

What is the format for submissions to the council on C269 ?

There is no right or wrong format. All respectful submissions are valuable. A few submissions, no matter how technically brilliant, is not an effective community response. Only a wave of contributions from across the community, each in the contributors own words, has impact.

The simplest way to put in a submission is with : <https://c269.good.do/yarra/email-submission/>

This guide takes you through an example whether you use the link above or email direct to Yarra.

What needs to be included to be a valid submission ?

A valid submission needs to include your name, email address, and your comment on C269.

A copy of your submission will be supplied by Council on request from the public, so anyone can read it. Working with Yarra is easiest via email, we do not recommend using the post for submissions.

Where do I send my submission ? What is the due date for submissions ?

Send an email including 'Amendment C269 - submission' in the subject line to Yarra Council Strategic Planning: strategicplanning@yarracity.vic.gov.au More Info : [Yarra : How To Page](#)
Yarra accepts submissions in plain email or as attachments in microsoft word or pdf.

Your submissions need to be received by Yarra Council by **5pm Friday 4 December 2020**.

Please CC: the3068group@netspace.net.au to help the groups put together the group response.

What should I put in my submission ?

Your opinion on the town hall meeting topics will be a legitimate response to the amendment.

It is helpful if you say in your response which topic section you are responding to, but is not required.

Your own words are best. Personal stories, experiences and personal points of view on your area are where you are the expert. Including photos illustrating your point, is great, but you don't have to.

Notes contributed by expert residents can be found at [C269 Town Meeting Page](#).

You can ask a Yarra planner : <https://yarraplanningscheme.com.au/askaquestion>

There is an example submission on the next page.

It is certainly worth looking at the following three linked documents for close to home inspiration.

Activity Centres : [11.03 Activity Centres](#)

Do you agree with how your local community shopping hub is described as evolving over 10 years ?

How do you want your community hub changing over the next 10 years ?

Are there any other landmark views in your area which should be protected ? [15.01 Landmarks](#)

Housing : [16.01 Housing](#)

Housing in the dark blue residential zone is already strictly height limited by the state government. The other areas are covered by C269, except where local rules are in place. This is most non-residential areas ?

Every submission counts - make sure you get yours in by Friday 4th December !

Example Submission :

My name is Ms Jane Doe. Our decision to bring our family up as part of this caring and inclusive community is one of the best decisions of our lives. Thank-you for this opportunity to contribute to the future of Yarra.

I am making this submission to help ensure Yarra's livability as well as its diverse and vibrant heritage shopping strips can continue to benefit us all for another 100+ years.

In a superficial and transient world, walking through streets and parks, grateful generations have kept so majestic to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, is just the best.

Activity Centres :

I understand and support the need for urban renewal. We need affordable, livable accommodation. Our vibrant shopping strips are not the location for this residential development to be encouraged.

Bridge Road, Docklands, Smith Street near Dan Murphy, Woolworths & Coles. The new residential developments, with single entrance ground floor retail or empty shops have not enhanced the character, vitality or diversity of their shopping strips. They are now places I would avoid at night.

My family usually does our daily shop in North Fitzroy Village as we live very close by.

I was very disappointed when council officers recommended the Piedimontes development be approved. The planning scheme should not assess a new monolithic building, double the width and height of any nearby building, the loss of much valued shops, including the chemist, more trucks - still reversing across Scotchmer Street, in a busy heritage Neighbourhood Village, as an acceptable planning outcome.

No planning guidance is provided in C269 on how the Village should evolve, how diversity should be protected, how the village scale and character should be respected. The small park, the Pinnacle Hotel, a building of State Significance, bookended by the award winning Bargoonga Nganjin, (North Fitzroy Library) are not discussed.

The Neighbourhood Character of each activity centre is unique and needs to be individually articulated and supported in C269. The local heritage shopping strips at the heart of our 20 minute neighbourhood must be treasured, and keep their much loved "village vibe".

Housing :

Our children are so keen to continue to live where they grew up. We hope to be able to age in place. We support a planned, managed increase in the Yarra population, so livability can be preserved.

We support urban renewal in the ex-industrial land in the streets behind or around our iconic shopping strips. These are better locations for residential development, less noisy, less traffic, less impact on our local shops we rely on every day.

Residents & traders need confidence to make decisions for their business and their families. The planning scheme must give a clear idea what can be built near where they live. The Housing section in C269 does not make it clear just how high the buildings outside the residential dark blue zones can get.



Without clear limits, there is an incentive to landbank shopfronts, as empty, poorly maintained former shops. Once sufficient are acquired, to partner with a developer encouraged to “try their luck” at VCAT. These practices are devastating to the neighbouring local businesses. Planning should emphatically discourage consolidation of fine grain heritage shopping strips. Viable heritage shop spaces need to be retained, especially on corners.

Sustainability :

We support planning rules ensuring development built in the next ten years is all designed to be capable of being carbon neutral. This would mean only sustainability standards requiring designs to achieve carbon neutrality should be acceptable to Yarra. A development with 100% gas appliances was recently assessed as a pass under BESS. This is inconsistent with achieving carbon neutrality.