

MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS' GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

December 20, 2017

Mr Tom Robertson,
Animal Management
City of Melbourne
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Melbourne 3000

Dear Tom,

Dog Excrement

South Yarra, with its beautiful parks and gardens, continues to have a problem caused by dogs, or more particularly dog owners, who fail to pick up their dogs excrement.

Whether because of ignorance, stupidity or selfishness it is astonishing how many dog owners take absolutely no responsibility for what their dog does.

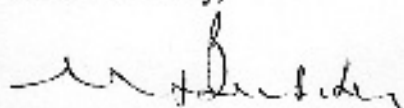
In our view informing people of their legal obligations backed up with a meaningful penalty for breach is the best and perhaps the only way to try and reduce this problem that causes such a mess to South Yarra.

Accordingly we request Council to take the following action.

1. Increase the penalty for a breach of Clause 3 B.5 (carrying a plastic bag) and 3 B.6 (failing to clean up) from \$250.00 to \$500.00 as was recently done by the City of Casey.
2. In a simple notice inform people of their obligation and the penalty for breach and put it in the letterbox of all residents of South Yarra, or residents of that part of South Yarra that fall within the City of Melbourne, including all of those who reside in flats.
3. Put a prominent notice in Melbourne News as part of a campaign to rid Melbourne of this offensive and anti-social behaviour.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and inform us of the action to be taken.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Butcher
President
Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Inc