the F&F, NVIA, LMP. Based on limited information, it is concluded that the Powerful Owl is likely to only use the site as a connecting corridor or to hunt in occasionally (pg 21, 3.3.2 Rare or threatened fauna, F&F, NVIA, LMP). We contend that this understates the potential importance of Banksia Billabong as Powerful Owl habitat. It is acknowledged that there are two known nesting hollows within 2 kilometres of the Banksia Billabong, one upstream and one downstream. Deakin University researchers GPS-tracked a Powerful Owl in the Banyule/Bulleen area in April 2016 (Carter et al 2019, *Global ecology and conservation*, vol. 17, pp. 1-12; doi: 10.1016/j.gecco.2019.e00532). Their data show Banksia Billabong as part of the home range of this Owl (See attached figure). The vegetation and proximity to the river is entirely consistent with nearby known roosting and nesting sites.

The installation and operation of an adventure course at the Banksia Billabong has the potential to reduce Powerful Owl prey species. This may affect breeding success because breeding pairs require a steady diet of possums to successfully raise young. Disturbance may also drive these day roosting birds from the area. Cumulative impacts relating to loss of Powerful Habitat due to the North East Link Project have not been considered. Given the FFG-listed status of the Powerful Owl, the onus should be on the proponents to convincingly demonstrate that Powerful Owls do not use Banksia Billabong.

Cooke et al. - GPS tracking of Powerful Owl – April 2016



3) Planning changes to an excessive area of parkland.

The amendment covers a far larger area than the site of the proposed Adventure Course and associated buildings. The scope of the amendment is likely to pave the way for future commercial development in an area currently reserved for public open space and conservation. We are concerned that financial imperatives, rather than environmental stewardship, will drive future decisions on land use and management.

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The amendment will allow a development that will result in a conflict between human safety and the environmental values of the Banksia Billabong. The supporting information provided indicates that significant pruning of River Redgum is inevitable and the tree removal is a likely outcome in the future. The potential effects on habitat, particularly with respect to the Powerful Owl, are not properly considered.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment will facilitate a development that will compromise the environmental values of the Banksia Billabong.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is the wrong place for this sort of recreation - for many reasons. This is an intrusion into the canopy along the river, which till now has been undisturbed habitat connecting the river corridor. This sort of project could be a good way for people to connect to nature if it was not on the Yarra River but was in a forested setting where it would be an island of interruption in a sea of connected canopy. The river red gums are highly valued by the community and they are not the right species for aerial adventures. This species is notoriously for dropping limbs and that propensity is increased by soil compaction around the base. This proposal contradicts the intent of the Yarra River Protection Act to treat the river a single integrated and living entity. The proposal intrudes into the one part of the Annulus Billabong that remains in its original condition. It is close to the Bolin Bolin Billabong and I expect it would have high cultural values for the traditional owners.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The exhibited amendment changes the zoning from one form to another. There is insufficient justification for the change as the proposed project will be damaging for the site, for the river and for the community. My submission says retain the original

zone and the current planning scheme controls on the site. They work. The current controls are well-thought through and were properly considered in the first place. They are the appropriate controls.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

See attached Word document

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

See attached Word document

Attach more information

- AMENDMENT_C107_submission_ [REDACTED].docx

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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AMENDMENT C107 – TREETOPS AT YARRA FLATS

Why do you take the 'I do not support' position?

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- Parks and publicly owned spaces should not be commercialised and leased to private profits making bodies.
- I am not aware of any new parks or public open spaces that Banyule Council has established, the 'green' spaces that the council takes credit for were created long before the current council. As a minimum, Banyule Council must preserve all existing parkland. With the emphasis on higher density housing, the Council and government should be increasing open space, not profiting by leasing to private enterprises
- A commercial enterprise does not “lightly rest” in parkland. Intrusive structure in this precious natural environment will be detrimental to the park and the visual amenity of the area. Empty land is not a commercial opportunity.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- As a local resident and user of the Yarra Flats Park, I regularly walk along this area of the Boulevard. I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the amenity of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.
- The area will be visually degraded by signage, parking, increased traffic and associated noise etc that accompanies commercial enterprises and development.



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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

See attached Word file

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

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Attach more information

- AMENDMENT_C107_submission_ [REDACTED].docx

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The structure would be obscene in such a tranquill enviroment

Such a structure would be best in outer areas, where there is plenty of space
For Parking . Noise. And less impact.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I frequently use the quiet area for walking, and I lived there at 499
For 40 years.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This proposal is a unique invasion into the upper canopy of the river corridor. That structural vegetation level and habitat has been left untouched because of its height. The Yarra corridor is not only Melbourne's great parkland extending from Princes Bridge to the Central Highlands, it is also a biodiversity sink and migratory corridor that allows species to respond to changes in the catchment including climate change. If this development was not in the river corridor but set away from the river inland where species could move around the site in a broader canopy, that would perhaps be appropriate to approve.

The proposal contradicts the intent of the Yarra River Protection Act of treating the River as a single integrated living entity. It insufficiently addresses the disturbance of the River Red Gums, does not provide information on how a net gain for the environment will be achieved and how the proposal will interact with the Yarra's ability to be a connecting habitat corridor.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment changes the zoning without sufficient justification. The proposal will

negatively impact the local ecology of the area and the ability for the Yarra to be a connecting habitat corridor. The proposal is situated in the 'River Experience Corridor. ' Even with limited vegetation removal, the infrastructure required to create the high rope courses and administration office will impact the amenity and character of the landscape.

The current controls are properly considered and appropriate controls. This amendment risks the unique character of the area and ability of the area to be accessible and inclusive to everyone. Changes to these controls could be damaging for the the environment and the community.

Attach more information

- [Submission Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 - Treetop adventure park proposal in Yarra Flats Park.pdf](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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Our Yarra: Healthy, Protected and Loved

10 December 2020

Banyule City Council

Submission: Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 - Treetop adventure park proposal in Yarra Flats Park

The Proposal

The proposal is to build a tree-based adventure park in a section of the Yarra Flats Park, located in Ivanhoe East. This development will require an amendment to the Banyule Planning Scheme due to the proposed site being within a Public Conservation and Resource Zone and a specific controls overlay to be introduced to the Banyule Planning Scheme. The proposal does not plan for the removal of any trees but will require infrastructure to be secured to over 50 River Red Gums in the area and the construction of an administrative building.

Who we are

[REDACTED] is the community voice for the river. [REDACTED] speaks for the river as the river cannot speak for itself. We are a key and informed stakeholder on the Yarra River. Our policy achievements include the initial advocacy for the Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung murrn) Act, as well as for the Yarra Planning Controls. We have commissioned multiple reports on the Victorian Planning System and the importance of urban planning in protecting the Yarra Corridor. These include [Making the Yarra River Planning Controls Permanent](#), [Protecting Urban Waterways: A Guide to Victoria's Planning System](#) and [Protecting the Yarra: Punt Road Bridge to the Urban Growth Boundary](#). Through our research and time spent along the Yarra, we have built an informed and evidence-based community understanding of the river as a single and integrated ecosystem from source to the bay.

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Summary

Urban green spaces in Melbourne are shrinking, and the ones remaining are under increased pressure from the demands of people, to connect with nature, to socialise with friends and family and to exercise. This human activity comes with a cost on the environment, it erodes trails, compacts soil, disturbs wildlife, fragments habitat, and increases the occurrence of litter and pollution.

We live in the Anthropocene and there are few places on earth where people are not penetrating. While we, as an association, want people to connect with nature, a balance needs to be struck between access for people and protection of habitat.

Yarra Flats Park is a rare large open space on the river in the city of Banyule - it's semi-rural character nestled amongst suburbs is an unusual occurrence in Melbourne. While there is merit in seeking new ways to enable the community to engage with the environment, and appreciate the beauty of the River and its banks, the proposal damages the environmental integrity of the area by its proximity to the River and its invasion of the canopy.

This proposal is a unique invasion into the upper canopy of the river corridor. That structural vegetation level and habitat has been left untouched because of its height. It is out-of-reach for most people, so it has been left to the birds, the insects and the possums to flourish. Now we have worked out a way to invade and interrupt the connectivity of the canopy. The Yarra corridor is not only Melbourne's great parkland extending from Princes Bridge to the Central Highlands, it is also a biodiversity sink and migratory corridor that allows species to respond to changes in the catchment including climate change. If this development was not in the river corridor but set away from the river inland where species could move around the site in a broader canopy, that would perhaps be appropriate to approve.

As commercial development on public land zoned to be protected as such, it needs careful consideration. Is the purpose for-profit or for enabling community connection with nature? If it is the latter, evaluation of alternatives for using the space, such as a nature reserve, need to be taken into consideration. If it is for both, how will these be balanced, and will they leave room for the needs of the environment? With these considerations in mind, the proposal requires further information, including:

- The intended outcomes of the proposal and how they align with the Yarra River Action Plan.
- How a net gain for the environment will be achieved.
- Protection of the River Red Gums, including the management of deadwood and fallen branches which are important to the ecology of the area.

Yarra River Action Plan

The Yarra River Action Plan sets out the objective of the Great Yarra Parklands. This recognises the network of parklands along the Yarra as one integrated living whole natural asset. It aims for an increase in opportunities to enjoy the river parklands for all ages and abilities balanced with protection for habitat and biodiversity. The Treetop Adventure Park will limit accessibility to the area by imposing a cost for the activities and may not be suitable for those with disabilities or are over a certain age due to physical limitations.

With these barriers being placed on certain members of the community, the Treetop Adventure Park does not allow for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the river parklands. Should fostering a connection with nature be a desired outcome, the proposal will need to be assessed alongside other activities that can also achieve this, such as retaining the area as a place of reflective recreational activities like walking.

Yarra River Protection Act and Net Gain

The Yarra River Protection Act sets out Yarra “Protection Principles” of which Section 9(4) states *‘There should be a net gain for the environment in the area of Yarra River land arising from any individual action or policy that has an environmental impact on Yarra River land.’*

There is no net environmental gain in this project and no current proposal to deliver one. The project is about people not the environment.

