Cambridge Street partial road discontinuance

Submissions made under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989

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1	I wholly support the partial closure of the relevant section of Cambridge Street for vehicular traffic and I am very much in favour of the final design of the park as proposed.
2	I have no concerns about closing off part of Cambridge Street to vehicle traffic. The road had been fully and/or partially closed off for lengthy periods during construction of high rise buildings to the south and this was evidence it is a feasible move.
	We in Collingwood need more green space and reduced traffic noise and the closure will enhance the experience.
	By the way congratulations on the design. If you need someone to speak to the submission I would be willing if the support is needed
3	I'm moving into the area in December. Looking forward to more green space!
4	The addition of a park on Cambridge street would be fantastic for the neighbourhood and community. I support the idea.
5	As a resident of Cambridge Street, I fully support the road closure and its conversion to park space. Quite simply, there is no other space in the vicinity for individuals and families to gather, play and relax. The nearby "pocket parks" are not sufficient substitutes. If Collingwood is to be a true community rather than a concrete jungle of new development projects, it requires meaningful allocation of land to create outdoor leisure and recreation spaces. Parks and playgrounds build community, and turn transient areas into real neighbourhoods.
6	I'm in favour of the expansion of the park. We need less road space for cars, more for human interaction.
7	Great. It needs to happen yesterday. Space for recreation, connection, greenery. Please don't drag it out City of Yarra.
8	Streets Alive Yarra supports the proposal.
9	Stop with all these hair brain ideas and don't close the road, get back to roads, rubbish and services

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10	This is such a great idea and would have so many advantages as follows:
	1. To create a real community hub where people can meet, relax and enjoy the local cafes.
	2. To add a green space into an area that has limited green space.
	3. Add value to the surrounding properties as people will see a vibrant and relaxing space to live and work.
	4. Eliminate traffic flow through a quiet residential street which will make it much safer for the many residents surrounding this site.
	5. This sort of initiative is a real win for the environment and would show case Yarra Councils commitment to being green and being cutting edge.
	6. Creates a model for future initiatives such as this one and makes Yarra one of the top places to live and work.
	Please make this happen and a big bravo to the Yarra Council.
11	I write in support of the above mentioned road closure. The pocket park has been a long time coming, and I commend the officers for their work here. The community consultation has been substantial during challenging times.
	I recognise road closures are a serious matter, not to be entered into lightly – but road closures for pockets parks are truly the best kind.
	I look forward to seeing construction underway as soon as possible.
	A number of neighbours in my apartment blocked have also indicated their support for the road closure and this letter, I write on their behalf and their details are below.
	I do not request to appear before Council, and trust the good judgment of Council on this matter.
12	I have looked at the recent notice to discontinue part of Cambridge St at Peel St.
	I commend Council for this initiative and greatly support this proposal although I had thought that this had previously been approved. Signage was erected nearby last year advertising that this would be Collingwood's biggest park. This is great but also a sad indictment on Council's planning for not forward planning to cater for community needs as this precinct has been significantly redeveloped over the recent years.
	Collingwood has seen significant population growth in the past few years with large apartment complexes being built in the Cambridge and Wellington Street areas unfortunately with the growing population there has not been much increase in the amount of amenity for residents.
	The need for more open spaces is paramount for our community. Open spaces promote connectedness and inclusion and importantly, they offer opportunities to have a place to relax and meat. They also soften the harshness of the ever growing height of apartments in this area.
	I do support Council's endeavours. A quick approval for the discontinuance of this piece of street is fantastic.

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13 I am writing to express that I do not support blocking more roads in Yarra council region.

Whilst I am supportive of more open and outdoor spaces, I believe the council should do this through acquiring land for sale or placing guidelines that when approving mass apartments, the developers have a responsibility to provide open space for public / residents as part of their proposals.

Collingwood is being overshadowed in large apartments which do not fit the ascetics of the area. Following this, the council then comment on density issues when they in turn have allowed this.

Whilst allowing mass apartments to be developed the area needs roads to allow transportation of people in and out of area - hence more apartments, more people and the grater need for better access for a range of people (not just bikes as the council will push).

The proposed streets of little oxford, oxford, Cambridge, peel and Stanley are already streets that get busy and provide access to properties of residents as well as visitors who come to local business.

The proposed park at Cambridge St is like a 'wet bandaid' approach to an issue that requires a further and more holistic review into Council practices. This is only reinforced by bias surveys which the Council run that do not allow residents to provide open and direct feedback - but only answer questions which are directed with underlying agenda to suit the direction of the Council. The result of this means, residents often feel unheard and frustrated.

A suggestion would be further down Cambridge at next to Baden Powell hotel there is a vacant block that could be purchased and turned into an open space (which could aid the large apartment block on Wellington St). In suggesting this, I am aware the Council will not likely consider this - as they likely will support a further development on this site, I raise it as a proposed suggestion (and to also to highlight a more sustainable view the Yarra Council could take on this issue, rather than just block roads).