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Melbourne 2030 Audit General Submissions Template

This **General Submissions Template** has been prepared to guide individuals and community organisations in making submissions. The independent Audit Expert Group has requested submissions be succinct and no more than 6-8 A4 pages long.

Use of the **General Submissions Template** will help to ensure that your submission is analysed quickly and considered in a timely fashion by the Audit Expert Group.

The Melbourne 2030 audit will focus on fine-tuning *Melbourne 2030* and taking stock of the *Melbourne 2030* implementation. Specifically the audit is addressing three key questions

- **Is the new development on the ground reflecting the policy intent of *Melbourne 2030*?**
- **Have the initial implementation plans been completed and have they been effective?**
- **What initiatives need to be completed over the next five years to continue to effectively implement the plan?**

In preparing your submission please keep in mind the three key Audit questions when addressing the specific topic areas in this Template. Submissions should also be within the Terms of Reference established by the Minister for Planning for the Audit Expert Group.

The closing date for submissions is 5:00pm, Monday 24 September 2007. Submissions received after this time may not be considered.

Once you have completed your submission please submit via email:

Audit.submissions@dse.vic.gov.au

OR

Post a hard copy to:

Metropolitan Planning Audit

Department of Planning and Community Development

PO Box 500

East Melbourne 3002

Note: If you wish to provide more detailed comments and information relating to specific *Melbourne 2030* implementation and Directions, please use the **Submissions Online Tool** via www.melbourne2030.vic.gov.au

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Please provide a summary of the key issues and themes raised in your submission.

The natural, built, social cultural and economic environments must support the health and well-being of the population, rather than acting as barriers to it.

A general statutory duty of care and/or guidelines about the basic necessities of life (air, water, food for nourishment) and general safety and equity should support the various planning, health and policing provisions.

Outline what has worked well in relation to implementation of *Melbourne 2030*?

The theoretical concepts and outlines seem to be generally appropriate for the built environment in a large metropolis.

What do you consider to be the biggest challenges in implementing *Melbourne 2030*?

The opportunity to introduce the positive promotion of population health and well-being in the Victorian population, rather than ignoring it.

It can ensure that adequate attention is given by governments to the infrastructure factors supporting the basic necessities of life (air, water, food for nourishment) and general safety, equity, freedom of speech, and freedom from discrimination in both the natural and built environments.

Inclusion of the need to consider population health and well-being is vitally important. If included in the Melbourne 2030 such a framework could promote and support effective collaboration and partnerships across whole of government.

Outline which aspects of *Melbourne 2030* implementation you consider to be vital for Government and/or Councils to focus on in the next five years.

Population health and well-being outcomes can be achieved through development of inter-sectoral policy and strategic planning and accountability, with the following principles:

- 1) Provision of supportive natural, built, social, cultural and economic environments.
- 2) Assistance in reducing the infrastructure barriers to population health and wellbeing for all, and particularly addressing those impeding health improvements in disadvantaged communities. These barriers include lack of local food production and food access and inadequate public transport).
- 3) Assistance in reducing the high social and economic costs related to the burden of disease, illness, injury, disability and premature death.
- 4) Provision for adequate monitoring and surveillance and information to the public about the infrastructure and amenity in place to support their health and well-being. This could ultimately be linked to state-wide, regional and local government surveys in relation to the non-communicable diseases, as well as communicable diseases.

Are there any issues particular to your local area relevant the Audit of *Melbourne 2030* that you wish to highlight?

As above

Is there anything else you would like to add in relation to implementation of *Melbourne 2030*?

It is important that the future Melbourne 2030 makes provision for integrating other key policies such as Victorian Local Government and Environments for Health and Wellbeing (natural, built, economic, and social-cultural), Meeting our Transport Challenges, and the Victorian Housing Strategy.

One of the ways in which this could be done is to adopt the Victorian Environments for Health framework for Municipal Public Health Planning as guidelines for integrated planning which is supportive of community health and well-being.

The Directions and Objectives of Melbourne 2030 must be able to be supportive of sustainable health and well-being in all local areas in a way that is responsive and responsible, as well as managing land usage and growth.