

## Position Statement

**Trevor Jensen** – Spokesperson for DPPA

**Robert Brunner** – Engineering Spokesperson (On behalf for a group of eminent engineers and consultants for the DPPA) (List below).

**The DPPA** – a group of responsible Victorians concerned that the Metro proceeds in such a way that it integrates sensitively with the rich heritage of Melbourne.

**Overall Message:** We want the Metro to proceed but in can be done in conjunction with heritage preservation. We seek to have the Minister consider what are viable alternatives for the Metro project at the Domain station.

## Key Messages

- We can at the same time proceed with the Metro and preserve our heritage for the people of Victoria, Australia and the world
- We seek consideration of alternatives by the Minister before further works begin (including pre-works and early works for the current location of Domain Station)
- The Minister has said that alternatives should be considered\*
- We seek transparency with these considerations
- There are alternatives – we suggest one
- This alternative will preserve the St Kilda Rd streetscape, 203 trees, avoid traffic congestion and tram relocation
- This alternative costs less - \$800 million less

## Attributable Quotes

“Consultation is not lip service, it’s consideration”.

**Trevor Jensen – Spokesperson DPPA**

“We welcome the Metro. It is our transport system for the next hundred years. It’s critical that it has the best possible design and sensitively integrates within our beautiful city”

**Trevor Jensen – Spokesperson DPPA**

“Much has changed including the move for national heritage listing of St Kilda Rd and the Minister’s indication that alternatives should be considered – we seek a fresh look at the alternatives”

**Trevor Jensen – Spokesperson DPPA**

“It’s a viable engineering alternative with benefits all round – it saves the grand boulevard, the trees, the congestion, the tram rerouting and saves money - \$800 million of taxpayers money”

“St Kilda Road is one of the most beautiful boulevards in the world – let’s protect it.”

**Robert Brunner – Engineering Spokesperson**

### **Summary of the Writ**

#### **The Writ has been lodged in the Supreme Court**

We seek to challenge the Minister for Planning’s decision relevantly in the following way-

We say that having acknowledged that he is aware of, although has not yet accepted, a proposed alternative location for the Domain station which had significant environmental benefits, the Minister for Planning still made the decision that the overall benefits to the broader community outweighed all the adverse environmental and other impacts and that such environmental and other impacts were acceptable. We say that decision was therefore premature and wrong in law. The question becomes: how could he properly make a decision about relative benefits etc., when an alternative with apparent significant environmental benefits was available which he acknowledged but failed to take into account in making his decision.

**Domain Precinct Preservation Association**

\* Page 40 (and other references) in his response to the EES Statement

## **Engineers and Consultants Group**

### **Robert Brunner (Spokesperson for the Group)**

Engineer with 36 years' experience, Chairman of Circle Mutual Bank and owns an engineering business. He speaks on behalf of

### **George Swinburne**

45 years of experience as a Property and Town Planning lawyer including 27 years as a Partner at Allen's.

### **James Hayton (Design Draftsman)**

12 years on the Sydney Opera House.

Work on Centre point tower, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Boston Tunnel.

Parliament of Papua New Guinea.

Barbican London.

Federation square Melbourne.

Railways Hong Kong and Singapore.

### **Dr Tim Fitton (PhD BE(Civil) MIEAust CPEng NPER RPEQ)**

Civil engineer with a bachelor's degree and a PhD.

20 years of experience as a civil engineer, 6 of these permanently stationed overseas, and worked in 15 countries.

Currently the founding director of a successful Melbourne-based civil engineering consulting company.

Chartered Professional Engineer qualification with the Institution of Engineers Australia, and listed on the National Engineer's Register.

Also registered as a professional engineer with the Queensland Board of Engineers.

### **Mike Planinc (Mechanical / Chemical Engineer)**

35 years of post graduate engineering experience working as Mechanical / Chemical Engineer.

Worked on several mega projects in the Oil & Gas sector on four continents, which involved complex multi discipline scope (Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Piping, Electrical, Instrumentation, etc.).

A member of the Institution of Engineers Australia Chartered Professional Engineer – Chemical College, Mechanical College and also RPEQ (Registered Professional Engineer Queensland) – Chemical, Mechanical.

### **Dr Neil Bechervaise**

Bachelors degree from Canada and Masters and PhD from Monash

20 years experience as a change management consultant and 9 years as an adjunct and visiting professor of business research and workplace assessment in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, PNG, Micronesia, Samoa and Fiji.

**Chris Fellows (Mechanical / Chemical Engineer)**

B Eng (Hons) from Melbourne University and an MBA from Deakin University.

Spent 40 years as a practicing engineer with ExxonMobil primarily evaluating alternative development options for major oil and gas developments internationally.

Final assignment was as the Senior Development Planning Consultant for ExxonMobil's Development Company based in Houston.

**Fiona Reed (Resident)**

Worked as the St. Kilda Road Community and Business Liaison for the City of Port Phillip in 2005/6 liaising with the City of Melbourne over our jointly governed Road.

Lobbying the City of Port Phillip during the 2008-2009 drought, to help to enlist community assistance in keeping the street trees watered and alive.