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Seafarers Rest Park

The MMHN would like to congratulate the City of Melbourne for the consultation with the community and we believe the design proposed looks very good. We do have a couple of points to raise however revolving around visibility and access to the Mission to Seafarers building.

As we all know the Mission to Seafarers building is an historic maritime asset for Melbourne and it needs to be clearly sighted and accessed, directly from the river and park. It is hard to tell from the drawings if this is the case. It must be. The integration of the park and the Mission to Seafarer's building is essential.

The next point, also in regard to the Mission to Seafarers building, is about access to and from the building. Has this been taken into account? The future of the building will most likely see the entrance repositioned to face the river (the existing front door onto Wurundjeri Way is unsuitable in the longer term). The design shows the road going between the building and the Park which is understandable. What safety and aesthetic design considerations have been taken into account of this significant road interface between Seafarers /Rest Park and the Mission to Seafarers to ensure the safety of the public?

The placement of maritime artefacts is to be commended and truly helps to stamp the recognition of Melbournes maritime heritage. Such artefacts will need to be properly identified (hopefully with the addition of Q tags) so the public understand why they are there and important. The MMHN can help with this if needed.

I am prepared to talk to this submission tomorrow night.

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