

Hon. Justin Madden, MLC  
Minister for Planning  
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12/9/2008

Dear Mr Madden,

The Yarra Park Association has been formed with the goal of removing all car parking from Yarra Park (around the MCG), see <http://www.yarrapark.org>

We note that the current Yarra Park Parking Agreement, signed on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2005 by the then Minister for Planning, provides that "...the Minister... agrees to take action... to (i) achieve further transport improvements to service the needs of the patrons of the Venues;..."

We were wondering if you were aware of any improvements to transport since October 2005 that would "service the needs of the patrons..."?

Also in relation to car parking on Yarra Park, we note that the Melbourne has succeeded in reversing the decline in population density in the inner suburbs, and that strategy Melbourne 2030 aims to continue this trend. With increasing population the inner area's parks become more and more valuable as recreation resources for residents. In the light of this and in support of Melbourne 2030, will the Government return Yarra Park to parkland by removing car parking at the end of the current Parking Agreement in 2010?

Regards,  
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