Planning Controls

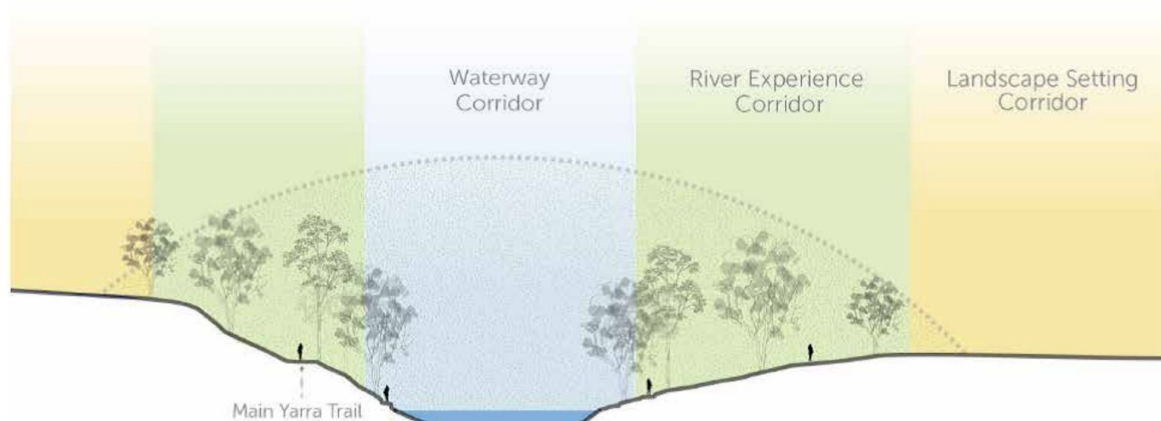
The GC48 Interim Planning Controls introduced the Significant Landscape Overlays (SLO), Yarra (Birrarung) River Corridor Environs which:

- Applies to both public and private land within the wider landscape setting of the Yarra River corridor. Within this area, a continuous corridor of vegetation and canopy trees are the dominant features of views of the corridor to and from public open space and the Yarra River itself.
- The purpose of the SLO is to identify significant landscapes and to conserve and enhance their character. It does this by managing the siting and design of buildings, removal of vegetation and earthworks within the broader Yarra River corridor setting.

The proposal is situated in the ‘River Experience Corridor’, which is the ‘foreground and middle ground landscape that is experienced from its banks, trails and public land.’ Even with limited vegetation removal, the infrastructure required to create the high rope courses and administration office will impact the amenity and character of the landscape.

It also requires the development to be reviewed as part of the river corridor, the current supporting documents do not assess the area as being part of a broader landscape. More information needs to be provided about how this development may impact the River and the surrounding banks ability to be a connecting habitat corridor for wildlife as well as other sites of ecological significance including the Banksia Billabong and Annulus Billabong.

Figure 1: River Corridor Areas



2 Planning Advisory Note 65: Yarra River Planning Controls

Figure 2: Land subject to amendment C107 outlined in blue



Balancing connection to nature with environmental protection

Connection to nature is an important part of helping the community build empathy for the environment and is a way to help drive the uptake of environmental stewardship. The ability to use green spaces is known to be a 'green prescription', and provide multiple mental and physical benefits. Whilst these are outcomes that should be sought, more consideration needs to be taken of the strain that our recreational activities and use of the land places on nature.

The gradual erosion of our public places needs to be managed. It is not possible to maximise the quality of biodiversity with recreational opportunity. Commercial developments like the Treetops Adventure Park creates another layer of tension by adding profit to the equation. The increase of visitors to the area will weigh on the local environment. Heavier foot traffic will further compact the soil, more people will create more waste and litter. Without consistent monitoring of the environment, the degradation of the amenity of the environment will reduce a visitor's experience. With the land being leased to Ecoline, who will be responsible for protecting the biodiversity of the area? And, should that responsibility fall on Ecoline, can there be certainty that the company will sacrifice profit for the environment.

River Red Gums

The area is home to River Red Gums. River Red Gums are woven into the tapestry of Melbourne, they are of significance to Traditional Owners, beloved by the community, and many councils and citizens alike have fought for the protection of those that remain.

Mature River Red Gums, like many other long-standing trees, are 'veterans of the landscape.' From life to death they provide unique ecosystem services that cannot be replicated by human technology. Although the development does not remove any 'living' trees it would require the removal of deadwood and any branches that fall. Even when 'dead', trees or parts of trees, are an integral part of the ecosystem. Deadwood and fallen branches provide habitat and food sources for wildlife, including possums, sugar-gliders and powerful owls. When they decompose, it enriches the soil with nutrients. The removal of even part of the River Red Gums would impact the ability for the area to support biodiversity.

Structurally, River Red Gums are inclined to drop branches and are therefore not appropriate for an aerial rope course.

Conclusion

The ability to access and appreciate the Yarra is important for the wellbeing of the community, and fostering connection to nature is important, and while the proposal could enable this, there are other more inclusive and accessible options that would not incur a

financial burden or require a certain level of physical ability. The proposal insufficiently addresses the disturbance of the River Red Gums, including the impact that removing deadwood and branches will have on the trees role in providing ecosystem services. More information needs to be provided on how a net gain for the environment will be achieved and how the proposal will interact with the Yarra's ability to be a connecting habitat corridor. With the amendment allowing Parks Victoria to lease the land to Ecoline, it is unclear who will be responsible for protecting the environmental values of the area.

In summary, our recommendations are

- To relocate this project away from the river into a forested area where it will not interrupt habitat and disrupt the continuity of the Yarra Corridor as a migratory pathway for wildlife.
- Not to use mature river red gums on which to construct an aerial canopy.
- Not to establish the precedent of canopy intrusion in the Yarra River corridor on Yarra River Land.
- If a connection to nature is the desired outcome, evaluate other alternatives that are more accessible and inclusive to the general public.
- Clearly state how the proposal will establish a net gain for the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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Nicola Rooks

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Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

It has been a process with totally inadequate public consultation.

It continues a long history the Banyule Council has of inappropriately disposing of passive recreational community space in large and small allotments (Chelsworth Park- spaces along the Darebin Creek banks for residential development)

Totally inappropriate high density urban development is occurring throughout Banyule. More passive space is needed, not less.

Public space ceded to us by our predecessors with insight and a public spirit should not have their work eroded by later generations without that insight and quite possibly vested personal interest.

Public space should for all of the community should not be granted to private moneyed commercial interests who target the better off and corporate gain.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amount of open passive recreational space in the Banyule area has been steadily eroded over the last few decades.

This is a large, irreplaceable area for the whole community, not just the 'haves'

As a ratepayer this is MY park and not the councils to give away, regardless of how

hopeless they are.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I believe the following concerns have not been fully addressed for the C107 Planning Scheme Amendment.

Effect on wildlife and biodiversity:- Powerful owls can breed in the hollows of the old growth Red Gums. It will take time for nature to provide the environment and habitat that has partially recovered over the past 40 years for future nesting sites. Estimated 10-20K visitors would have a negative impact on the habitat of native flora and fauna on the ground and in the tree canopy.

Wild life corridor:- There will be an increased narrowing of the corridor along the Yarra River for wild life to travel.

Inadequate protection of the park from future development:- Protections to area over time could be adjusted due to contact variation by application to the “responsible authority”

Traffic flow:- Increased traffic down The Boulevard and Glenard Drive. iPhone maps will direct traffic down Glenard drive to Yarra Flats Entry Road and the safety of pedestrians walking along The Boulevard.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a regular walker in the park and for the past thirty years together with many other volunteers helped to revegetate the Yarra Flats parkland. I feel that Banyule Council and Parks Victoria should act in accordance and also in spirit with their policy documents "Middle Yarra River Corridor Study Recommendations Report October 2016 and Banyule 2019-2022 Biodiversity plan.

The park area is highly significant and an asset to be cherished for its biodiversity of plant and wildlife and to be preserved for future generations and not be seen as a commercial opportunity for a private enterprise.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats park is a unique,natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation and should remain as such.

Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the "natural state" of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.

We do not believe that a private organisation should be permitted to receive money from operating a facility on public owned land.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and user of the Yarra Flats Park.

Banyule City Council should act in the interest of ratepayers and Local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city semi-natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The proposed site has been developed by community groups over many years including planting of trees for the benefit of local residents. Converting this into a commercial development takes the area away from residents of Banyule and places it in the hands of a commercial entity. Questions remain as to how much of the ground cover will be replaced by stones for paths and whether residents of Banyule can still access this area once it is "owned" by a private company. Will the amendment open doors for more commercial activities in this area that will seriously impact the amenity? Furthermore I am concerned about the wildlife corridor being impacted by excessive human activity. This area links the upper regions of Banyule to the lower regions that would otherwise be separated by Banksia Street.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission addresses the issue of amending planning permissions for the benefit of a private business to the detriment of public space, public access and local flora and fauna.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

i think it is good recreational use of space with minimal effect on the environment

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

good recreational activity for local residents

There is a similar activity out the back of lorne in the otways

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I believe in preserving the natural environment of the Yarra Valley as designated by Sir Rupert Hamer so many years ago.

Commercial interests are not compatible with the natural environment .

Wildlife will be affected .

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

See above

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am an elderly ratepayer at 29 Abbotsford Grove Ivanhoe and each day my wife, and to a lesser frequency me, park our car at Wilson's reserve and walk (and in my case) jog the magnificent nature paths and tracks along the river and up to the oval complex/golf links. We enjoy the serenity and beauty of the existing locality: in fact at times find the experience too busy particularly on the weekends which we avoid because of even now too much traffic.

Please don't spoil the last reminiscences of natural beauty in Banyule, with a commercial venture focused on making money out of the changes to the Strategic Plan.

Thanking you, Dr John Russell

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amenity is grossly degraded for all Banyule ratepayers who choose to experience the serenity of the current area under question.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Our open spaces in banyule belong to the people of the area for all to enjoy. Just as Wilson reserve belongs to us. Council Is there to protect these spaces. Not to sell them to private organisations nor to groups to use as businesses nor to make any financial profit from them. Leave these spaces alone for the joy of all our citizens.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

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Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Fear of losing the unique, natural environment the area provides and it should not be commercialized.

