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Subject: VEAC Investigation into Crown land

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council

I write to record our dissatisfaction with the current use of Yarra Park as a carpark rather than permitting it to be the pleasant and welcoming public space which it should be and indeed was intended to be.

It is currently suffering from this alien use which is completely inconsistent

with its design and structure. Even a superficial examination will detect that this use is destroying its role as a park and threatening its trees and ambience.

Excessive car use has denuded much of the grassed areas and the annual "restoration" program is quickly rendered ineffective by almost constant car use to support the many activities of the precinct. Its state of health has deteriorated progressively since the no cars period of the Commonwealth Games.

Please ensure that the current abuse of this public space is discontinued, and not just reduced, as quickly as possible. There are available alternatives

for car parking. They should be in specifically designed spaces and not be in

parks where they are completely incompatible to the environment and the activities of other legitimate users.

Any need for additional car parking in the precinct could be provided by use

of the airspace above the railway lines rather than permitting the continued

alienation and destruction of Yarra Park with the consequent loss of its amenity.

Yours sincerely

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