

Councillor Question Time

Question from Cr Pearl

Regarding the power substation that's proposed to go into the corner of Albert Road and Kings Way. Council sent a letter opposing the installation of the substation based on what happened at St Kilda Junction. Can officers provide an update on where that proposal is tracking?

Response

Information provided by the relevant area of the Department of Transport in response to the question:

The Department of Transport has identified two locations within this corner of Albert Road and Kings Way. One is in the Albert Road slip-lane and the other setback from Albert Road in the Albert Park Reserve. These locations are technically feasible and have been presented to all key stakeholders. Given other considerations and constraints outside the Department's remit, the DoT project team are currently awaiting a Ministerial level direction on the substation location in order to commence the design process.

Since the completion of the St Kilda Junction substation, PTV has been incorporated into the broader DoT. DoT's approach to the design of substations is to incorporate broader placemaking considerations and engage with the local community. To this end, DoT can provide a briefing to Councillors on the design approach of the Domain Substation once a location has been agreed by Ministers (timing TBC in consultation with Council officers).

All new substations to be delivered by DoT will be architectural, bespoke designs with the aim of capturing the local character of their respective locations.

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