The increase of traffic to the area as the site would be open to public 364 days a year.

Wildlife may be adversely affected.

Preservation rather than development of such a natural site for passive recreation.

Large structure to be erected in natural environment.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

As a local resident I use the flats almost daily and would hate to see a commercial venture on this precious site.

Please protect and preserve this area.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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What is your position on the amendment?

I support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This proposal appears to protect the area and reinforce it's value in the mind of residents and council. I have some reservations about possible disruption to wildlife eg Powerful Owls, but I believe that it is better such developments happen here where there is good public transport vs somewhere more remote. I am relieved to see that the intention is to have minimal permanent impact on the site.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I write to support the project in the knowledge that some people I know are opposed to the project because they wish to protect the area. I believe that this fear is misplaced. I am in favor of a different form of exercise being made available to the public as well as the benefit to local businesses of increased tourism.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The park should not be commercialised. The Yarra flats is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation and valuably more so during Victoria's lockdowns this year. It should continue to be in its present state. I am concerned that wildlife will be adversely impacted by the erecting of such an intrusive structure.

Increased vehicle traffic will be an adverse problem in an area that is already heavily congested at the nearby access to the park.

Banyule Council would serve its ratepayers better by not amending its Planning scheme and as such not allowing the proposal to proceed,

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident and a user of the Yarra Flats Park. Such a commercial enterprise will adversely affect passive use of the Park for me and my family. Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to "protect and preserve" the Yarra Flats Park.

Banyule City Council should act in the interest of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the consequential alienation of precious inner city semi-natural parkland

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This amendment will just cater for a minority of people at a particular stage of their lives to the detriment of all others for their whole life times.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

This amendment would commercialise the park at the expense of preserving the natural environment of the Park.

The preservation of the Yarra Flats Park is becoming increasingly important due to the ongoing development and increase in population in the City of Banyule.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Parklands should not be used for the commercial advantage of any party. Yarra Park lands is a unique, natural environment freely accessed and widely used for passive recreation and conservation projects carried out local volunteers.

During Covid lockdown it provided a peaceful, diverting environment which was significant in maintaining mental and physical health in a significant crisis over many months.

The proposed development will encroach on the character of the area by superimposing man made structures on the trees causing adverse impacts on those trees, removing valued understorey shrubs, so important for the survival of small birds, and other wildlife life.

The heritage value of the parkland is compromised.

Allowing this development which follows on another commercial business being given access to the park lands by Banyule Council indicates a worrying trend to commercialisation of the Yarra parklands.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident who regularly uses the park lands for recreation.

I have worked on conservation areas along the Yarra bank removing weeds. I have seen how areas once opened are misused with destruction of the natural habitat by a small group often with state boards.

It is Parks Victoria responsibility to care for the area and together with Banyule Council should act in the interests of the passive user.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am quite familiar with this area, and am totally opposed to the privatisation of such an important area of natural habitat.

Ropes courses are important and useful resources, but this is not the place for one.

As an experienced rock climber, and having done a ropes course in the past, it is inconceivable that the natural conservation values will not be compromised by safety concerns. The proximity of the river for a start is a danger requiring very close management of young children. The mature trees in this area provide important wildlife habitat in deadlimbs and hollows - the very features that would need to be lopped and removed for safety. That is totally incompatible.

If we need adventure activities in, or near, Banyule, there are wonderful bouldering opportunities in the Darebin parklands,

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

My submission directly opposes the proposed amendment.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a park that should not be commercialised. If it is, the traffic, the serenity and the tranquility of the area will be lost - not to mention the disruption to local wildlife. Our green spaces are sacred - please do not pollute them for commercial/financial gain.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I use the Yarra Flats Park daily, my husband uses the Yarra Flats Park daily and my three sons and their friends use the Yarra Flats Park daily. We are all local residents. I strongly believe that by commercialising the space, the adventure park will adversely affect the value of the Yarra Flats my family and visitors place on it. The proposed adventure park, while it promises to be green, etc, will also significantly increase parking requirements, foot traffic, litter and noise. We should preserving our open spaces for everyone to enjoy - not just those who can afford to pay the entry price of \$197 which is what Treetop adventures charges for my family of five to attend.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

No

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Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Why do you take that position?

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.
- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.
- Given the impact of the NE Link on vegetation and access to passive recreation in the surrounding area this is only more valuable to be kept

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.
- I am a local resident.

- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

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What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

This is a unique, natural environment that is used for passive recreation. This amendment covers a large area of the Park - why?

The public parkland asset should not be commercialised.

Erecting these structures will be detrimental to the park.

I am concerned about the impact on this precious parklands when across the Yarr, Bulleen & Templestowe will be devastated by the North East Link Project

Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the natural state of YFP & maintaining/opening the existing toilets and picnic area.

Trees and Wildlife populating YFP will be adversely impacted, eg River Red-Gum canopy and wildlife & habitat disturbance in Banksia Billabong

Tree Tops activities are great but this is an incompatible use in the middle of suburbia. In time, tree top users will be impacted by the NEL Construction - have the operators considered this or even know it's happening If so perhaps they would not want to proceed?

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a local resident & I use YVP

- It is quite wrong for public assets to be commercialised in this way, which disenfranchises passive users
- Removal of dead branches from River Red Gum and “crown clean-up” is not specified and could be quite extensive - where will it end? Dead wooding and tree pruning done in the name of safety is just too arbitrary
- The installation and operation of the tree tops adventure course has the potential to reduce Powerful Owl prey species and their habitat. It will cause disturbance that drives these day roosting birds from the area.
- Further damage will occur to the Banksia Billabong and Bunyip water hole. They may even be filled in ! - in the name of safety

Why isn't this park being built in an area where the trees grow tall and straight? YVP will require "extensive renovation" for the activities to be constructed and this should NOT be permitted

Years of Parks Victoria neglect should not be rewarded with a damaging money spinning proposal

Attach more information

- [Comparison of two tree top parks in Melbourne. smaller.pdf](#)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

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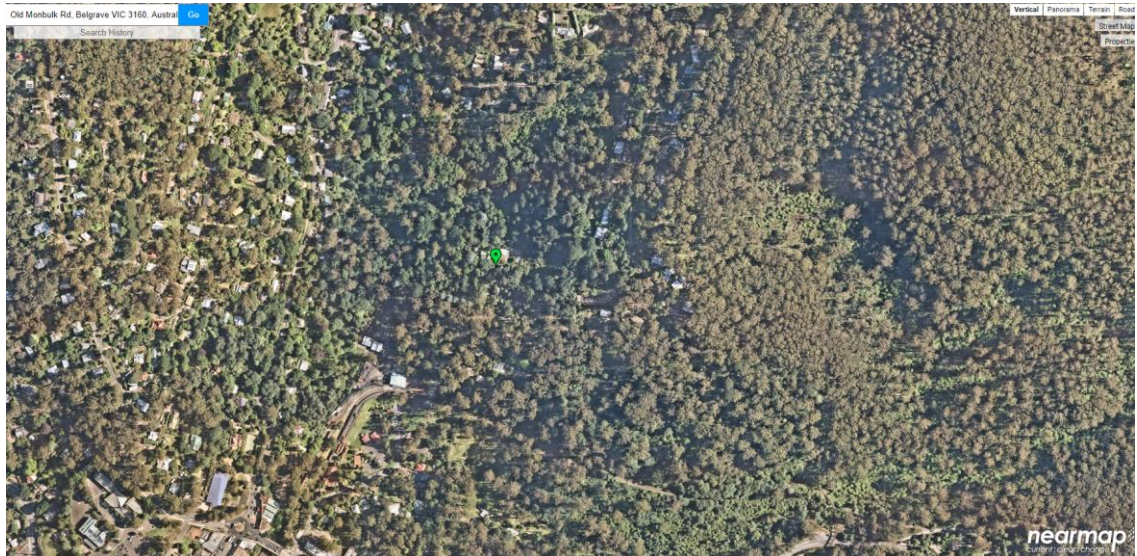
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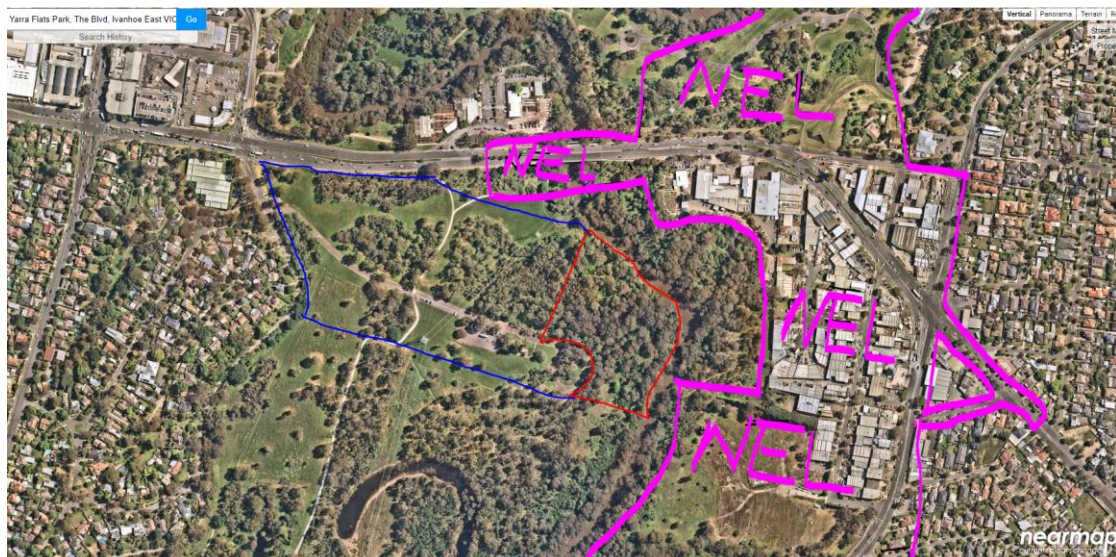
Comparison of two tree top parks in Melbourne.

