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Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee
Inquiry into the Redevelopment of Melbourne's Public Housing Towers
Parliament House, Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Inquiry Committee,

Submission to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers

The South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated ("SYPTA Inc") is proud to provide this formal submission to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. The Victorian Government's decision to demolish our high-rise members' homes has had a considerable impact on our community, and we want to take this opportunity to share our members' concerns.

As a resident-led organisation, SYPTA Inc is dedicated to advocating for the rights and well-being of public housing residents in South Yarra and Prahran. Our association seeks to enable public housing residents to participate in improving their living situation and to promote the rights of all public housing residents living in Victoria.

SYPTA Inc understands that residents are often hesitant to voice their concerns about the government or Homes Victoria due to fears that doing so may jeopardise the stability of their public housing tenancy. To address this, our submission consists of de-identified written responses from public housing tower residents in South Yarra and Prahran. We confirm that all responses are from members of SYPTA Inc, ensuring that the voices of our community are represented in this process.

Our association is committed to working collaboratively with the Homes Victoria and other relevant agencies to advocate for the rights of residents throughout the relocation process. We aim to ensure that the relocation of residents is conducted smoothly and respectfully, maintaining the dignity and stability of all affected residents.

For further information or to discuss our submission in more detail, please contact Ana Rufatt-Ruiz, [REDACTED]

Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to contributing to a fair and just redevelopment process that respects the needs and rights of public housing residents.

Yours sincerely,

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SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Road, South Yarra, Victoria 314

I have lived here for nearly 27 years, from November 1998.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

During The last earthquake a lot of the houses on
chapel st were damaged. This building shaken but
stood. And I think it will stand another 50 years.
And provide a roof for the people.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

It's a huge stress and most of the people whom
live here think that it is a catastrophe. There are a
lot of pharmacies and shops close by. This allows the
elderly to buy produce easier.

What worries do you have about moving?

Both of the residence are over the aged, 90 and to move we would need to ask for help.

As well it would change our whole lives as we have lived here for around ~~28~~ 27 years.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

~~It~~ From this house we can use the walker to get to shops or chapel. If we are moved we would require a car we could not financially support that kind of endeavour. I have known my neighbour for a long time and if moved my social life would have a drastic change.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

We are 90+ years old and it all depends on the length of construction,

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

~~No~~ Yes one time.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

~~Not by specific~~

2 months ago in Jan 2025

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

~~No~~ Yes one meeting

Did you get to ask questions?

Yes

why do the developments

Did you get a clear answer?

Yes.

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

No

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

No I like how they are.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

Definitely renovated.

Cheaper and people can still live in them.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

Let the people live in here who have a low income and pensioners.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

Do not demolish the building.

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SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

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I have lived here for since 1992.

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MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I'm against this project

These are very strong buildings and they should be renovated, not demolished.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

Since we found out about this project

I and my family started to worry what will happen to us, where and why should we be relocated. I developed insomnia

and depression, surviving on heavy medications

Meeting my neighbours, talking to them I see that

I'm not alone. They all stressed, especially us - people over 70!

What worries do you have about moving?

Heavily the area where I live for 33 years and we have strong community ties. How can I start packing, where will I go? Would there be public transport close, hospital, shops, will it be safe and secure, how much will we pay? Very confusing this difference between public & community housing. Big, huge stress!!

How would moving out affect your daily life?

The older people get the more difficult it is to move. I have some friends - neighbours, strong community here. We used to care about each other during COVID years, getting the needed food, medicine from the nearest pharmacy. We support each other a lot. And this is unhuman to relocate older people, leaving them

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

Frustrated, Sick, on their own. That's a very good question, because there's no assurance and being over 70, some people older, not easy to move once and settle. Who knows what will happen in 6-8 years. We might not be alive by this time.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

We had few meetings but nothing is clear. This people are very polite, can't complain and it's their job, but they can't promise anything.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

It was a meeting which took us by surprise, especially such a short time is given for relocation.

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

Yes, only here.

Did you get to ask questions?

Yes

Did you get a clear answer?

Not really. This people don't know themselves what will happen to us. In my opinion nobody really care.

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

no lately!

