

East Clifton Hill Residents Incorporated (No A0114110I)

44 Ramsden St
Clifton Hill, Vic, 3068
6 September 2024

Dear Candidate in the 2024 Elections for the City of Yarra (CoY) Council, Yarra Bend Ward.

We are a group of residents in East Clifton Hill, covering an area entirely within the Yarra Bend ward of the City of Yarra. Our organisation, 'East Clifton Hill Residents Incorporated (No A0114110I)' ("ECHRI") was formed on 5 October 2021 in response to several planning related projects. ECHRI is a not-for-profit association and has adopted the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations (with minor variations). Our website address and the ECHRI Statement of Purpose and Policy Position are detailed in the appendix to this letter.

ECHRI wishes to ensure its members and other local residents in our area are well informed as to the proposed intentions and policies of candidates in the lead up to the forthcoming council elections.

We seek your responses to the following questions, and your permission to share those responses along with those of other candidates, on our website and in an email to our mailing list. We will produce a short summary of the responses from each candidate and will attach the original questionnaire in the form in which you return it to us.

Alternatively, we would be happy for you to undertake this survey orally via a short interview with no less than two of our committee members. If you choose to not participate in this questionnaire, we will note this in our summary of the results.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this survey and any concerns you may have. In this regard please contact Andy Lloyd on 0439 883 599, or email him at andyllloyd10@gmail.com. Please return this completed questionnaire to Andy.

ECHRI will publish your questions and a summary on its website on Monday September 30. Accordingly we ask that we receive your answers asap and no later than 4pm on Sunday 29th September. In the interests of fairness, ECHRI will not accept submissions from Candidates after that date.

Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this survey.

Yours sincerely

Ray Tonkin
President

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	Guidance Unless specifically identified, these questions relate solely to the Yarra Bend Ward of the City of Yarra, and the forthcoming council elections to be held in October 2024.
1Q.	Are you a representative of any political party, or have any other affiliations with other candidates running for Council? If yes, which Party please? (please send us a copy of any policy statements especially in regard to heritage protection and planning)
1A.	
2Q.	In no more than 30 words, what do you see as the major issues facing East Clifton Hill relevant to the City of Yarra?
2A.	
3Q.	East Clifton Hill is subject to a heritage overlay, and other heritage protections. Do you favour strengthening these protections, weakening them, or that they remain the same?
3A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen. <input type="checkbox"/> Remain Same. <input type="checkbox"/> Weaken/remove
	Comment if any
4Q.	Are you in favour of the protection of the designation of The Spensley-Berry and Ramsden-Myrtle commercial precincts as Local Activity Centres?
4A.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDECIDED
	Comment if any
5Q.	Do you support introduction of mandatory height limits in The Spensley-Berry and Ramsden-Myrtle Local Activity Centres? (as is the case in some other council areas)
5A.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDECIDED
	Comment if any
6Q.	East Clifton Hill has numerous heritage buildings designated as 'individually significant'. Do you favour strengthening these protections, weakening them, or that they remain the same?
6A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen. <input type="checkbox"/> Remain Same. <input type="checkbox"/> Weaken/remove
	Comment if any

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7Q.	The City of Yarra in its current term has reduced the ability of the public to ask questions at Council Meetings. Do you favour making it easier for the public to ask questions without notice at Council meetings?
7A.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDECIDED
	If yes, How would you address this issue?
8Q.	Do you support improving the transparency to residents of the processes of planning within the City of Yarra and in particular those that relate to heritage values of any area under consideration of planning change or development?
8A.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDECIDED
	If yes, how would you address this issue?
9Q.	The CoY Transport strategy has determined that on designated cycleways, angled parking will be replaced by parallel parking. If implemented in East Clifton Hill this will lead to a dramatic reduction in available parking in both Spensley Street and Roseneath Street. Both streets are relatively quiet, and we have no evidence to suggest that cyclist safety is an issue on these two roads. If elected, will you seek to ensure that angled parking is retained on both Spensley and Roseneath Streets?
9A.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDECIDED
	If yes, how would you address this issue?

