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19-001	Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Assoc. (BCNA), Port Melbourne	BCNA requests Council's ongoing commitment to work with the owner of 1-7 Waterfront Place to erect a fence and to ensure it's kept free of graffiti and billposters.
		BCNA recommend Council work with the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and install improved signage to alert beach users to poor water quality and the unsafe pond at the mouth of the drain.
		BCNA recommends Council conduct a traffic management survey, plan and resultant action to address east/west traffic congestion in Beacon Cove and the illegal use of Princes Street by trucks.
		BCNA recommends that Council continue to devote increased resources to graffiti removal and prevention,
		BCNA requests the installation of a street level public toilet at Waterfront Place as the current facilities are inadequate.
		BCNA requests Council undertake a feasibility study into providing improved community bus services between Port Melbourne and St Kilda.
		BCNA requests Council undertake a feasibility study and cost benefit analysis of purchasing software to enable shadow diagrams to assist with planning applications.
19-002	Friends of Sol Green, South Melbourne	Friends of Sol Green request short term ameliorative works be undertaken at the Sol Green Reserve and Council commitment to planning, design and project management for further significant works (estimated at \$350,000) as well commitment to undertake works during current Council term.
19-003	Melbourne Fringe	Request \$40,000 spread across the 2018 and 2019 Festivals across three programs: 1. Artist Support - 20 free event registrations for Port Phillip artists. 2. Partnerships and Cultural Tourism - marketing campaign promoting Port Phillip Fringe events rolled out across Melbourne. 3. New Art Commission - new, family friendly artwork specific to Port Phillip
19-004	Individual, Port Melbourne	Request to enlarge of the skate park to allow a section for pre-teenage users and installation of bins on site.
19-005	Individual, Port Melbourne	Request funding for the design and implementation to upgrade the TT Buckingham Reserve including: regular irrigation over dry months; natural (timber) play-scape, climbing fort, log steppers, flying fox; regulation basketball half court with the ring and back board oriented for the least sun impact; path and crossover from existing path to access
19-006	Albert Park Bowls Club	Albert Park Bowls Club request 50% funding (\$100,000) for replacement of the bowling green which is suffering from UV degradation and vandalism and is expected to become unplayable over the next two years. Also request two-thirds funding (\$300,000) for club house renovation to service needs of the growing population, particular those aged over
19-007	Individual, Port Melbourne	Submitter requests Council create an all ages meeting place where young people mix with grown-ups in order to participate, contribute, learn and grow, where people share and develop passionate interests, social commitments, sports, entertainment, culture and innovative educational programs.
19-008	Individual, Elwood	Submitter states that increasing population density from apartment construction is causing traffic chaos.
		Submitter expresses concerns that their residential house renovation required a percentage of open space to be maintained while building developments are permitted to build boundary to boundary.
		Submitter advises flooding issues at corner Barkly and Meredith streets have been present for twenty years but not addressed.
		Submitter requests improved enforcement of dogs off leash after 5pm at Elwood Primary School.
		Submitter is concerned Council is over-valuing properties to increase revenue to mitigate impacts of rate capping and notes the wage budget is increasing by 9.2% next financial year.
		Submitter is concerned there are insufficient child care places.
19-009	Individual, Port Melbourne	Submitter advises "Valuing and celebrating community diversity" is not the role of local government but is in fact wasteful and counter productive.
		Submitter advises this the second Council Plan direction ' We are connected and it's easy to move around' is 'hot air' unless you improve things for motorists. States that directions 3 & 5 are not the role of local government.
		Submitter advises that direction 3 'We have smart solutions for a sustainable future' is not the role of local government.
		Submitter advises that direction 5 'We thrive by harnessing creativity' is not the role of local government.
19-010	Individual, Port Melbourne	Submitter comments that it is great that there is some focus being put onto the queuing lane. Suggests an "Off Site" check-in for vehicles at a quiet location (e.g. large bitumen area at Webb Dock or Ingles St) then trickle feed the cars
		Submitter suggests Council grant or co-investment measures similar to City of Melbourne to support new sustainable inventions/methodology to encourage investment in the City of Port Phillip.
		Submitter commends Council and supports the Sustainable Environment Strategy.

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		Submitter suggests harnessing creativity to develop "boring" or "bland" areas of the city. E.g. the section of Bay street towards the water has solid asphalt paths with no greenery on the paths at all. This is an opportunity to create a competition to "green up" the area and make it more livable.
		Submitter requests Council consider what 'free' opportunities can be opened up to develop public spaces. For example, a competition at a local university for the civil engineering students, using public spaces for arts projects etc.
		Submitter suggests residents may respond well to crowd funding for local amenities they would like to see done (eg. new playground, etc.).