I have an impression that some people from the government decided on purpose to Relocate in our estate people who use narcotics, homeless, beggars, psychotics, so we can't live in peace and feel safe since this personalities moved into the buildings, for

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

now everywhere scary thing.

They should be Renovated!

For the amount of \$\$ that will cost to demolish such a strong building, we could get nice & decent Renovation!

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

RENOVATED!!!
~~LIFE OR~~

This project destroying most of the people residing in 259 Malvern Rd.

The government should seriously consider to Renovate, instead of destroying.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

If government already done deal I doubt it will change mind. But it's not fair for the people who live here! No one wants to move!

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

Thanks to who will read this and, we hope for help and that the ministry of Public Housing will listen to us!
Respectfully yours

P.S. Our big concern is that people with criminal records, out of jail in big volumes coming into our estate. It seems they have first priority for getting good places to settle here. We wouldn't mind and discriminate against them but there's a lot of trouble, it's unsafe especially for elders, since they sometimes come too close asking for money etc. Just recently 94 yrs old person was scared, pushed. The security is never near where the trouble. And the police don't care much, unless someone will be killed. Why these criminals giving more consideration than us?!

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Rd, South Yarra.

I have lived here for 23 years.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I do not agree with this decision

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

It makes me and my family
very stressful

What worries do you have about moving?

Unknowing when and where
we will be moved

How would moving out affect your daily life?

A huge stress and frustration

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

It is depends of where I will be
moved.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

No

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

In September 2024

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

no

Did you get to ask questions?

no

Did you get a clear answer?

no

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

no

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

No

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

I think it can be renovated

What do you want the government to do with the land?

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

We do not want to move
We want to stay in this place,
Or in this ~~suburb~~ Prahran / South
Yarra

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Road, South Yarra.

I have lived here for 43 years.

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MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

Very unfair. Short notice. No consultation. Disrespectful.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

Very much because it was unexpected. We never expected that we would be first in this area. Just the thought of not having my community around is distressful. Being able to help neighbours and getting help from my community.

What worries do you have about moving?

The new neighbours and safety concerns. Which location I will be moved to, particularly about the cost of transportation if I am moved out of area. I have to downsize my home and get rid of my possession. This has greatly impacted me.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

It would impact me physically and be more painful to travel. Worry about being on time for my appointments. The costs of travelling. Being away from my neighbours and community is traumatic.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

If I am still alive. You can't trust when it will be ready. It could be 6, 8 or 10 years or longer. With a new government, we don't know what will happen.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

Yes. Rebeccaton team spoke with me.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

6 September 2024

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

Every meeting that I can attend, I have attended.

Did you get to ask questions?

Yes.

Did you get a clear answer?

Not very clear because they did not know the answer. They said they would come back to me, but never replied.

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

Not really. Nobody has provided a reason for only having two housing offer options.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

No because DFFH has not been properly checking the properties and maintaining the towers. If this was done, it would be fine to stay in the towers.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

They should be renovated.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

Never to be sold. Horace Petty Estate was
a donation for social housing.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

There are concerns about the Reclamation team and
how they interact with me and the other residents.

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 - MALVERN RD.

I have lived here for 45 YEARS.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

HAVING TO REDUCE OUR BELONGINGS.
TO FIT A SMALLER PLACE.

What worries do you have about moving?

HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE
ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

YES

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

YES

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

YES

Did you get to ask questions?

YES

Did you get a clear answer?

YES

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

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WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

YES.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

KNOCKED DOWN AND REDEVELOPED.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

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OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 1259 MAWERN RD, STH YARRA.

I have lived here for 23 year.

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MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE, 93 YEARS OLD IS LIVING COMFORTABLY
WITH AMENITIES: CHEMIST, MARKET, SUPERMARKET, BANK
GP IS LOCAL TO THIS AREA AND KNOWN US FOR MANY YEARS
PATHOLOGY IS ALSO NEARBY. TRANSPORT IS VERY
CLOSE BY, WE DON'T HAVE A CAR.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

WE ARE VERY NERVOUS AND UPSET. WE ARE
VERY INTEGRATED INTO LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT
PROVIDES SUPPORT AND IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE.

What worries do you have about moving?