Check the availability of green space for habitat/biodiversity/passive recreation – there is simply no comparison – it shouldn't be acceptable at Yarra Flats Park

a) Glen Harrow Park, Old Monbulk Rd Belgrave – private land



b) Yarra Flats Park – Park Vics Land



Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 9:56 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

Seems an assumption that the land is not fully or best used presently so should be "improved". But the largely wild area is used extensively for passive recreation and it provides a vital wildlife corridor. So best way to appreciate nature and guarantee preservation for future generations is as it is now. No need to impose a theme park that subjugates nature for entertainment - how is this respectful of this unique area that held such significance for the Heidelberg School Artists? (a better fit than the adventure park)

Amenity for users and residents will be significantly affected 364 days of the year- a very high burden not "light impact". Increased traffic, 3 metre signs, lights, bins, toilets, offices, additional 127 car parks, noise, and in the treetops - bridges, flying foxes etc.. Planning schemes should not be altered to facilitate questionable environmental impact activity for cash strapped Parks Victoria and a commercial developer, which is not in best interests of ratepayers.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I recently moved to Eaglemont specifically for its natural beauty and am dismayed that this green corridor that provides such quiet enjoyment to so many users and

has such amazing wildlife so close to the city is targetted for development. People need quiet space where nature dominates not development, so please don't mess with this area that is valued highly for the way it is at present. Theme parks need to be funded by developers, not subsidised by nature. Let them find land, plant trees, grow them at their cost then develop their adventure business - it wouldn't be viable! It is only viable if Banyule Council does not act in the interests of local residents and preserving the local indigenous flora and fauna and instead allows the alienation of valuable public land for a narrow commercial interest. Council, please do not be blasé with this valuable asset. Current and future generations will be grateful for your “no” response to prevent diminishment of Yarra Flats' true value.

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

Name

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Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 10:28 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

I am concerned that the amendment will allow a commercial operation that will reduce the habitat values of Banksia Billabong and surrounds.

My specific concerns relate to:

- 1) Use of public open space for financial gain.
- 2) The excessive area of parkland affected by the amendment
- 3) The encroachment of the facility on native vegetation and most particularly Banksia Billabong.
- 4) Loss/disturbance of wildlife habitat due to human activity

*Please see attached document detailing concerns.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

The amendment seeks to make planning changes that will facilitate the use and development of a commercial outdoor recreation facility which will likely entail removal of native vegetation. I believe that the proposed planning changes will lead to an inevitable loss of River Red Gum tree canopy and wildlife habitat in the affected area.

Attach more information

- Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 [REDACTED].pdf

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Yes

Name

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Enlarging on my specific concerns:

1) Use of public open space for financial gain.

I am averse to public open space, in this case parkland, being carved up and used by a private enterprise to make money. Despite it being claimed that this proposal will not set a precedent (Planning Report p35, last para), it inevitably will. If Council is prepared to allow parkland to cease being public open space, I believe this is just the start of stepwise encroachment.

2) The excessive area of parkland affected by the amendment

Why is such a large parcel of land the subject of this Amendment C107? Tree Tops would occupy less than half of it, so I am led to the conclusion that the Art Gallery project is waiting in the wings. Further, “....other proposals which may arise will need to be considered on their own merits,” (Planning Report p35, last para). Similar proposals might be made easier, even encouraged, if this Planning Scheme Amendment is upheld.

3) The encroachment of the facility on native vegetation and most particularly Banksia Billabong

The north east corner of Yarra Flats Park supports a significant stand of mature River Red Gum, possibly the best stand of such trees in Banyule. Amongst them are younger trees forming the next generation. It would be a tragedy if these trees are damaged in any way as their trunks, branches, hollows and leaves all contribute to the healthy native habitat for wildlife. Dead wood is as important as growing timber.

There is widespread enthusiasm to rehabilitate Yarra billabongs in the Middle Yarra section, so that once again they fill naturally and provide healthy aquatic ecosystems for wildlife; and for people to enjoy. But by this Amendment, Banksia Billabong will have a noisy outdoor facility running through it, where flooding is likely to be prevented.

4) Loss/disturbance of wildlife habitat due to human activity

Corridors of good native vegetation are vital to wildlife for dispersal and migration. Rivers and streams form the most significant corridors, and the Yarra River is critical in southern Victoria. Human energetic recreation and shrill noise is not compatible with our understanding of wildlife corridors. Nocturnal animals will be driven from the area as their daytime sleep will be disturbed, e.g. possums.

It is acknowledged that Powerful Owl live and breed in Banyule. As a listed species of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, all means to safeguard its hunting and breeding should be made. As already said, possums, a favourite prey, would be dispersed. Local roost spots used in daytime would be abandoned due to noise.

December 10 2020

Nicola Rooks

From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2020 11:24 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Amendment C107 Form Submission

Amendment C107 Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Amendment C107 through your Shaping Banyule website.

What is your position on the amendment?

I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position?

The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation.

- The park should not be commercialised.
- No matter how “lightly resting” the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area.
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the “natural state” of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation.
- Plants - including Trees and Wildlife that populate the park will be adversely impacted.
- I enjoy seeing the open vista of this space and re-imagining our aboriginal and artistic heritage. (Remember original red gum forests managed by aboriginal fire techniques - were like open parkland (as described by early explores and settlers (with swathes of lush green grasses and only scattered large red gum trees (see land preserve
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How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.

- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to “protect and preserve” the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”.
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing the alienation of valuable inner city natural and semi natural parkland. I enjoy seeing the open vista of this space and re-imagining our aboriginal and artistic heritage. (Remember original red gum forests managed by aboriginal fire techniques - were like open parkland (as described by early explores and settlers (with swathes of lush green grasses and only scattered large red gum trees (
- I feel secure and safe for our future as a society - t

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel?

Not sure

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Nicola Rooks

From: Klover Apostola
Sent: Tuesday, 1 December 2020 11:26 AM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: FW: Treetops Planning Scheme Amendment C107

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Strategic Planner (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)

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Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 November 2020 3:33 PM
To: Strategic Planning <Strategic.Planning@banyule.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Treetops Planning Scheme Amendment C107

From
 [REDACTED]

I have tried to make a submission via the relevant webpage on Shaping Banyule but the 'Submit' button isn't working for me so it has been suggested that I can email you directly with my position against the amendment C107.

I do not support the Amendment.

Why do I take this position?

The Yarra and it's corridor of wild and natural bushland is a special asset for Metropolitan Melbourne even though there are a lot of weeds found along the flood plain and riparian zone. In many places it is almost wild and it is wrong to let anyone especially commercial interests to nibble away at bits of it. That is what this Treetop development would be. A little chunk of land excised from the parkland which was no long available for the wildlife.

I've seen a pair of Powerful Owls along the corridor, they need a wide range to hunt for prey. Bringing so much more activity to a peaceful stretch like this will reduce their available hunting area. (What an urban asset to risk losing) Not only by scaring away the prey but reducing the availability of the remaining large red gums which I have seen described as 'animal high rises' they provide homes for so much wildlife. These trees can't be replaced, ropes in them will not be good for their native inhabitants. Melbourne Water has recognised that wildlife can be encouraged by re watering the Annulus Billabong, it would be a crying shame to do something in it's area that is counterproductive to encouraging the rehabilitation of the natural systems.

I'll admit there are plenty of weeds in the area but that will not be improved by a commercial venture. The place needs care and attention to improve the vegetation, not just to flatten it with many feet, leaving no chance for indigenous plants to colonise it.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to an article from The Conversation that I think is relevant, The area in question is not a golf course but it is similar, it is wild and 'rough' it is a worthwhile ecosystem that should be retained.

So no change to Planning Scheme thank you.

<https://theconversation.com/urban-golf-courses-are-biodiversity-oases-opening-them-up-puts-that-at-risk-148634>

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment?

I don't really understand this question! But it is relevant, as far as I can see, in defence of retaining the natural assets of the area over which the council desires to amend the planning scheme



What really matters is the same for all of us. It's the health and safety of our friends, our family, our loved ones, our communities, our cities and our country.

That's what the coronavirus threatens, and that's exactly what climate change does, too.

Katharine Hayhoe 3/20

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Victoria
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Nicola Rooks
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Notice of Objection
Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107-TreeTops Adventure Park

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Date: 17 November 2020

We write to object to the proposed changes to the Specific Controls Overlay to 340-680 The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East. These changes are designed to vary the zoning controls to allow for a proposed facility ("TreeTops Adventure Park") to be imposed on a Public Conservation and Resource Zone covering several hectares of public natural parklands.

Our submission is that to allow this proposed development to occur will destroy the point and purpose of having a Public Conservation and Resource Zone in this area. There are no good grounds advanced to support lifting the ban on this kind of use. As the documentation available indicates, the fact that the "treetop adventure park" will be managed by a private operator under lease from Parks Victoria and not directly by Parks Victoria itself (the public land manager), has the effect of prohibiting the proposed development from proceeding because the Public Conservation and Resource Zone that applies to the site prevents such use. We see no good reason to lift this ban.

There are five specific grounds for this objection.

1. Impact on public enjoyment of green space

One of the few beneficial impacts of COVID through 2020 has been a dramatic increase in the use of the Boulevard and the Yarra Flats Park area, including The Boulevard itself, by large numbers of people, including families, groups and individuals using the whole area for walking, exercise, cycling and relaxation. This is wonderful to see and highlights the importance this area has long played as an attractive, safe and relaxing natural public space. It is part of a very extensive parkland with a variety of paths and tracks which are used extensively by people walking and cycling. It is vital to preserve this area as it is for public enjoyment.

It is hard to imagine that converting the area into a "fun and adventure park" in the tree tops involving a network of ropes, zip lines, mechanisms and safety and protective equipment over several hectares to enable people clambering overhead, along with the infrastructure needed to support this on the ground, will not severely compromise the point of enjoying a walk by people looking for serenity in a semi-rural/natural space.

2. Impact on fauna

The area in question is very richly endowed with a significant population of birds, reptiles and animals - including a mob of kangaroos. The area also has a significant number of old River Red Gums which are some of the oldest trees in the area, with hollows that birds and wild life use as nests or homes. The idea of placing a tangle of ropes, mechanisms and safety and protective equipment through the treetops, and then encouraging large numbers of people to use the treetops "for fun and adventure" can only have an extremely adverse impact on the birds using the trees for nesting and feeding.