		Submitter supports the Creative & Prosperous City Strategy.
19-011	Individual, Middle Park	Submitter requests more street trees as they encourage activity, cool the city, preserve and encourage wildlife.
		Submitter requests more rain gardens and a raised footpath along Beaconsfield Parade on all cross over roads to help clean water before it goes into the bay and encourage pedestrians to use the north side of the parade more.
		Submitter suggests that cruise ships should be docking in the docklands area instead of Port Melbourne. This would relieve the current traffic congestion on Beaconsfield Parade resulting from the cruise ships.
		Submitter strongly supports the Sustainable Environment Strategy.
		Submitter requests Council keep development height limits to 4-6 stories.
		Submitter suggests Gasworks Arts Park should only be used for low impact events (e.g. Farmers market, Art shows and an art school) as opposed to donut food parties and rides on the back of trucks which damage the park.
		Submitter supports the Creative & Prosperous City Strategy.
		Submitter requests a general increase in funding for art.
		Submitter requests a general increase in funding for parks.
19-012	Friends of Elster Creek, Earthcare St Kilda	Friends of Elster Creek request the reinstatement of Council's commitment to complete a Ecological Biodiversity Study.
		Friends of Elster Creek suggest that the Sustainable Environment Strategy : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increases tree canopy cover by the same percentage as population increase - Acknowledges areas of biodiversity from a habitat perspective e.g. St Kilda Penguin colony; Elwood Canal and Elster Creek - Favours locally indigenous trees with habitat value in Council's tree selection; formulate and fund a local biodiversity action plan - Encourages, formalises and funds the use of artificial habitats - Develops a vision for Elwood Canal and Elster Creek as a biodiversity hotspot - Renews the Foreshore and Hinterland Vegetation Management Plan - Investigate ways to minimise the use of white lights along key habitat corridors such as Elwood Canal.
19-013	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter requests Council initiate timed parking (restricted to 4 hours) between 8am and 8pm in all non-resident permit parking bays in Acland Street North as well as surrounding streets. Council should also initiate a plan to reduce non-compliance of one way streets around Acland Street by changing the configuration of these streets so that cars
19-014	Middle Park History Group (MPHG)	Middle Park History Group requests funding be allocated to restore and maintain the O'Donnell fountain to full functionality.
19-015	Alliance for Gambling Reform	The Alliance for Gambling Reform requests \$25,000 to partially fund THE POKIES ARE PLAYING YOU campaign. This campaign will advocate for state and federal legislative reforms designed to reduce gambling harm and disadvantage.
Informal submission	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter suggests the Council Plan lacks direction on preserving and enhancing the natural diversity of the city. They request Council document what native flora and fauna the city has and have a long-term plan to protect and enhance it
Informal submission	Ulysses Motorcycle Club	Ulysses Motorcycle Club notes the absence of a reference to Powered Two Wheelers (PTW) - e.g. motorcycles, scooters - in the Council Plan and suggests their inclusion due to their positive contribution in traffic and parking
Informal submission	Individual, Port Melbourne	Submitter requests Council officer(s) responsible for any lies to the public about recycling paper.
19-016	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter notes that Council childcare service charges have risen above CPI the last two years. They request Council is more conservative with childcare expenses in order to keep rises in line with CPI increases. Submitter also questions the nutritional quality of food provided in Council's childcare services.
Informal submission	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter states that the document is not easy to understand and contains cross-references to documents they cannot view. However, the submitter is pleased and grateful for the progress Council has made.
		Submitter requests clarification regarding whether landscaping of Wellington Street has been requested by residents or is it a Council initiative.
		Submitter is not in favour of using Council funds on the solutions proposed in Strategic Direction 3 - We have smart solutions for a sustainable future.
		Submitter states that the document fails to provide detail about updates to budget figures for key projects and therefore questions how the public can comment on items in Direction 4 .
		Submitter requests Council complete the upgrade to Linden Gallery and a Live Music Action Plan. Other suggestions in this Strategic Direction they describe as 'gobbledygook' and intangible.

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19-017	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter comments that the documents provided are difficult to understand. Submitter asks what assurances Council can give that the technology projects will not run over time and budget. They also ask what visibility Council is offering. Submitter requests a review of the car park waiting area and access for the Spirit of Tasmania. They assert that current arrangements favour commercial users which forces those with caravans and similar to park in local streets. Submitter is supportive of measures such as a sustainability hub. They request more easily accessible information and support about installing solar panels on apartment blocks for the benefit of residents/owners.
		Submitter supports the Sustainable Environment Strategy.
