

Development proposal for St Heliers Street, Abbotsford

Six years ago the State Government gifted the Abbotsford Convent to the people for arts, culture and learning. The site next to the car park (the Lourdes site) was handed to the City of Yarra to use for child care and related activities.

The City of Yarra is considering a development proposal for the Lourdes site for:

- **A three story building**
- **A 92 place childcare center with maternal and child health facilities**
- **A community activity hub**
- **28 residential units (upper two floors)**
- **14 'drop off' car spaces for the childcare center**

NO CAR PARKING AT ALL IS PROVIDED – THE PROPSAL RELIES ON THE CONVENT'S ALREADY STRETCHED CAR PARK

The proposal:

- Will conflict with rather than complement the Convent's uses
- Will increase traffic, safety and traffic management issues which are already significant
- Will make unrealistic and unsustainable demands on the already over-stressed Convent car park
- Is inconsistent with the previous decision that housing is inappropriate in the area
- Diminishes the community's expectation to enjoy public open space and the sense of livability that this community hub provides

Help us make the City of Yarra see sense. Your signature today will:

- Let council know that you oppose this inappropriate development
- Let council know you want traffic management and parking in this area to be a priority
- Help protect and enhance this unique precinct
- Maintain the Convent as a place for community participation and enjoyment
- Convey your support for the Abbotsford Convent

The Lourdes land could be used to will help resolve the significant existing traffic management, safety, to access issues. This proposal compounds them.

Write to City of Yarra Councillors with your objection:

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