The idea that adding an administration office (18.2m x 10.2m) to be constructed on site using two timber clad shipping containers, an overhead roof shelter and timber decking involves only a 'minimal impact' is surely a case of wishful thinking.

It is important to note that there has been no independent Environmental Impact Statement. The Council which is clearly advocating for this project to proceed claims the proposal is supported by a bevy of private consultants including:

- Transport Impact Assessment prepared by One Mile Grid Pty Ltd dated May 2016;
- a Tree Health and Hazard Arboriculturist's Report and Tree Management Plan prepared by Advanced Treescape Consulting, dated 28 October with addendum dated 2019,
- a Flora and Fauna Assessment, Native Vegetation Assessment and Land Management Plan prepared by Practical Ecology dated December 2018,
- a Native Vegetation Removal Report dated November 2018
- and a Preliminary Signage Strategy TreeTops at Yarra Flats by Treetops dated June 2017.

It is entirely predictable that these private consultants have found no problems with the proposed project.

It should be noted that specialist reports prepared before the approval of amendment VC148 merely reference the previous planning controls.

2. Impact on traffic flow into The Boulevard

Banyule Council claims (in its Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment c107bany Explanatory Report) that "The proposed use will not create undue demand on public infrastructure or the road network where capacity exists to meet expected demand". Where is the independent traffic impact assessment to support this claim?

It is a matter of fact that over the past five years there has been increasing and excessive use of The Boulevard by automobile traffic creating an ever increasing risk of accidents to pedestrians and cyclists to say nothing of the impact on the families and children using The Boulevard to walk and exercise. The idea that a commercial enterprise which will presumably want to encourage large numbers of customers, and their cars, will have no impact on the roads and traffic flow in the park and along The Boulevard in both directions is a fantasy.

3. impact on existing carparks

It is claimed again without any evidence whatsoever, that the existing car park in the Yarra Flats Park "will be more than sufficient to accommodate demands generated by the use". This is stated even as it is also claimed that "the introduction of the adventure park will attract *crowds of new visitors into the park* and facilitate for informal surveillance, *generate activity particular at ground level*, and support the legitimate use of public spaces".

How this contradiction is to be resolved is quite unclear. The conclusion that the imposition of "Treetops" will "support the legitimate use of public spaces" is a *non sequitur*, it does not follow.

4. Dereliction of the obligation and duty on the part of local government and their officials to always act in an impartial manner and in the public interest.

The letter (26 October) from Banyule Council advising ratepayers of the intention of its intention to vary the zoning controls to allow for the proposed facility to be imposed on a Public Conservation and Resource Zone suggests that Banyule Council is clearly engaged in an act of unwarranted advocacy.

The advice repeated on a number of occasions in the documentation available that we can use an ECOLINE brochure as a guide to what will happen is simply derisory.

Indeed it looks very much like a prejudicial attempt to influence the deliberative process when eg., that letter suggests that the proposed facility is 'designed to rest lightly on the land' and that all structures, including the administration office are removable'.

This advocacy by the Council is even more on display when its claimed (in the Banyule planning scheme amendment c107bany Explanatory Report that the:

The proposed use is consistent with the purposes of the zone including: "to protect and conserve the natural environment and natural processes for their historic, scientific, landscape, habitat or cultural values" and "to provide facilities which assist in public education and interpretation of the natural environment with minimal degradation of the natural environment or natural processes".

It is further claimed that "a flora and fauna assessment and no net loss analysis (sic) leading to the development of a land management plan(sic) have been prepared to accompany the amendment". Where is that assessment? Again this is hardly an independent Environmental Impact Statement

The notification that Ecoline Pty Ltd, has been granted a lease from Parks Victoria to develop and operate a treetop-based adventure facility on the site is again pre-emptive in the extreme. Was there any public process immediately prior to this to enable any process of review or objection?

Finally it is noted that this proposal was in effect approved in the course of a public consultation carried out nearly a decade ago in 2012 to assess public sentiment on a plan including revegetation and new walking paths, an Impressionist Lab Art Gallery and Education Centre proposed by Banyule City Council, a tree-based adventure course proposed by Parks Victoria and Ecoline; and a stormwater wetland proposed by Melbourne Water.

It is surely significant and on the Council's own admission that while most of these ideas were strongly supported, only 50% of the 227 responses gathered in the course of the "consultation" supported the "Treetops fun and adventure park" idea.

5. The proposal signifies a process of privatization by stealth of a valuable natural public resource

Though the idea that a public space is a public good, whose value is not denominated in the profits be extracted by turning old Red River Gums and parkland into commodities for commercial exploitation may seem old fashioned, it is a principle still worth defending.

The parklands are a public good as defined by Paul Samuelson: they can be consumed by any number of people without being depleted, and the benefits cannot be confined to any individual. The enjoyment of public land involving the simplest of act such as walking, breathing, security, sitting on the ground, and enjoying the everchanging vista of grass, leaves, water, sunlight and sky are literally priceless.

Banyule Council would be better advised to demonstrate its leadership in a time of deep ecological crisis by adding to the public amenity that is already there by developing a well-funded attractive nature reserve that employs a number of people to develop and sustain this rare, historically significant, public amenity.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2020 4:46 PM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Planning Scheme Amendment C107 Submission from Protectors of Public Lands, Victoria

Attention Ms. Nicola Rooks- Strategic Planning, Banyule City Council

Re: Panning scheme amendment C107

Protectors of Public Lands Victoria (PPLV) is opposed to the Banyule Council Planning Scheme Amendment C107 to allow for the use of and development of land in Yarra Flats Ivanhoe East for the proposed Treetops adventure park as it would remove protection of this valuable area of public land as an area for passive, peaceful recreation, animal and bird habitat. PPLV considers it inappropriate to make an amendment to planning to allow a private enterprise to take over public land. The amendment would set a precedent for further incursions and for other public lands to be taken over by private enterprise.

The passing of this amendment would represent a failure on the part of Council to protect an area of great value to the community. The establishment of the intensive-use enterprise on this land following the amendment would then result in a failure on the part of Parks Victoria to preserve the area for nature.

The infrastructure described such as shipping containers for an office would result in a severe degradation to the peaceful treed area. The equipment for the aerial activity and the intensity of the activity represents a risk to the natural integrity of the high quality conservation area.

Relatively unspoiled nature with good tree cover is in scarce supply in Melbourne's suburbs. The vital need for it was highlighted during the recent lock-down in Melbourne. It is always of huge value for wildlife and biodiversity but during this period it also became vital for the use of Melbourne's population. Any area of nature within 5kms of home was treasured by the local population. Although Melbourne is now out of lock-down, the situation we were in for over 3 months this year could well arise again and the value of the land in question as unspoiled and uncluttered with infrastructure will again be obvious.

During normal times nature is an asset available to all and can be enjoyed for itself in the purest sense. City dwellers can enjoy peace and if the land is sufficiently removed from traffic noise, can experience nature and even enjoy the sounds of nature uncontaminated by urban sounds.

As population grows and private garden space is drastically reduced the amount of natural area in public hands must be retained. The pressure on this land for human use will increase as population increases but to impose a structured intense-usage activity on the area in question is irresponsible and short-sighted.

A natural area such as that under consideration is expressly valuable as wild life habitat and is increasingly rare. An intense human activity especially one that takes place aerially i.e. in the habitat range of birds effectively removes this habitat from the inhabitants. Netting as described is an obvious trap for wildlife, especially birds and bats. Inevitably there will be significant noise from humans taking part in an adventure experience, e.g. shouting, screaming. This would no doubt have an adverse effect on nocturnal animals, asleep during the day (e.g. owls, bats, possums) and on people trying to passively enjoy the park.

One has to question who loses and who benefits from this proposal. It is clear that animal life loses, the public loses, and only a private enterprise gains.

The role of Parks Victoria should be to preserve and manage natural areas and the plant and animal species within them so that these places can be enjoyed by present and future generations. Exploitation is not sustainable.

If the activity proposed – a tree based adventure park is desirable for those seeking it then it should be on private land. The public should not be deprived of the asset they presently have.

We hope that this Amendment is not be passed by the council.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

for

[Redacted signature]

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 December 2020 10:26 PM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Submission to C107 - Treetop adventure park proposal in Yarra Flats Park

Please accept my submission to the planning scheme amendment C107 proposal.
 I would like to make a submission to an independent planning panel.

I do not support the amendment for the below reasons:

- Traffic Issues in the area particular to Banksia / Jika St / Rosanna Rd
- Traffic report is 4 years old – VicRoads current detail on the traffic flow is higher.
- The vehicle movement is not indicative of traffic hazard as this area is incredibly slow moving at both peak hours.
- The area applying to the amendment is much greater than required.
- Many people already use this area for walking, biking, etc This will prioritise users from outside of Banyule as locals will potentially go to other areas due to traffic and competing .
- Banyule does not seem to be gaining anything in the amendment.
- Likely further amenities will be sought such as café, pop ups, gift shops etc
- Possibility of flooding on the site in a 5 year occurrence.
- Ground compaction around walking tracks will disturb natural activity.
- Potential for “dangerous” trees to be removed, however these are habitat for fauna and would not be identified as dangerous otherwise.
- The paths would need to be widened and works done to make them safer– works would not be required otherwise.
- Many bikes are used on the paths within this area. This would not be compatible with the suggested use.
- Changing how the drainage will occur has not been determined as to impact or result.
- It is not understood what the dispersive trench is, why needed, how will affect the area.
- Like other treetop adventure parks, bus groups from schools etc will require parking and this is not able to be accommodated currently, and will be problematic.

I am impacted for the following reasons:

- I live in Banyule and I use the area for existing activities including walking.
- I will not be able to participate in the suggested use.
- The suggested use is aimed mostly at children and young adults.
- Due to it's likely impact on traffic and parking, I will be affected adversely in moving through my neighbourhood.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 14 December 2020 12:17 PM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: AmendmentC107 Red Gum Forest
Attachments: Submission Amendment C107 10 12 2020 G RyanI take this position because.docx

Hi Nicola,

Here is the submission ,

Because I just copied the text on Thursday, without name etc, this doc unfortunately, will have today's date on it because I added contact details just now after I got it from autorecovery!

