

From: Carolyn Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 2:17 PM
To: Moonee Valley Submissions 2023
Subject: Preference Proposed Model 1 - Moonee Valley

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Submissions Panel,

I am a resident of 20 years now at [REDACTED] Street Strathmore (home owner) along with my husband and 3 teenagers. As I live in [REDACTED] Street, I live in the area unofficially referred to as Strathmore North.

I have carefully considered both proposed Models 1 and 2 and wish to put forward my [strong preference for MODEL 1](#).

My reasons are as follows:

- **Many residents to this day speak detrimentally about a historical division of the suburb** being the “Berlin Wall” - the effect of the Calder Freeway construction where some adjoining streets/houses were removed thereby physically splitting the suburb. The streets of Carnarvon Road in old Strathmore aligning directly with Arvon Road in Strathmore North across the freeway are evidence of this clumsy division.
- **The Strathmore North precinct where I live is an old area itself** and we reside in a house constructed in 1961 as do many of our neighbours in [REDACTED] Street. There are a number of surviving and restored older residences in our street area including the Cobb and Co owned residence of “Lebanon” a few blocks away which dates from the 19th century. So our history here in the Strathmore North region aligns more closely with old Strathmore than a very much newer Airport West. Airport West is also separated from us by a major busy road as well as a large shopping centre, so we do not reside side by side at all.
- **Strathmore is seen by its residents as well as by kindergartens sports clubs and school zones and importantly Parishes as ONE entire suburb.** There is NO for instance active division by the catholic primary (St Vincent De Paul Primary on Woodland Street in old Strathmore) to restrict families residing in the northern precincts of Strathmore from enrolling there for instance.
- **Strathmore residents in general regularly remain loyal to the suburb’s businesses, parks, schools and kindergartens and prefer to “stay local” to the suburb’s offerings along with the Essendon Fields and Essendon North precinct.** So you will have people who reside in old Strathmore going to the shops in another part of Strathmore. Also, for instance, although I live in [REDACTED] Street, my children all went to St Vincent De Paul Primary in old Strathmore, they went to soccer lessons at Strathmore Secondary College in old Strathmore, I shop at Coles Essendon Fields, I also shop at Napier Street old Strathmore and visit the dentist there. I also shop in Keilor Rd Essendon North – so spend the vast majority of my time in Strathmore and Essendon North.
- I have not enrolled our 3 kids into any Airport West school, kinder or sporting club since residing in the Strathmore North precinct.
- **I do not spend much time in the Airport West precinct in Model 2.** I think AW has its own demographics and general feel and it would be beneficial for it to be aligned together with Keilor East - as driving along the roads in the area there is a more natural connection between those two. **Also the future Airport Rail**

connects those suburbs together so it may be more valuable to enhance the connection of the residents affected.

- **The Moonee Ponds Creek is a highly prized precinct of our region of Strathmore North** – especially those in walking distance like myself and I do not believe it has a huge relevance to those living in Airport West at all – especially with Steele Creek in Keilor East. However, I know many friends residing in “old Strathmore” who use the Moonee Ponds Creek trail in Strathmore North for regular exercise.

NAMING

- The name of the precinct **Essendon Fields in Model 1 is a much more suitable one** – with the name “Airport” too basic and not suitable to all areas of Strathmore.
- Despite living close to the airport, my family and I have no connection to the Essendon Airport at all and in fact have never used it as an Airport.
- I actually connect myself more to the Moonee Ponds Creek and Woodland and Napier Street zones for shopping and eating as well as Keilor Road Essendon.
- The connotations from use of the word “airport” makes the Airport seem like the main priority in this part of Strathmore, which I can guarantee will rile many with a long history and mindset for helping our region from a conservation of flora and fauna point of view of Moonee Ponds Creek and the much prized rehabilitation works ongoing.
- A potentially embarrassing “The Castle” like kickback is quite likely from Strathmore North and Heights residents as a consequence of Model 2.
- In conclusion as I do not spend much time in the Airport West precinct proposed to be aligned with where I live, **I confirm Model 1 is preferential for myself and my family to keep the suburb of Strathmore in consideration as a whole.**
- The values and demographics of the **northern end of Strathmore align much more closely with old Strathmore and Essendon North** than Airport West.

Thanks for your time and consideration and the opportunity to provide considered feedback.

Carolyn Murphy

Strathmore VIC 3041