Additional Comments from the Candidate are welcome here

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Attachments

1. ECHRI website link

<http://eastcliftonhillresidents.org>

2. ECHRI Statement of Purpose

The Statement of Purposes is enshrined in Para 2 of our Model Rules:

The purposes of the association are:

- (a) operate as a not for profit organisation to provide a forum for local residents as members to express their opinions of proposals for developments in the local area;*
- (b) promote the interests and objectives of local residents in relation to proposed developments in the local area;*
- (c) express the opinions of the local community to the City of Yarra Council and its councillors in relation to planning applications, planning approvals and permits affecting the local area;*
- (d) express the opinions of the local community to the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal in relation to planning applications, planning approvals and permits affecting the local area;*
- (e) act on behalf of and in the interest of its members and members of the local community generally;*
- (f) have regard to the public interest and the local environment in all aspects of its operations; and*
- (g) undertake what is necessary to advance these purposes.*

3. ECHRI Policy Position Statement

ECHRI statement of policy, procedure and guidelines for engaging with issues.

Policy Guidelines

ECHRI's prime focus is to encourage development in the East Clifton Hill precinct which respects the existing heritage and community values of the area.

ECHRI generally will seek to address:-

1. Planning applications which undermine the existing heritage and community values of the area

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2. Heritage, planning and community issues of interest to the wider East Clifton Hill community, not just to a small group of people, unless the narrower issue has wider significance as well.
3. Issues and perspectives in regard to the relationship between the East Clifton Hill community and Council pertaining especially to heritage, planning and community matters.
4. Issues in the wider Clifton Hill and Yarra Council area that will, or have the potential to, affect heritage, planning and/or community in East Clifton Hill.

ECHRI will generally seek to avoid taking positions on:

- a) Individual planning applications where the matters do not have wider heritage or community value
- b) Matters which do not relate to planning and heritage values, such as traffic management, waste management, etc.
- c) Highly contentious issues on which it is unable to obtain a clear consensus of opinion amongst its members.
- d) Matters of an overt political nature. ECHRI will make an independent assessment of any issue it seeks to advance.

Any exceptions to this will be decided by the Executive Committee, with reasons clearly articulated and circulated to members.

Procedural Guidelines

Subject to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) (the Act) and its Rules, ECHRI will be guided by the consensus view of its members.

Where matters of concern to residents are raised, the ECHRI position will be considered by and decided by the Executive Committee.

Options available to the Executive Committee include:

- A) Creating a sub-committee to run a formal campaign,
- B) Providing advice to interested parties where it has relevant knowledge and experience,
- C) Supporting residents to consider planning issues especially relating to heritage community values,

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- D) Assisting informal groups or individuals to run their own campaign,
- E) Refer issues to other organisations, as appropriate.

If the Executive Committee selects Option A) to run a formal Campaign, it will consult a wider active core group of members and community to gain advice and perspectives, and invite participation in a sub-committee or working group on that specific issue, which would work under the direction of the Executive Committee.

ECHRI may choose, in some instances to liaise with, or provide representatives to, other groups that are pursuing heritage, planning and community issues in the wider Clifton Hill and Yarra Council areas, rather than taking the lead, or forming an individual position on, these types of issues. Such activities must be authorised by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee operates under the Incorporated Association's Rules as adopted from time to time at its annual general meeting (and approved under the Act), with a preference as much as possible to reach consensus in making its decisions.

If any member does not agree with a position taken by the Executive Committee, they should:

- i) In the first instance raise the concern with the Chair or a committee member, who should ensure the disagreement is considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and the member(s) should attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days of each becoming aware of the dispute in accordance with the Grievance Procedure set out under the Rules, particularly rule 26
- ii) In the absence of a satisfactory outcome, within the time required by rule 26, the parties must follow the procedure in rule 27 and attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith by the appointment of a mediator who must follow the procedure set out in rule 28
- iii) In absence of a satisfactory outcome the member(s) should call a General Meeting or move a motion at ECHRI's AGM.

ECHRI will seek to be transparent in its activities. The minutes of the AGM and Executive Committee meetings will be copied to all those in attendance, and published on the ECHRI website.

The Chair will act as the official spokesperson for ECHRI, or in the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, or other such member of the Executive Committee who has been so delegated to speak by the Chair. In making public statements the

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designated spokesperson will seek to reflect ECHRI policy and refrain as much as possible from personal opinion.

The Rules of Association as adopted by ECHRI at its AGM take precedence over this document.

Dated 1 May, 2024

Adopted by Resolution of the Executive Committee on 1 May 2024

Will be put to the wider membership at the AGM on 12 November 2024

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