Thank you for taking my call. I hope this is okay as the issue is very important.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I take this position because

**Public park land should not be downgraded to accommodate private development. Public land is an asset not easily come by again and should be protected

** this part of the Yarra Flats is quite wild , is rehabilitating itself through upper tree and second storey growth (e.g. healthy wattles) even though the ground storey is in need of work - and other ways should be sought to remedy the latter

** Melbourne Water has plans for rewilding the forest and increasing water in the billabong area and this is not compatible with a playground use

** 2020 is a very different world from 2012 - when I understand this development was first proposed - and people all over the world are seeking nature's healing through peace, gentleness and quiet retreat

** A noisy human playground could instead be placed adjacent, for example, to a sports-field or rehabilitate in an exciting way an unused construction site

**Local conservation groups and people have planted in the area believing they were working for nature and the public land and the pleasure it gives people .. the amendment betrays this trust

**The treetop route seems to be through the thickest section of the red gums in what is indeed a quite small, but precious red gum remnant - and so will have the most adverse nature effects

**The commercialisation through the adventure park goes against the Parks purpose of the preservation of nature and culture

**The development takes away the wild nature of this place and this is valued by me and many others

**the amendment sets a serious precedent for other downgrading of public land

**the understandable emphasis on human safety in a red gum forest, by the developer throughout the document, poses multiple threats to the future of the forest: for example, a threat to the forest's integrity, with the felling of trees, removing of limbs, damage and possible removal of healthy wattles and second storey / food sources for wildlife, compaction of soils by large numbers of people on the ground watching their children in the treetops, damage to roots of trees making them more susceptible to falling, noise near hollow homes of wildlife, possible destruction of hollows now increasingly rare in the wild

** the amendment covers a very large area much larger than the proposed treetops playground, and it make me wonder why... what are, perhaps, future uses/ alienation of this land?

**** Red Gums are known for dropping limbs without warning - and many of these particular red gums seem to have grown tall and are often quite skinny ... it does not seem the right place for the proposed amendment and development

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**the amendment sets a serious precedent for other downgrading of public land

**the understandable emphasis on human safety in a red gum forest, by the developer throughout the document, poses multiple threats to the future of the forest: for example, a threat to the forest's integrity, with the felling of trees, removing of limbs, damage and possible removal of healthy wattles and second storey / food sources for wildlife, compaction of soils by large numbers of people on the ground watching their children in the treetops, damage to roots of trees making them more susceptible to falling, noise near hollow homes of wildlife, possible destruction of hollows now increasingly rare in the wild

** the amendment covers a very large area much larger than the proposed treetops playground, and it make me wonder why... what are, perhaps, future uses/ alienation of this public land?

**** Red Gums are known for dropping limbs without warning - and many of these particular red gums seem to have grown tall and are often quite skinny ... it does not seem to be the right place for the proposed development let alone the amendment

I therefore ask our Banyule Councillors to oppose this Amendment C107 in Yarra Flats Park.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

10 12 2020

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 14 December 2020 4:59 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Subject: Further Submission from Robyn Roberts on Tree Tops Proposal C
Attachments: Screen Shot 2020-12-14 at 1.46.47 pm.png

SEE Map of C107 amendment: Public parkland to Commercial zoning attached

Dear Nicola

I have just noticed that the area for rezoning is much larger than it needs to be - for the Ecoline Tree Tops proposal

What is happening on the other parts of the land that justifies this ? Could you let me know ?

In any case for now :

I object to such a large parcel of land being involved in the rezoning - for a small section to be used

This large parcel being rezoned creates a "Trojan Horse" for other proposals - NOT Currently on exhibition

Many thanks for your attention

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 December 2020 5:15 PM
To: Main Incoming Account
Subject: Submission to C107 Planning Amendment - attention Nicola Rooks from [REDACTED]
Attachments: C107 Submission R Roberts 9-12-202.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Nicola

My submission in entirety (so Far) is HERE

I have also completed it online

BUT while the system allowed me to complete writing the whole document attached here -IT MAY NOT ALL HAVE COME THROUGH TO YOU online

Please ensure that MY WHOLE SUBMISSION (attached here) is what is publicly available and to the Councillors or panel ETC

Submission to

PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C107

Treetop adventure park proposal in Yarra Flats Park

Form 

What is your position on the amendment? Required

- ☐ I support the amendment
- ☐ I may support the amendment if changes are made
- ☒ I do not support the amendment

Why do you take that position? Required

1. An Inadequate number if people know about the proposal - The park is used by more people in Melbourne than just local residents who have used it over the last 2 months - and seen the advertising sign.

It is important to many of those people who may only visit the site once in a few months or even a few years, - that the Yarra River surrounds retain and have restored - their "wild" values and many would consider a private proposal in such a Park- was really an impossibility !- as the River is part of Melbourne's "protected" "Green Wedge" - which most people believe is meant to be kept in as natural condition as possible - by Govt authorities. Those more in the know (ie who read newspapers and politicians announcements in them) think Melbourne Water is restoring Billabongs - NOT killing them !! and that Parks Victoria Protects cultural values and the environment - rather than degrades them for Profit motives !!

More thorough advertising across Melbourne should be undertaken before such a proposal is considered and questions should also be asked in Parliament of Politicians and Heads of Departments who seem to have been duplicitous in this matter .

2. The advertising in Councils Shaping Banyule website is misleading

3. Same advertising is inadequate for the average person to FIND all the documentation needed to be reviewed .

4. Many statements in the Proponents Materials are without foundation; - but may be presumed to be correct by people not familiar with Planning Processes and how regularly "Planning Experts" writing reports - "stretch" the truth ; "leave out" the truth; "mislead" and "obscure" the truth in such documents

5. Usually Council organizes public meetings to help uncover these pieces of incomplete / untrue/ misleading / obscuring "truths" Q and A from the public or another expert - often uncovers inadequacies in proponents reports that then become plain to everyone (present) and allows everyone to complain about the "evidence " NO SUCH MEETINGS WERE ORGANISED

6. In allowing for such meetings via Public Request - Council may have tried to impress with its impartiality - BUT in fact BY omitting a Q and A for such an important matter and advertising this widely throughout Melbourne for its availability over a significant timeline of a few weeks - Council has actually hidden this proposal in plain view (ON a small font sign with no highlighting and no clear Visual cues for the importance of the proposal - in over turning accepted practice by GOVT authorities (ie NO Colours Exclamations Pictures etc etc- as would be done with a product advert in the media)

This conventional sign makes anything on it look humdrum and of no real interest to the average member of the public.

7. The advertising of the proposal also does NOT mention the billabong and deep water hole - under the proposed tree branch walkways and the normal operation of these. It is left for the public to discover this for them selves by venturing into unmarked scrub amid snakes and other the hazards of an unmade path.

8. The pictures of the proposal on Council website are NOT of the ACTUAL SITE BUT instead a different site with different types of trees !! IN fact no example is given by the proponent these types of trees being used anywhere for a similar activity !! Also no examples of the same types of activities being undertaken over ephemeral billabongs and so close to a major river !! (Let alone within a GREEN WEDGE SITE) NO examples are given of a similar activity having access off a local road with less than 200 metres of in a high density shopping centre OR within 0 metres of a suburban middle ring suburb Residential Zone !

9. The strength of RED GUM WOOD is not an adequate representation of the ability of the existing trees to withstand the forces to be imposed by the proposal. The nature of the soil around the trees - its degree of saturation or dryness - is also relevant to the trees overall stability - and this will change over time - if the Billabong is truly allowed to survive as a natural system.

10. The degree of branch clearing is also not made clear in the proposal - In tall forests lower branches do not need to be removed for access and security - and all the proposal representations in the documentation - are in tall forests. The characteristic gnarly spreading shape and beauty of Red Gum Trees will be destroyed by this proposal. One tree is in fact almost horizontally leaning over the proposal site - what will be its fate ? - Will it be removed - after some time? - When it seems to be in the way of improving the ropes course or perhaps a "danger of falling" hazard to a busy public place ?

11. A I enjoy knowing that there is a wide linear park along the Yarra – That is in Melbourne’s most first and most important Green Wedge - where we are preserving the natural environment for all to enjoy passive recreation (Like walking and sitting reading and painting and picnicking - but also at the same time, for absorbing the atmosphere of a truly natural environment, that is associated with aboriginal ways of life and the local history of the Heidelberg School Artists Camps and the iconic rural landscapes that history amplifies and idolises. Ie I enjoy knowing we are a society that values these things above private interests - and peace and quiet of the environment (especially here in Banyule) being valued above - the razamataz of the fairground activity of a ropes course.

11. B I cant see how anyone can learn about the natural environment while suspended on a rope or on a bridge or ladder or concentrating on where each footstep will go ? They would learn though from a low key - low visitation - board walk - with access to the water within the billabong in the wet seasons - where there is:

- time for reflection
- room for small groups with leaders to talk
- Quiet times for the local animals and other minute wildlife -to recover between visits
- no screaming and calling from excited parents and tourists at an Adventure Park .
- where there could even be high bridges and group walks in the air perhaps ? and looking into tree hollows with mirrors on sticks ? - BUT the design would be different to what is proposed here - which is basically a face paint , carnival atmosphere - where skill is pitched against a course ; and "adventures " had ..
- I dearly remember a "Gould League " tour of our local "golf course" when I was a child in the country. We had guides and were split up into smaller groups so as not to alarm the wildlife . We saw into nests in tree hollows (with mirrors on tall sticks), were alarmed by a huge goanna rushing past us ! and spent time looking at tiny insects and native flowers that we otherwise would not have noticed

I have also been on many Parks Walks (all over Australia) with National Park staff - with my children when they were growing up - and as an adult - often these would be at night or dusk and being quiet was essential - to see the marvels of wildlife we saw - and often we waited for ages - for just the right moment to view what we came to see - THAT is how you learn about Nature -not rushing around an articial ropes course !! in face paint !!

