



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

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### **BULLETIN: PUBLIC CONSULTATION about BETTER APARTMENTS IN NEIGHBOURHOODS SUBMISSIONS BY 27 SEPTEMBER:**

**MSYRG asks you to make an Individual Submissions to help protect South Yarra. MSYRG will also make a submission but many South Yarra voices are needed**

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/building-better-apartments-in-neighbourhoods>

The Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) invites all Victorians to provide feedback on their *Better Apartments in Neighbourhoods Discussion Paper*. The paper proposes changes to the Better Apartments Design Standards, focused on improving the relationship between new apartment developments and the amenity of existing neighbourhoods and on changes to the planning rules for apartment developments

There are two ways to make a submission:

**online**, via the online submission form Click [here](#) to have your say

**by post**, to Mr Tim Westcott, Project Manager, Better Apartments, Planning Implementation, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, PO Box 500, East Melbourne VIC 3002.

**Submissions close on Friday 27 September 2019 at 5.00pm.**

#### **Overview from the DELWP website**

The Victorian government has announced changes to the planning rules for apartment developments, with a focus on the relationship between new apartment developments and the amenity of existing neighbourhoods.

These changes build on the *Better Apartments Design Standards* in the Victoria Planning Provisions, which were introduced by the government in 2017 to improve the internal design of new apartments and make them more liveable and sustainable.

In order to deliver on this commitment, a discussion paper has been prepared which proposes some potential changes to the *Better Apartments Design Standards* and the *Apartment Design Guidelines for Victoria*.

The discussion paper explores five policy aims for new apartment developments, including the need for:

**Green space** in common areas of buildings, which preferably include trees to provide shade and landscaping that softens the street.

**High quality building facades** made from robust, durable and attractive materials that complement surrounding buildings and provide visual interest.

**Protection from wind impacts** on surrounding streets and open space, so the spaces are comfortable to use and likely to be used more often.

**Attractive, engaging streets** that enhance the amenity, safety and walkability of the neighbourhood.

**Better managed construction impacts** on existing neighbourhoods.

For more information on the Better Apartments project visit: [Better Apartments | DELWP](#).

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