



Amcor Taskforce Terms of Reference

Purpose

Amcor has announced that it intends to sell its site in Heidelberg Road, Alphington within two years.

Following its adoption of Design and Development Principles for the Amcor site on 28 January 2009 Yarra Council is keen to establish a taskforce to bring together Council, State Government and community representatives to work through the complex issues surrounding the future of the site.

The Taskforce will consist of Councillors, community representatives and Council officers. Representatives from relevant Government authorities and organisations will be invited to participate in a range of specific discussions with individual sessions focused on –

- *Transport and access*
- *Community services and open space*
- *Environmentally sustainable design and buildings*

Objectives

The Amcor Taskforce will -

- Investigate issues concerning the redevelopment of the Amcor site in Alphington by holding topic-specific sessions focussed on transport and access, community services and open space, and environmentally sustainable design and buildings,
- Promote discussions between Councillors, community representatives, and the relevant government departments to identify
- Consider the implications of any proposal for the rezoning of the site or its redevelopment, including a comprehensive development plan / masterplan, and provide feedback to the Council.

Taskforce Membership

Membership of the Amcor Taskforce will be as follows:

- City of Yarra Mayor(Chairperson)
- 2 x City of Yarra Councillors
- City of Darebin Councillor
- City of Darebin Senior Officer
- 3 x Community Representatives
- DPCD Senior Officer
- 2 x City of Yarra Senior Officers

Methodology

The Taskforce will hold sessions on each of the three topic areas, with multiple sessions if necessary. Representatives from relevant government departments and authorities will be invited to participate in sessions that are relevant to their responsibilities. The three topic areas are outlined below.

1. Transport / Access

Participating: Department of Transport (Public Transport)
VicRoads

Discussions to:

- Consider transport access in and around the site in its broadest context – pedestrian, bicycle, public transport, vehicle access;
- Identify and discuss State Government opportunities for future development of transport networks;
- Identify opportunities to promote sustainable transport modes in the future development of the site.

2. Community Services and Open Space

Participating: Department of Housing
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Alphington Primary School
Yarralea Children's Centre.

Discussions to:

- Identify community and social infrastructure that may be needed depending on the future uses on the site;
- Engage with the State Education Department on the educational needs of the future community;
- Engage with other relevant departments on housing issues (affordability, aged care) and recreational needs;
- Identify how best to maintain and enhance public access to the Yarra River.

3. Environmentally Sustainable Design and Buildings

Participating: State Architect's Office
Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) -
Urban Design Unit
Department of Sustainability and Environment
Melbourne Water
Parks Victoria

Discussions to:

- Determine how to ensure environmental sustainability in all aspects of the site's redevelopment;
- Identify how environmental sustainability might impact on building design, and how this will be ensured through the planning / building permit system;
- Consider the importance of building design, style, massing and height;

Additional authorities and groups may be invited to participate in sessions at the discretion of the Taskforce.

It is anticipated that sessions will be completed by the end of June and the taskforce will aim to report back to Council in July / August 2009.