

## **Fishermans Bend Update**

Planning Minister Guy has been busy of late approving 11 more towers in the area around Montague Station. He has also approved another residential tower on Lorimer St in the shadow of the Bolte Bridge. The new development will complete Yarra's Edge, which already has 1162 apartments and 82 strata-free homes. This brings the total projects approved up to 9 since March, and there are 8 more on his desk.

The greatest concern with all these approvals is that the Government has not acquired land for public open space, schools, aged care, child care, health care, libraries or transport corridors. As a result, it is looking more and more likely that Fishermans Bend will be another Docklands or – even worse – another Southbank.

PPI has been pushing to rectify these shortcomings by working with other community groups, including the Fishermans Bend Network (FBN), the Council, the ALP and the Greens in the lead up to November's State election. The ALP is still developing its planning policy but has said it will halt further approvals while the plans for the urban renewal area are reviewed.

Members and friends should visit the FBN facebook page and "like" it to be kept up to date with the latest goings-on. The City of Port Phillip also has a map showing the status of applications on its website.

If anyone would like to know more, contact Rowan Groves on 9646 3687.