11C. Council and Parks Victoria should be working towards a vision similar to this -

- We have a group studying microbats in the south of this same Park
- We have small groups going out at night with the Platypus Conservancy surveys
- We have children who would love to see how a billabong works (just like this one) - and to be able to walk though it when dry and be told what the locations of the various plants and muds mean or to come back when it is in flood to just sit and wonder ?
- Any learning through a hi9gh volume ropes course will be quite artificial and short lived and probably inaccurate. True biologists are not going to waste their time giving their expertise to such a scheme.
- And people are not going to pay for that quiet learning experience as much as they will pay for the carnival act
- Supply and Demand will ensure carnival values win out and the environment suffers
- Any lease will probably be short lived if restrictions to protect the environment are vigorously enforced - Then a clean up is required and the natural landscape costs money to repair

- Taking on this proposal is an error probably enforced by well meaning bean counters who do not understand the ecosystems and the and how it functions on very small margins of biotic and abiotic difference.

- WE CAN DO MUCH BETTER AT LOW COST

12. I enjoy seeing from a distance - the open vista of this space and re-imagining our aboriginal and artistic heritage. (Remember original red gum forests managed by aboriginal fire techniques - were like "open parkland" (as described by early explores and settlers (with swathes of lush green grasses and only scattered large red gum trees (see land preserved by the Hamer State Govt between Tullarmarine Airport and Woodlands Homestead for an idea of what this looks like (a Preserved Open Red Gum Floodplain) - still full of 100s of years old Trees due to covenants on the land

13. I feel secure and safe for our future as a society - that our political processes acknowledge and protect these very important values - for many generations to come. This sense of the security of Planning Consistency will be destroyed by this proposal EG The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are “primarily for the preservation of nature and culture”. - How can I trust such a society (and CEO Representing Society) - if natural values are damaged by these proposals and the relevant authority "passes the buck" for management to private interests and reliance on a public complaints process to maintain control ?

14. How will such matters be controlled ? If Parks Vic or Council need to continuously patrol and check up on compliance - any perceived financial benefit will be eroded and possibly lost altogether or even sent into reverse !!

15. I would be mentally distressed to feel we would, as a society, alienate some of this prized resource to commercial interests and allow the profit motive to constantly “be at the heels of “ or harry, the public execution of the myriad other interests for this environment – For Exampoe : By in this case - constantly being able to request - changes to, or reviews of :

- o alterations to billabong flows ,and billabong management
- o alterations to natural process of tree decay and snag build up in the river and billabongs
- o extra fencing
- o extra signage
- o Extra parking (and thus hard surface and heat absorbing area)
- o Extra toilets (and thus more built form that distracts from naturalistic view lines)
- o Extra security (for private property) that involves extra community costs
- o Extra telecommunications and water and energy services (to support the business)
- o Thus tying up valuable Council Officer and Sate Government officials time and
- o Tying up community time monitoring and advising council or other authorities of any breachers to codes or rules and conditions for this private proposal

- Why would we give ourselves this burden ?

In conclusion:

- The Yarra Flats Park is a unique, natural environment that is extensively used for passive recreation and is highly valued across Melbourne - as an iconic representation of Melbourne's Artistic Heritage and Natural Values
- Billabong's are similarly revered but the position of the naturally cycling billabong and the offshoot to the "Bunyip Hole " in this proposal has been obscured in Councils advertising of the proposal .
- Inadequate types of Public Consultation have been held to test the validity of the proponents representations in front of Public Meetings where the less informed are better able to judge the answers of the proponents relative to the questions asked and where the public can then follow up new matters of concern after the meeting
- The park should not be commercialised - This is an anathema to higher public conservation value for access to a natural environment for the large population of Melbourne.
- Ropes Courses and Adventure Activities (and with a large customer base) - can take place all over Melbourne's outskirts in many Tall forests - often on private property - They do not need to be in a location with so many conflicts of public aspiration . People DO NOT NEED this type of adventure activity close to home - but for mental health they do need to feel secure that natural spaces are available close by to be immersed in and have peaceful reflection in (without having to access busy car parks and traffic Jams)
- No matter how "lightly resting" the proposal may be, erecting an intrusive structure in this precious natural environment - will be detrimental to the park.
- I am concerned about the increased vehicle traffic in my area (where I shop and visit local attractions every day and every week - in particular the way traffic already screams in torrents along Manningham Road and Banksia Street and the volume of traffic at most parts of the day (going in all directions) that creates long impatient queues on roads that tempt tolerance and good driving and how that could translate to risk taking as well as to "rat running " in normally quiet residential streets
- I am concerned that Parking, Toilets, Fencing and all manner of hard edge development will increase over time as this proposal becomes established and we will lose our quiet " rural" heritage icon park .
- Banyule ratepayers would be better served by Council assisting Parks Victoria to preserve and enhance the "natural state" of Yarra Flats Park and its use for passive recreation rather than dealing with crowds and traffic jams and having to upgrade amenities
- Plants - including Trees and the Wildlife that populate the park, will be adversely impacted in many many ways , - but in particular, the lack of a naturally functioning billabong will be a great loss.

([REDACTED] [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]) 45years

Bachelor of Science in Botany and Genetics

Teacher of High School Biology

Organizer of week long Environment Camps for high school students

EX RBG Guide

EX National Trust Guide

Current private time researcher of Banyule's Built and Artistic Heritage and Planning Scheme
Submitter over 20 years in Banyule.

Mother of 4 Children very involved in the Victorian Junior Naturals Group which undertakes nature
excursions and camps with professional experts across Victoria.

How is your submission relevant to the exhibited amendment? Required

- I am a user of the Yarra Flats Park.
- I am a local resident.
- I believe that the amendment will adversely affect the value of my park use and my wellbeing.
- Parks Victoria is abrogating its responsibility to "protect and preserve" the Yarra Flats Park. The CEO of Parks Victoria has been quoted (November 2020) as saying parks are "primarily for the preservation of nature and culture". This is disturbing to my mental Health - and no doubt many others - Planning should be seen to be consistent - or society breaks down
- Banyule City Council should act in the interests of ratepayers and local residents by opposing any alienation of valuable local and Melbourne Wide access to peaceful natural and heritage sensitive parkland. These assets are more important than intense recreational activities which take over and are not complimentary to the natural and heritage values of the area - These can be (even artificially) accommodated elsewhere where they are not in conflict (and where the trees are more suitable)

Would you like to be heard in front of an independent panel? Required

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Contact Details

Name Required

included

Email - included:

[REDACTED]

Postal address Required

included

Phone Required- included

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☒ Yes, I acknowledge and accept the stated terms Required

Submit



[REDACTED]

Your Ref: C107

25 November 2020

Strategic Planning
Banyule City Council
PO Box 94
Greensborough, VIC 3088

Dear Sir/Madam

**BANYULE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C107
TREE TOPS ADVENTURE PARK
340-680 THE BOULEVARD, IVANHOE EAST**

We refer to your letter dated 27 October 2020 and advise that AusNet Transmission Group has no objections to the abovementioned Planning Scheme Amendment.

AusNet Transmission Group has a transmission line adjacent to and partly within the subject land. Any proposed development of the Tree Tops Adventure Park (including roads, earthworks or landscaping) within 60 metres of the Transmission line must be referred to AusNet Transmission Group for approval prior to the commencement of any works on site.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

07 December 2020

Nicola Rooks
Banyule City Council
PO Box 94
Greensborough VIC 3088

Dear Nicola,

Proposal: Planning scheme amendment - C107 Treetops Adventure Park Proposal in Yarra Flats

Site location: Yarra Flats Park, Ivanhoe East

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107, including the introduction of the Special Controls Overlay and Incorporated Document.

Overall, [REDACTED] is supportive of the proposal for an outdoor recreation facility (treetop adventure park) subject to the advice and recommendations below.

Site Context

This property is located adjacent to the Yarra River and is subject to inundation from the waterway. The applicable flood level for a storm event with a 1% chance of occurrence (AEP) in any given year is 18.22 metre to AHD. Flood depths on the property for a 1% AEP storm event will be significant (reaching up to 4-5 metres). The site will also be inundated in more frequent storm events and from Melbourne Water's stormwater billabong program as outlined below.

Proposal Background

In 2013 Parks Victoria, in consultation with [REDACTED] and key stakeholders, developed a concept plan for Yarra Flats Parkland that would see overall upgrades within the parkland, including upgrade works to Banksia St Billabongs and Annulus Billabong (boardwalks and bird hides). The concept plan also highlighted a high ropes course within the parkland. The original proposal for the course location was located further south and was smaller to the one currently proposed.

Comment on Current Proposal

While [REDACTED] maintains overall support for the proposal, it is noted that the ropes course may be affected by upcoming Melbourne Water works and stormwater management projects. Specifically, Melbourne Water is planning works in the area which involve the construction of a new wetland to treat stormwater from the Banksia Street Drain and to provide alternative water for Annulus Billabong and Banksia Street

Billabong. This will likely result in these billabongs being inundated more often and for longer periods of time. A trail watering event has recently been completed at Annulus Billabong using funding from DELWP as part of the Yarra Strategic Plan to investigate and initiate the larger project in the area. In addition, this year natural overbank flooding of the Banksia Street Billabong has resulted in the billabong being inundated for the majority of this year.

The proposed location of the ropes course is directly over the Banksia Street billabong, which means that the ground underneath the ropes course may be inundated for long periods of time. This may impact on the operation of the ropes course, for example through increased odour, lack of access at ground level and increased insect populations.

[REDACTED] has recommended the inclusion of an additional condition outlined below that requires the proponent to enter into an agreement with Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria so that the full management and operational implications of the above stormwater management projects are disclosed and accepted. In particular, Melbourne Water seeks to make the company running the ropes course aware that they are planning to set up the ropes course over a billabong and that this may impact the use of the land for a significant period of time.