DIFFICULT TO PACK AND PREPARE AS
WE ARE OLD PEOPLE. WE ARE WORRIED WE
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SETTLE DUE TO OUR LANGUAGE
AND MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

WE ARE WORRIED OUR HEALTH AND WELL BEING
WILL DETRIORATE RAPIDLY BECAUSE OF RELOCATION
AND SETTLEMENT AT NEW PLACE.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

WE'RE OLD AND HAVE DOUBTS WILL BE ABLE
TO MOVE BACK IN 2-3 YEARS TIME.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

WE ATTENDED A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH
LAWYERS REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT. NO INDIVIDUAL
CONSULTATION HAS BEEN ARRANGED YUS FAR

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

EARLY THIS YEAR, JAN 2025.

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

YES, WE ATTENDED A MEETING HELD ON 21 MAR 2025

Did you get to ask questions?

WE DIDN'T HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

Did you get a clear answer?

NIL

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

NOT REALLY, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR VOICE
AGAINST RELOCATION WOULD BE HEARD.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

NO, WE DON'T. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP
THE SAME TOWERS AND FACILITIES. WE DO NOT
HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH WHAT IT IS NOW.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

NO, WE WANT THE TOWERS TO REMAIN AS
THEY ARE.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

WE WANT THE TOWERS AND THE SURROUNDING
LAND TO REMAIN AS THEY ARE. NO NEED
FOR ANY CHANGE.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

WE DON'T WANT TO MOVE CONSIDERING OUR
AGE. WE WANT TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.
WE LIKE THE AREA AND COMMUNITY WE ARE
LIVING IN. THE CHANGE WILL SHORTEN OUR
LIVES AND MAKE OUR LIVES VERY HARD
TO COPE WITH UPCOMING CHANGE.

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Rd, South Yarra.

I have lived here for more than 40 years.

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MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

We thought out. It loses public housing
that could easily be fixed. Many have real
stress issues. People need nearby medical
facilities and their community. I am at a
loss to where I'm going, what I can take?
my social and community ties? We were given
5 years - 2 years ago and last year that
changed to one year! Very distressing

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

Greatly. We lose connection, friends and
closeness to medical facilities (vital for my dad).
We feel deprived and hearing some of
the feedback from those that have moved
it is not positive! Lots of families have
leave property behind and some are offered
two - 2 bedroom flats - not good for a family.

What worries do you have about moving?

- Distance to medical facilities
- Not being able to take furnishings etc
- Not having the family in one abode.
- Social Isolation
- Increased cost
- Non public housing is very bad at repairing faults etc.
- The amount of time we may have in a new abode - e.g. 3 yr lease!

How would moving out affect your daily life?

- Isolation from community
- Increased cost of travel - especially to medical facilities esp. for the aged.
- Maybe increased time to go places
- Possible stress of living in a "new" area
- Some housing is only on a 3 yr lease.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

The Housing Office is pretty clear on that - NO.

There will less units available for the public and most will not be for public housing.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

Not really. Someone came and spoke about moving out and gave us various forms.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

When it was ~~announced~~ ^{announced} on T.V.

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

I have been to two meetings run by tenants. The gov't only had reps sitting in the foyer.

Did you get to ask questions?

Some but the answers were vague or they did not know the answer.

Did you get a clear answer?

Mostly no.

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

No. The move was just do as you are told.

One widower, who brought 3 children, was given a room in a boarding House. He was not listened to and luckily found something 400km away.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

Yes - renovated. Great solid structure. The previous Government started to renovate. People came - took pictures of the bathrooms etc. They started to change windows etc. The renovation was mainly to the bathroom, kitchen & windows

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

Renovated. Cheaper plus provides lots more public housing.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of _____ 1259

I have lived here for 30 years

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

STRESSFUL - ANXIETY IN MORNING. MRS LIVED
FOR 30 YEARS AT 1259 MALVERN EVERYTHING
IS IN WALKING DISTANCE CLOSE WITH NEIGHBOURS.
DOES NOT HAVE CAR - HAS DIFFICULTIES
CATCHING PUBLIC TRANSPORT DUE TO
LOW MOBILITY AND SP

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

NOT WANTING TO MOVE - LOVES NEIGHBOURS -
WORRIED ABOUT WHO THEIR NEIGHBOURS WILL BE.

