

## WRT - ACT 2024-25 Budget submissions

To Whom it May Concern;

The Phillip Business Community (PBC) has only a few items that we would like addressed, noting that several of these issues have been raised in previous Budget Submissions and FixMyStreet since 2018.

Our Budget Submission includes:

- Extension of 2B Light Rail to Mawson – outcome
- Bitumen footpaths and gutters
- Parking
- Sports Precinct
- New Lights/Intersections on Melrose Drive

Please find these below:

1. Extension of 2B Light Rail to Mawson
  - a. The 2019 Phillip Business Community Budget submission included reference to considering extending part 2B of the light rail to the Mawson Dr/Beasley St intersection in Mawson (an additional 1.5klms of flat road).
  - b. We believe this was also in the Labor/Green power sharing agreement from the 2020 election (as we provided that paper to Emma Davidson MLA in the lead up to the election).
  - c. We'd like to know what happened to that as an outcome
2. Bitumen footpaths & gutters
  - a. Townshend St, Phillip - Over the past 6 years several FixMyStreet requests have been submitted to fix the broken and unsafe paths on Townshend St (particularly at the Botany Street end) where it has become unsafe and loose in parts.
    - i. We are aware these have been considered because on several occasions white painted circles have appeared around the broken sections, but no works carried out
  - b. Colbee Court, Phillip – Over the past 6 years several FixMyStreet requests have been submitted to address broken, uneven/unsafe, bitumen footpaths and gutters in the street.
    - i. We are aware these have been considered because on several occasions white painted circles have appeared around the broken sections, but no works carried out
3. Parking – a formal study
  - a. We request a formal study to be conducted in the Phillip Business Precinct parking (between Hindmarsh, Athlon & Melrose Drives) that takes into consideration the needs of parking for staff and customers to the precinct both service (as employees) and be serviced (as customers) and the potential for multi-storey paid parking arrangements be considered.

- i. We are aware there is no political appetite to address the matter, however
  - ii. We are aware that tensions remain and no consensus can be met due to the conflicting nature of the businesses on Melrose Drive versus many other business models in the area.
  - iii. We believe that a model that is based on evidence would be born from a study conducted by a consultant (outside of the influence of local business or politicians) to ensure that regardless of the outcome – no one is blamed for what does and doesn't work
- 4. Sports Precinct
  - a. Again, the PBC is seeking the consideration of a multi-purpose (not single sport) complex be considered on the land opposite Shea st (also a potential stop for the Light Rail to avoid another Mitchell fiasco) that will include commercial and sporting, as well as nearby residential
    - i. There is a total lack of facilities south of Hindmarsh drive, and we are keen to ensure that everyone remembers that Woden doesn't end at Westfield.
- 5. Potential for Lights at the Intersections of:
  - a. Parramatta St & Melrose Drive
  - b. Hodgson St & Melrose Drive
  - c. Currently there is only 1 "safe" place to cross Melrose Drive, the nearest to the schools being the corner of Botany St and Melrose Drive set of lights.
  - d. Each afternoon dozens of school age children must cross at the busy intersection (roundabout) of Melrose and Athlon Drives as they head towards Woden, the crossing requires them to cross where there is no pedestrian crossing nor a set of lights.
  - e. There is an alternative all the way down on Athlon and Shea street – however there is no direct footpath route to that intersection.
  - f. Pedestrians who wish to cross Melrose Drive must do so at their own risk the entire length of Melrose Drive between Botany St and the intersection of Athlon Dr and as the volume of traffic increases through those streets each year (as the natural choke point of Northbourne traffic) there is a potential for an incident or worse to occur.

We are very happy to be present to discuss these items, as we have submitted so many requests and ideas over the years and never had responses that adequately address the issues raise.

We look forward to that opportunity.

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