Recommendations

[REDACTED] recommends the incorporated document be amended as follows:

- The addition of the following requirements under Condition 6.2:
 - A flood management plan must be submitted and approved as per Condition 6.31.
 - A cut and fill plan must be submitted and approved as per Condition 6.34.
 - An agreement must be entered into as per the condition below.
- The addition of new conditions as follows:
 - Prior to the commencement of works, an agreement must be entered into with Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria to provide for the following:
 - Disclosure of the likely future inundation to the ropes course area.
 - Agreement on the management regime of the ropes course/billabong area including the timing, frequency and notice period regarding Melbourne Water's release of flow into the billabongs.
 - Agreement on access arrangements for the billabong areas.
 - The shipping containers must only be used for the temporary storage of equipment necessary for the functioning of the ropes course, noting that they will be subject to frequent and significant inundation from the Yarra River.

For further enquiries in relation to this proposal please contact us at

[REDACTED] in the subject line or on [REDACTED].

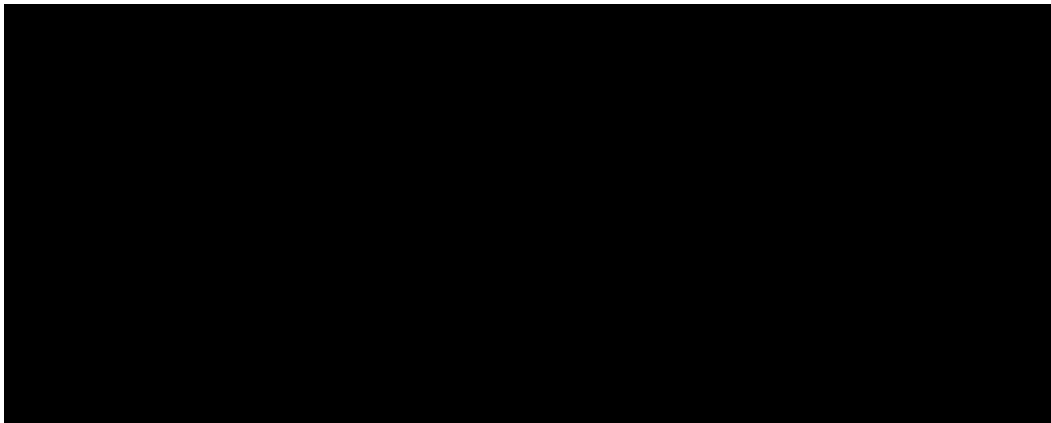
Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Nicola Rooks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 December 2020 2:36 PM
To: Nicola Rooks
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: OFFICIAL: RE: Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 - Treetops Adventure Park in Yarra Flats Park (SP4773736)



16 December 2020

Nicole Rooks
Yarra Council

[Nicola Rooks <Nicola.Rooks@banyule.vic.gov.au>](mailto:Nicola.Rooks@banyule.vic.gov.au)

Planning Scheme – Yarra Am C107

Address: 40-680 The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East (Yarra Flats Parkland)

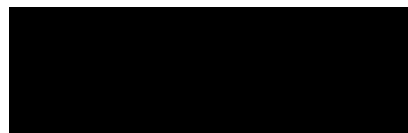
Dear Nicole

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29/10/2020 referring the above planning scheme amendment application to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (the department) for comment. This amendment has been discussed with our agency partner Parks Victoria who are supportive.

Recommendation

[REDACTED] has considered the amendment and has no objection.

If you have any further queries please contact the undersigned on [REDACTED].



OFFICIAL

From: Nicola Rooks <Nicola.Rooks@banyule.vic.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 29 October 2020 9:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 - Treetops Adventure Park in Yarra Flats Park

[REDACTED]

Please see attached a letter regarding Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107 - Treetops Adventure Park proposal in Yarra Flats Park, Ivanhoe East.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Rooks

Strategic Planner (Monday - Thursday)

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Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

7 January 2021

Dear Banyule City Council,

RE: PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C107 - Treetop adventure park proposal in Yarra Flats Park

I am writing to you on behalf of [REDACTED] to support in principle the development of the Yarra Flats Parkland into the Treetop adventure park. [REDACTED] in partnership with Victoria Police works extensively with young people in your LGA. The development of a treetop adventure park has the potential to develop partnerships which could be of benefit to young people who are at risk of or have entered the justice system. [REDACTED] is always interested in exploring these opportunities when they exist.

As you would be aware [REDACTED] runs activities and programs across Victoria with young people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage. Many Victorians have fond memories of attending a [REDACTED] but are unaware that [REDACTED] now delivers a range of programs ensuring police and youth connect in a positive and engaged environment while also benefiting the broader community.

There are 34 [REDACTED] branches operating across the State, with [REDACTED] staff, Victoria Police officers and other volunteers involved in the delivery of programs. [REDACTED] is our most recent initiative that aims to empower young people through new experiences. As a result of a highly successful pilot, this program recently received over \$2 million in funding from the Commonwealth Government.

[REDACTED] program was introduced into Victorian primary schools in 2019 to encourage positive relationships between police and young children, recognising that this can produce long term positive outcomes for community safety. This program is delivered in local schools with local Victoria Police members. There are also [REDACTED] boxing fitness sessions, skate events, the [REDACTED] motorcycle club, the B [REDACTED] that hosts schools and more recently activities with DHHS and, of course, the well-known [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and our Board of volunteers has a wealth of knowledge and experience in community engagement, policing, business and governance. [REDACTED] plays an important role in crime prevention. We are keen to work with Local Government and are happy to support this development in principle.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Faza Fauzi

Subject: FW: objection to Yarra Flats funpark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 10:00 PM
To: Councillor Inbox <councillor.inbox@banyule.vic.gov.au>
Subject: objection to Yarra Flats funpark

Dear Councillor,

I am a resident in [REDACTED]

I am writing to let you know that I object strongly to a part of the Yarra Flats, which is PUBLIC land, being developed for use by a PRIVATE business.

The Yarra Flats is home to many many many wildlife and is used by many many many people for nature walks. It is a unique area and should be kept for us, the people and for generations to come.

The 350-people-per-day coming and trampling and littering and disturbing the tranquility on this 4 ha of land will DESTROY forever the flora and fauna of this River Flat.

I am writing to ask you to 'Abandon Amendment C107'

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Faza Fauzi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 February 2021 6:20 PM
To: Faza Fauzi; Klover Apostola
Cc: [REDACTED] Anthony Calthorpe
Subject: FW: Proposed Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107

Hello Fazza,

Please see below for inclusion at Monday's meeting.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 February 2021 6:18 PM

Subject: RE: Proposed Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C107

Hi Nicola,

Thanks for your email.

We've had significant time pressure, so please accept our apologies for a delay in response.

The following submission from the Corporations' Water Unit is tabled for Banyule's consideration:

Established over 35 years ago, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (the Corporation) is the peak body for the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of a large estate which includes Banyule. The Corporation is a self-funded charity which provides culturally relevant employment for its members, and opportunities for engagement with Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people and culture.

The Corporation operates in a complex federal, state and local government legislative and policy ecosystem including planning and environmental statutes. The Australian Government has also ratified UN declarations that have a bearing on how the State and its agents should work with First Peoples. Two significant Victorian legislative frameworks that the Corporation operates within include the Victorian *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (2006)* (the Corporation was appointed as a Registered Aboriginal Party in 2008 over a portion of Wurundjeri Woi wurrung Country), and the Yarra River Protection Act (*Wilip gin Birrarung murrn*) (2017) which identifies and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the Birrarung. This Act identifies various Responsible Public Entities (RPE's) with governance responsibilities to ensure the management of the Birrarung and its declared lands as one living, integrated entity. Both Banyule and Parks Victoria are RPE's and have worked on the Yarra Collaboration Committee with Wurundjeri Woi wurrung as an equal partner in the development of the Yarra Strategic Plan.

In June 2018, The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) disbursed funding to the Wurundjeri Woi- wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (Water Unit) to enable the Corporation to manage and deliver a pilot Cultural Values Study (CVS). During the course of December 2018 and April 2020, the CVS documented the cultural significance of Bulleen Banyule Flats (Heidelberg and Bulleen) stretch of the *Birrarung* (Yarra River) within the traditional extent of Wurundjeri willam Country. By investigating historical and present-day land use and occupancy in conjunction with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung knowledge recording, the Bulleen-Banyule Flats was identified as a cultural landscape. The cultural landscape is significant for its role in the social life of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Ancestors, their historical narrative following colonisation and for the spiritual connection the present-day

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people have to this place. It was the first place that Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Ancestors requested as a reserve from the Port Phillip Aboriginal Protectorate in 1840 and this cultural landscape is associated with multiple creation stories. Consequently, in 2020, an application for registration was lodged with the Aboriginal Heritage Registrar as an Aboriginal Cultural Place due to the accumulative tangible and intangible heritage values. The study specifically found that despite land disturbance and ground disturbance, this has not resulted in the removal of the heritage values. We therefore reject the assertion expressed in the Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Report which states:

“In this case, significant ground disturbance must be established for the whole activity area as it lies entirely within an area of cultural heritage sensitivity. It is the opinion of the consultants that significant ground disturbance is present across the entire activity area and has been caused by excavation and landfill activities associated with land use history that has occurred within the activity area”.

The Water Unit does not believe that the reliance on a Heritage Advisor was acceptable in the context of the legislative framework identified above. Such an approach will not be acceptable for any future planning amendments occurring within or impacting upon the declared river lands.

The recommendations of the Water Unit are as follows:

- **Appropriate development and zoning of lands within the Bulleen Banyule precinct that secures the Birrarung’s footprint for the benefit of the river.** This would mean project relocation out of the declared river lands and set back from cultural places.
- That Banyule, Parks Victoria and Ecoline demonstrate via a publicly available document how the proposed project delivers on “net gain” as per the Act.
- That Banyule, Parks Victoria and Ecoline demonstrate via publicly available document how the proposal aligns with all of the principles of the Act
- That Banyule, Parks Victoria and Ecoline demonstrate via written submission to the Water Unit how the proposed project delivers on the aspirations articulated *Nhanbu narrun ba ngargunin twarn Birrarung* (the Corporation’s policy response to the Act).
- That Banyule and Parks Victoria demonstrate via a written submission to the Water Unit what changes in practice will be implemented (and when) to ensure similar missteps will not reoccur.

Kind regards

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