

Malvern East Group (MEG) - Press Release... Oct.22/07

**MEG Disappointed with Melbourne 2030 Audit.**

The Malvern East Group (MEG) recently attended the Melbourne 2030 Audit Workshop, along with dozens of other concerned community groups. The Audit, not a review, has received some 204 submissions from concerned local community groups and individuals, along with local councils including Stonnington.

MEG is disappointed with the Brumby Government's five year audit of its highly controversial planning scheme - Melbourne 2030.

After five years of declining neighbourhood character, amenity and liveability, a full scale review is fully warranted. MEG fears that the audit will merely rubber-stamp an urban planning policy which was deeply flawed from its very beginning.

Additionally, many of the key assumptions of the original document have also changed, such as population growth, making a full scale review even more necessary.

With no changes being foreshadowed to the Melbourne 2030 blueprint, the benefit of making a submission is questionable to say the least.

As we have all recently seen, water, transport, gas and electricity infrastructure are all starting to buckle under the weight of increased population. That, coupled with reduced open space and increased pollution, are set to further irreversibly reduce our liveability going forward.

The Malvern East Group is opposed to the continuation of Melbourne 2030, and will continue to oppose the Brumby Government's assault on our neighbourhood character, amenity and liveability.

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