

RHSV Submission to Future Melbourne Committee
Regarding Agenda Item 6.6 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program
– Provision of Market Infrastructure
17 September 2019

- 1) We are disappointed not to see a programme for renovation and restoration of the heritage assets of the Queen Victoria Market. We believe that this should be a major priority. Making the market look smarter and more historic would be a major boost to its attraction.

- 2) We are concerned that the Point of Sale counters may lead to a homogenised, uniform look that will disappoint both shoppers and tourists. Certainly the Point of Sale visuals which Rob Adams presented to the People's Panel briefing elicited dismay and would have the same effect on the public, resulting in another PR problem.

- 3) Finally, we are concerned that the proposed loading docks in the Trader Shed and Northern Shed foreshadow a radical change in the traditional mode of stall-holder operation. We would urge caution before making such a change. It is important that a low-cost operational mode be maintained and furthered in order to attract traders from emerging migrant and other new groups.