		Submitter requests Council prioritise retailers in commercial zones in consultation activities when contemplating changes to these areas. Submitter is critical of changes to Fitzroy Street and Acland Street believing the changes have hindered local and vehicle access and driven away the 'cultural drivers' of the area. They acknowledge the appearance of the precincts is good but question why people would visit areas that are difficult to access and have excessive parking costs.
19-018	Individual, South Melbourne	Submitter requests funding for fence replacement and renovated entrance at Lilian Cannam Kindergarten.
19-019	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Port Phillip EcoCentre requests Council maintain its original commitment to the redevelopment of the EcoCentre and bring forward its revised timeline of funding with \$200,000 to be allocated in the 2018/19 budget, \$2.4 million in 2019/20 and \$600,000 in 2020/21. Submitter acknowledges Council's contribution is subject to matched funding from
19-020	Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group (Port Phillip BUG)	Port Phillip BUG states that Council's target for proportion of people using active transport is too conservative. They recommend Council amend the target for this measure to the following: 2018/19 - 65%; 2020/21 - 68%; 2027 - 75%.
		Port Phillip BUG recommends Council collaborates with the Victorian Government to upgrade the 24 routes listed in Council's Bicycle Strategy to fully protected paths at a rate of one route per year.
		Port Phillip BUG recommends Council upgrade the Sandridge Trail by creating a crossing on Bridge Street, replacing the railing chicanes at the entrance to the tram depot, and creating separated paths for people walking and cycling. Port Phillip BUG welcomes the increased financial commitment to walking and cycling initiatives in the budget but question if it is adequate to fully deliver the proposed Bicycle Plan. Recommend increasing funding for the Bicycle Plan implementation from \$6.25 million to \$9 million over the next four years.
19-021	Individual, St Kilda East	Port Phillip BUG makes use of EcoCentre's facilities and support and thus supports the redevelopment of the centre. They request the \$200,000 allocated in 2017/18 budget but not spent be carried over to the 2018/19 budget. Submitter suggests the increases in fees for Council childcare services are inconsiderate considering the impending changes to Federal Government funding arrangements in this area. They are simultaneously receiving a decrease in support from other levels of government and an increase in fees from Council without any obvious improvements to the service.
		Submitter suggests that despite increases in rates, Council is not providing any improved services.
19-022	Bring Back Brookes Jetty	Bring Back Brookes Jetty requests an additional \$9,000 from Council to enable the engaged engineering firm to complete a job plan for the jetty containing three detailed concepts. This combined with the current budget allocation would cover the total quotes and be more cost effective than doing works in stages.
Informal submission	Individual, St Kilda	Submitter is dismayed at the increases in childcare fees at North St Kilda Childcare Centre. While they are now paying fees comparable to the private sector they are not receiving private sector services e.g. new facilities, full service internet interaction. They suggest Council should conduct benchmarking with comparable local government services in this area.
19-023	Linden New Art	Linden New Art requests \$46,000 per annum in 2018/19 and 2019/20 to fund increases in staffing levels. The amount would be added to the existing funding deed 2018-2020 between Council and Linden New Art. Funds would enable the engagement of the following part-time staff: Curator; Development Manager; Events Officer.
19-024	Theatre Works	Theatre Works requests an increase in Council funding to \$60,000 per annum to contribute to: staffing and operations; artistic programming; community engagement activities; audience and community development.
19-025	Power House Rugby Union Football Club	Power House RUFU based in Albert Park Reserve requests \$474,000 (\$1 million has been raised from other sources) to fund the construction of a pavilion to provide change rooms and toilets for its female players and spectators.
19-026	Midsumma Festival	Midsumma requests an additional \$25,000 per annum of funding to be set aside in their funding deed to manage the increased risk and traffic management costs resulting from amended Victoria Police requirements.
19-027	Gasworks Arts Park	Gasworks Arts Park request the commencement of their instalment payments towards a replacement seating unit for Gasworks Theatre, as per their funding deed with Council, be modified from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
19-028	Earthcare St Kilda	Earthcare St Kilda request \$10,000 funding for the design and delivery of a penguin monitoring smart phone app. The app will enable the group to: improve the visitor experience of the penguin colony through better real time communications; increase the efficiency of collection, accuracy and dissemination of data on the penguin colony; raise funds online to increase the financial stability of the management of the colony.
19-029	Cultural Development Fund Committee	The members of the Cultural Development Fund Committee request an increase in the fund of \$50,000 per annum fund has barely increased in the last decade and there is strong evidence of an unmet need for extra funds.

