

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS - SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Executive summary: Overview and Key Findings

City of Melbourne's Design and Construction Standards lay the foundation for how our city is shaped and guides the application of council standards and approvals processes across the Municipality.

It is a tool to support all people involved in the planning, design, review, approval, delivery and handover of public realm spaces and infrastructure. This document builds on the [Docklands Design and Construction Standards](#), and extends the scope to guide public realm design and delivery everywhere in our municipality. This supports the consistent implementation of materials, furniture, signage, lighting, planting and utilities across the city's public realm infrastructure and provides clarity on requirements for all users.

The draft Design and Construction Standards were endorsed for community consultation from 17 May - 15 June 2022.

The Lord Mayor and councillors will be updated on feedback and actions from the public consultation at Future Melbourne Committee and provide submitters the opportunity to speak on 2 August 2022.

The full document was provided to stakeholders and members of the public to provide feedback on. 35 people provided feedback through Participate Melbourne. Further feedback was provided following email distribution of the document to networks of users.

The engagement findings overall were supportive of the document with a diverse range of interests and priorities represented. Key themes are captured in this report.

Background and Engagement Findings

The City of Melbourne has achieved a distinctive and high quality public realm that is typified by aesthetic appeal, functionality and maintenance efficiency. This document, the Design and Construction Standards for public infrastructure works in the City of Melbourne (CoM D&C Standards), applies this approach to the public realm including streets, lanes, parks, squares and waterfront promenades, and assists the City of Melbourne, developers, residents and other landowners with associated design, approval, construction and handover processes.

The standards set out in this document draw on the City of Melbourne's field research and observation of products and materials over decades, providing a balance of aesthetic appeal, functionality, compliance with Australian Standards, maintenance efficiency and sustainability across the municipality.

Engagement with this document was designed to encourage input from users both internal and external to the council. Public interest was generated through media coverage that resulted in submissions, mainly via Participate Melbourne, that did not explicitly related to the standards document but provided more general feedback about design in the public realm.

Summary

Overall, the feedback was positive and supported the standards. Key themes included

- Interest in street furniture design, material use and positioning
- Suggestion that art, design and creative place making feature more in public realm
- Prioritising inclusive design for a range of abilities and activities
- Better designed waste management solutions

Suitable adjustments to the document have been made in response to the feedback. The final Design and Construction Standards document will be presented at FMC in August.