What worries do you have about moving?

NOT ^{HAVE} SUITABLE SPACE - SIZE, STORAGE
FOR WALKER AND FRAME. HAS GRAB RAILS,
CAN'T HAVE CARPET - DUE TO HEALTH REASONS.
DAUGHTER CARES FOR GEORGE - WORRIED
HOW THIS CAN CONTINUE IN ONE BEDROOM.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

NOT CLOSE TO SHOPS, COMMUNITY, NEIGHBOURS,
ONLY GOES TO ALFRED FOR OVER 30 YEARS -
DOES NOT DRIVE - CAN'T USE TRAIN BECAUSE
~~USE~~ OF BALANCE AND MOBILITY.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

DEFINITELY - GOOD AREA FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY AND ~~AND~~ DON'T DRIVE

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

NO - HAS NOT SPOKEN TO ANYONE.

GENYA HAS ONLY DROPPED OFF PAPERWORK
TO HOMES VICTORIA

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

2025 - JANUARY AS LATE HANDING IN
PAPERS. 2 PEOPLE FROM HOMES VIC RELOCATION
TEAM TO NOTIFY 1 BEDROOM ONLY.

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

NO - UNSURE ABOUT MEETINGS

Did you get to ask questions?

CONFUSED WITH PROCESS - HAS COMPLETED
REQUIRED FORMS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
FOR EXTRA BEDROOM -

Did you get a clear answer?

NO ANSWER YET AWAITING DECISION

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

NO - NOT CONSIDERING HOW THE SMALLER
SPACE WILL IMPACT MEN NEEDS - CARER,
ALLERGIES, STORAGE FOR SCOOTERS, TROLLEYS -
CLOSE TO SERVICES.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

THEY SHOULD BE RENOVATED TO IMPROVE
HEATING; STRUCTURES, SPACE.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

RENOVATED - HAPPY WITH SIZE, FLOORS, SPACE,
COMMUNITY. JUST NEEDS TO IMPROVE HEATING,
AIR CONDITIONING, VENTILATION, BALCONY WOULD
BE BENEFICIAL.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

TO BE IT AS PUBLIC HOUSING, NOT USING
NEW LEASING PROCESS.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

CONCERNED ABOUT LEAVING PRANRAN. NEEDS
TO BE CLOSE TO HOSPITAL, SPECIALIST, GP.

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of , 259 Malvern Road South Yarra Vic 3141
 I have lived here for 18 years. Before I used to live - 805 in Stn Yarra history buildings. On beginning of 2000's used live units of Edward St in Northcote Victoria.
 I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

Redevelopment is a good idea, but removing is a big problem for me, because I've got used to here live and I have a socialising life. For me this area is better and more comfortable and everything handy and close to me: shoppings, clinics, transport, Hospital and many more.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

Very sad and stressful.
We don't know where we'll move and what kind people will be our new neighbours.
And we don't know yet where we will be removed.
This thing make us head aches.

What worries do you have about moving? As I stated above it makes stress, headaches and frustrating.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

I am an old and disable person.
I am thinking ^{too much} about the removing from so comfortable and warm place. It could effect to my health and my life very negatively.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

I am not sure.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

Yes, some people came, they filled the forms and asked I should sign the form.

It was stated my choice as Metropolitan South areas.

When did you find out about the redevelopment? Last year - 2024

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

Yes.

Two times: at 2 Simmons Road Sth Yarra Vic 3141 Community club.

Did you get to ask questions?

NO.

Did you get a clear answer?

NO

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

NO

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

I prefer NO. This building is still good for living.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

I think the building specialist know better than me.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

I think the government must keep the land for the public housing.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

I would ask the Victorian government to stop demolishing our building for more years and leave us in peace and stop remove us from our loving homes.

Aboriginal

29 March 2025

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

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I have lived here for from 2013.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I am happy with the way my house is now.
~~I don't want to move anywhere at all~~
~~I am confident that the absolute majority~~
of people who live in our house categorically
do not want to move from our house.
I talked to every resident of our house and
everyone says that they want to stay in
their apartments.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

I recently underwent a very complex brain
operation and have serious consequences for my
health. My daughter comes to my house to help
me and take care of me. She has two small
children their home is far away and she stays
overnight at my house.