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19-030	Representing South Melbourne, Middle Park, Port Melbourne Toy Libraries	Submitter is supportive of Council's commitment of \$25,000 for Toy Libraries. Submitter further proposes in relation to South Melbourne, Port Melbourne and Middle Park Toy Libraries that Council employ a part-time Toy Library administrator that is co-funded by membership fees and support the combining Port Melbourne Toy Library into the
19-031	Individual	Submitter expresses their appreciation and gratitude for the program they participated in, run by the group "Caring Mums".
19-032	Resident Action St Kilda (R.A.S.K.)	R.A.S.K. request Council overhaul its outdoor events program for the St Kilda foreshore. In addition, prior to the outdoor events season of 2018/9, they request Council reviews its maximum allowable EPA sound levels and sets lower maximum volumes suitable for a densely populated residential area. These requests are based on concerns
19-033	National Council of Jewish Women Victoria Social Support Trust (NCJWA)	NCJWA supports the inclusion of funding in the draft budget for its Caring Mums program. The \$25,000 per annum allocated will provide for: Training and supervision (\$22,000); raising awareness of the program across the sector and the community (\$1000); and piloting of the Bringing Baby Home workshops (\$2000).
19-034	Port Melbourne Yacht Club	Port Melbourne Yacht Club request \$300,000 to match funds as part of a \$1.2 million fund to tender for refurbishment of the function deck and dinghy storage shed and carry out environmental, coastal marine and engineering studies for a rock and hardstand cat storage deck.
19-035	St Kilda Live Music Community	St Kilda Live Music Community submits the application fee for Live'N'Local Festival be removed. In addition, the group requests that Council pay \$100 per performer for acts performing at the Festival.
19-036	Community Alliance of Port Phillip (CAPP)	CAPP advise that the summary of amendments document would have been much more helpful if it detailed where the draft amendments had budget implications, both savings and additional expenditure, a table showing the original Council Plan predictions for expenditure alongside the now proposed expenditure, and included all items of new expenditure would have been helpful. Where large amounts of new expenditure are proposed, it would have been CAPP seeks reassurance that Council's \$500,000 annual allocation to social and community housing will continue. In addition, CAPP recommends Council allocate \$1.5M that has accumulated in its housing reserve to the Port Phillip Housing Trust (PPHT) until a new trust model is developed. CAPP further requests that all accumulated interest on CAPP is concerned about the cost of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to develop housing on Council land. It identifies risks in involving a "for profit" organisation in the delivery of this service. The group believes this is a CAPP seeks information about Council's position on, and actions planned in support of, Indigenous Gathering Places in the municipality. CAPP notes reference to the City of Port Phillip Housing Strategy 2007-2017 (on page 207) but sees no mention that the Strategy is to be updated, although it is now out of date. CAPP seeks clarification about the relationship between the Open Space Strategy (on page 210) and the Public Spaces Strategy (on page 213). CAPP seeks a detailed outline of this expenditure related to the customer transformation and where savings have been found to fund it. In addition, the group seeks clarification of the 'estimated payback period' and how it was determined. Finally, the group seeks assurances that frontline customer service staff will not lose their employment as a result of the 'productivity and efficiency benefits' of the strategy.
19-037	Youth Advisory Committee	YAC requests \$6,500 to fund a youth voting enrolment project designed to engage young people in the democratic process and encourage youth electoral enrolment.
19-038	Individual	Submitter objects to the childcare fee increase and requests Council maintain fees at \$125/day. Submitter argues there are childcare fees that are much lower than this in other councils and the City of Port Phillip has sufficient income from rates, which will be further fuelled by future property developments, to allow Council to keep childcare fees in line with those in other councils. Submitter also notes that within the Port Phillip area there are other childcare services whose fees are lower than the Council run services yet they provide more activities for the children. The submitter would have chosen to use these non-Council services had places been available. The submitter hopes Council can find efficiencies in other areas to remove the need for a childcare fee increase.
19-039	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Port Phillip EcoCentre requests Council combine their annual service agreements and education contracts, currently totalling \$191K per annum. The Centre further requests an increase in this funding to \$377K per annum (an increase of \$186K) to cover the full costs involved in delivering the services expected of it, as per its funding agreement and
19-040	Individual, Middle Park	Submitter is doubtful of the value of producing a new Library Action Plan. Submitter requests clarification on the community engagement process that will be undertaken to ensure community input into the setting of Terms of Submitter requests more detail on the estimated cost of the St Kilda Library re-development, the number of staff to be located at the library. Submitter requests an explanation of why Council's forecast staffing levels have changed in the last four years and why aren't they being accommodated in existing Council owned buildings in the growth area of Submitter would like to know what has been the revenue impact of the removal of the '10 minute free parking' in metered areas of South Melbourne, in terms of parking fees collected and parking fines? Submitter also requests a