

SKATE MELBOURNE

DRAFT PLAN AT A GLANCE



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HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SKATING

Skating has many benefits. It's a sustainable way to get around, stay healthy, happy and to connect with others. Skating enlivens public spaces, has economic and tourism benefits and promotes Melbourne globally.

The Skate Melbourne Plan 2017-2027 sets out our vision to support a healthy and inclusive skate culture for all people. Shaped by research, community feedback and the Skate Advisory Group, the ten year plan is built on three key aims:

- 1. Encourage safe, inclusive and multi-use public spaces for all city users.
- 2. Plan for and provide adequate and accessible spaces for diverse skating styles.
- 3. Promote and support a healthy and inclusive skate culture and community.

To achieve these aims, we have developed a series of supporting key actions.

KEY ACTION 1 Identify spaces suitable for skate activity

It is complex finding suitable locations for skating, particularly in a growing capital city with limited space. To ensure that areas are accessible, safe and inclusive while addressing key challenges, we have developed an assessment criteria to help identify suitable and non-suitable areas for skating. This includes:

1 LAND OWNERSHIP AND USE

Consider how a space is used and the needs of community members in close proximity.

2 SITE SAFETY, INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY

All users should feel safe and welcome within public spaces.

3 PROXIMITY TO COMPLEMENTARY USES AND USERS

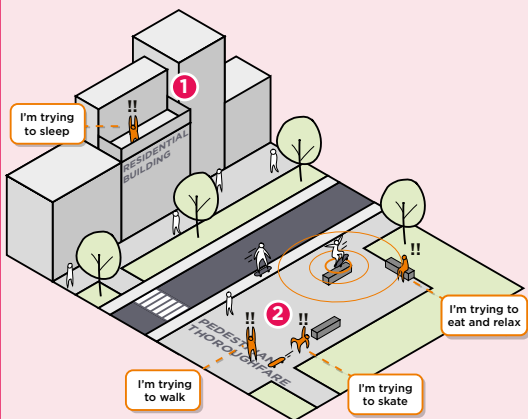
There are many other activities which are loud, physical and require hard surfaces.

4 AVOID CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CONFLICTING USES

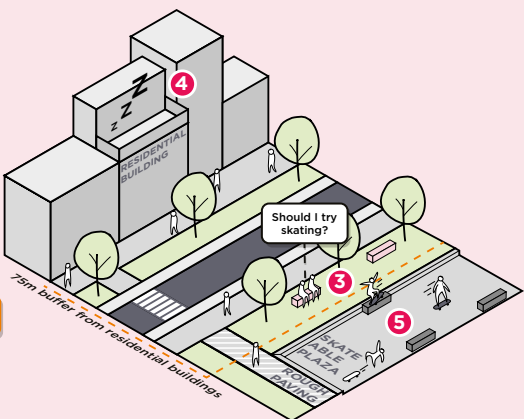
By avoiding close proximity to conflicting land use (eg residents), the potential for future issues are reduced.

5 POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE NEW OPPORTUNITY

Designated skateable spaces increase participation opportunities and enjoyment for all users.



ABOVE: Common challenges with skating in a capital city context



ABOVE: Challenges addressed through strategic planning and design

KEY ACTION 2 Increase the provision and integration of skateable spaces

With skate increasing in popularity, appropriate spaces need to be provided to cater for this activity in the city. Through working with the community and the Skate Advisory Group, we have identified three key skateable spaces:

Shared public spaces



Caters for: street skaters, general public. Ages: 12+

Multi-use recreation spaces, youth hubs or plazas



Caters for: street and park skaters, active users. Ages: All

Dedicated skate park / plaza



Caters for: park and transitional skaters. Ages: All

Some of the proposed supporting actions over the next ten years include:



Provide spaces for a range of skate devices and styles.

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Find a suitable 24 hour skateable space.



Upgrade existing skate spaces.



Include the skate and general community in designing new skateable spaces.



Integrate skateable elements in suitable spaces and along key skate routes.

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Locate and build a large skateable space.

KEY ACTION 3 Improve the management of skating

To ensure that skating is an integrated part of the city, Melbourne's culture and accessible for all of the community, supporting skate through programming, communications and policy is required. Some of the proposed supporting actions are highlighted below:



Review local laws, parks policy and road rules.



Increase and enhance skate programs, services, events and initiatives.



Develop partnerships with the skate community, industry and other key groups.



Encourage and promote equity, inclusivity and acceptance.



Improve information and awareness of skating internally, externally and with key partners.



Allocate resources to guide, implement and review the Skate Melbourne Plan.

More details on the Location Assessment Criteria and each of the proposed actions, including an indicative map of skateable spaces, are available at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate

PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Share your thoughts, read the full version of the draft Skate Melbourne Plan or find an event at:

participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate

Feedback closes on 5 December 2016.

Your suggestions and feedback will inform the final Skate Melbourne Plan that will be presented to Council in early 2017.

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