What worries do you have about moving?

If I am evicted by force and given a small place to live, then my daughter will not be able to stay with my grandchildren and this will worsen my health even more

How would moving out affect your daily life?

After the operation my health is in a deplorable state, it is absolutely contraindicated for me to be nervous and upset. Thoughts about moving cause me severe stress, which raises my blood pressure and causes unbearable headaches. After every conversation with company representatives who want to evict me from my home, I start having a panic attack and severe stress

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

I would like real proof of the guarantee

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

Yes, After every conversation ~~conducive~~ with company representatives who want to evict me from my home, I start having a panic attack and severe stress

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

September 2024

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

Yes, I was present

Did you get to ask questions?

Yes, I was asked questions, but did not receive answers

Did you get a clear answer?

No, I did not receive answers

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

no

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

no

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

Needs to be repaired !!!

What do you want the government to do with the land?

I would like the government to repair our house and spend the money saved on charitable and social needs.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

I would like the government to repair our house and spend the money saved on charitable and social needs. And then we would really see the care of government officials for ordinary people who vote for them in elections.

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 1259 Malvern rd.

I have lived here for about 18 years.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I think it's a great idea, the place has really gone down hill in the past years.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

a great deal because I now have to move into a new place in a new area away from all my friends and away from the area I know best

What worries do you have about moving?

that it will be away
from all my hospital appointments
and away from my friends

How would moving out affect your daily life?

in every way possible

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

I am not quite sure
it will depend

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

no not at all.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

about 6 months ago

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

no

Did you get to ask questions?

no

Did you get a clear answer?

no

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

no, no one even told me about it, luck that Ane Ruffatt-Ruiz told me and has helped me with everything

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

I suppose so

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

Considering how dated it all is probably knocked down

What do you want the government to do with the land?

I am not sure.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

the relocation team
have not said exactly where
the new local office will be.

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of _____ /259 Malvern Road, South Yarra Vic 3141 _____.

I have lived here for 31 years _____.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I think the towers are old and condition of the buildings are poor. They do require to be re-build

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

We have been living at the current location for the last 31 years, the decision affects us in many ways
As pensioner, we cannot afford renting other than public housing. There is no enough public housing
out there. As elderly and suffering from mutiple medical conditions, we often require carer assistance
from family and friends with our daily life.

What worries do you have about moving?

The location and the appropriateness of the house, we require a minimum two bedrooms, and close to shops and public transport. We are visiting our local GP in Prahan on regular basis who has been looking after our health and wellbeing for the last 33 years. By moving, means we may or maynot able to see our GP. is 86 years old, is 79 years old, we both suffering multiple medical conditions, have difficulty in walking, requires walking stick and carts to assist with walking in and out of the house. If location of the house is far away from shops and public transport, means we will not be able to live independently, we will require a carer to assit us with daily life like shopping, visting doctor etc

How would moving out affect your daily life?

We have been living at the current location for the last 31 years, moving will affect our daily life in many ways as stated above of our worries.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

Yes, we would like to move back after redevelopment

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

Yes. We do not speak English, it is difficult to understand

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

Around late September 2024

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

No.

Did you get to ask questions?

No

Did you get a clear answer?

No

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government? **No**

We have been offered a 1 bedroom housing. When we rejected the offer, the officer told my daughter that is not up to the couple to decide! They wrote to us in November 2024, request our GP to state medical reasons as why couple cannot successfully share same bedroom. At that time, one of us was overseas, the letter said if we do not return the document by due date, the government will assume we do not require social housing! We are pensioner and elderly couple cannot afford renting other than public housing. By forcing us to share a bedroom is intervention of our privacy.

Please see the statement from us which our daughter has helped to put together.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

Yes

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

Knock down and re-build

What do you want the government to do with the land?

Build better housing for people needed

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Road South/Yarra.

I have lived here for 45 years.

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

I think with so many Families waiting for housing that the flats are still liveable and now with rehousing tenants that have to be relocated will add to the already waiting list.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

This relocation has affected me as I don't know where I will live, my neighbours that I have here as new neighbours I don't know in new address.

