

## DADA submission to Darebin Planning Committee – 19 August 2019

- Thank you to the team for their comprehensive efforts in producing the three documents before council tonight.
- My reason for wanting to speak to you is to share my concern of the lack of appreciation of the aesthetic and technical aspects of the current market buildings in the document before you.
- And how completely all of the positive attributes and the living cultural history are imbedded within the fabric of the buildings.
- It is mistake to think we can protect those tangible and intangible attributes in a redeveloped quarter and new buildings. You can attempt to recreate but it will be fake much like building a Victorian terrace in 2019.
- While objective one at dot point 6 makes reference to design characteristics of space frame the complete document lacks a comprehensive understanding of the uniqueness and importance of the building itself. Suggesting reproduction Space-frame is frankly insulting.
- There is a problem that the recommendations make the assumption the market needs to be rebuilt when renovated might be a more appropriate outcome.
- The claim by the developer that the condition of the market is poor has not been tested by council. There should not be plans to demolish it until that claim is independently tested. A key tenant of sustainability is to reuse not rebuild.
- Finally, on behalf of Barry Pearce and David Rayson, the original architects, I request an opportunity to provide a short briefing to council on the design concepts and fabrication techniques that make the market buildings so unique.