What worries do you have about moving?

Where I live I have Dr, shops transport a hospital within walking distance and the uncertainty of all these amenities once I move.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

My daily life would be affected as I have lived here for 45 years and do love living here.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

I can't be sure about moving back until the time comes, and if I'm happy where I live at that time of redevelopment.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

no one from government spoke to me only letters informing me of relocation & when

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

I found out about redevelopment through news bulletins & newspaper & letters.

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

only meetings in community Hall.

Did you get to ask questions?

yes.

Did you get a clear answer?

not answers that were concerning me.

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

NO we haven't been listened to by the government.

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

At this time I think they just need renovating as there are so many families already waiting for housing. This just adds to the long list of waiting families.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

I think towers should be renovated.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

IF towers have to be redeveloped.
new housing should be on offer to families
already waiting + the option of moving back
when finished.

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS

I am a resident of 259 Malvern Rd South Yarra. 3141

I have lived here for 2001

I am uncomfortable personally submitting to the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. I confirm that I am a member of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association Incorporated (SYPTA Inc.) and consent to them submitting my de-identified experience as part of their submission to the Inquiry.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWERS TO BE REDEVELOPED

What do you think about the decision to redevelop the towers?

If the towers need to be redeveloped, then the authority should build the towers next to the existing tower and relocate tenants from the old building to the new building.

This will safely avoid all problems with relocations - particularly elderly citizens.

How has the decision affected you, your family, and your community?

This decision has affected us a lot as we would like to stay in the same area.

As elderly citizens, it is imperative that we reside very close to the hospital, GP and local shops.

What worries do you have about moving?

A lot of things. It scares us to move a further distance from our current doctors and shopping. Furthermore, as elderly citizens, we are worried about packing and unpacking our house belongings. Lastly, we are concerned about the number of bedrooms and size/space of our relocated residence. We have several medical comorbidities, meaning we require specialised medical devices such as motorised scooters, large electronic beds & chairs, as well bulky toilet bidets.

How would moving out affect your daily life?

Will affect us a lot. We would very much not like to change our routine and life-style. Changes to this, would bring about significant life stress, especially at our age.

Do you think you'll be able to move back after the redevelopment?

These questions are very challenging to answer for elderly residents. Our number one preference, is to not move at all. If relocating is essential, then we need a suitable place of residence which would not compromise our current quality of living. Please consider our health and wellbeing, when planning the housing commission relocations.

HOMES VIC'S CONSULTATION

Did anyone from the government speak to you about the redevelopment?

They informed us about the redevelopments. They advised us that we should seek written confirmation from the housing commision authorities that we will recieve a new place of residence of similar size, and in/near the same local area.

When did you find out about the redevelopment?

In January 2025

Have you been to any of the government meetings about the redevelopment?

No, due to our age

Did you get to ask questions?

No

Did you get a clear answer?

No

Do you feel like you have been listened to by the government?

Yes

WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Do you think the towers should be redeveloped?

At this stage NO, as most tenants do not want to relocate out of this area.

From conversing with current residents, the majority also express concerns about downsizing their living apartment - which is shared significant sentiment amongst the housing community residents.

Do you think the towers should be knocked down or renovated?

I don't know. This question is similar to before.

I will reiterate that the answer to this is contingent on whether living standards are compromised or not, during the relocation process.

What do you want the government to do with the land?

Simple - build houses for people

OTHER CONCERNS

Do you want to say anything else?

We need a clear and strong letter from housing commission authorities, stating that:

The tenants who are willing to stay in the same area will have

1. Same size living apartments with same numbers of bedrooms
2. Full assistance with relocations by a trained removalist, especially for ELDERLY people
3. Case-by-case consideration of providing extra rooms for residents with disabilities/comorbidities
- particularly those requiring large motorised scooters, large electronic beds & chairs, as well bulky toilet bidets.

In addition, we have not been fully advised about the relocation plans and specifics.

At this stage, we oppose the relocation plans until we will have clear answer regarding our above request

Please understand our circumstances, and if needed, please employ additional support staff to provide answers to residents who are understandably, quite anxious during this time.

Thank you for your understanding.