DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANDRIDGE SITE, PORT MELBOURNE

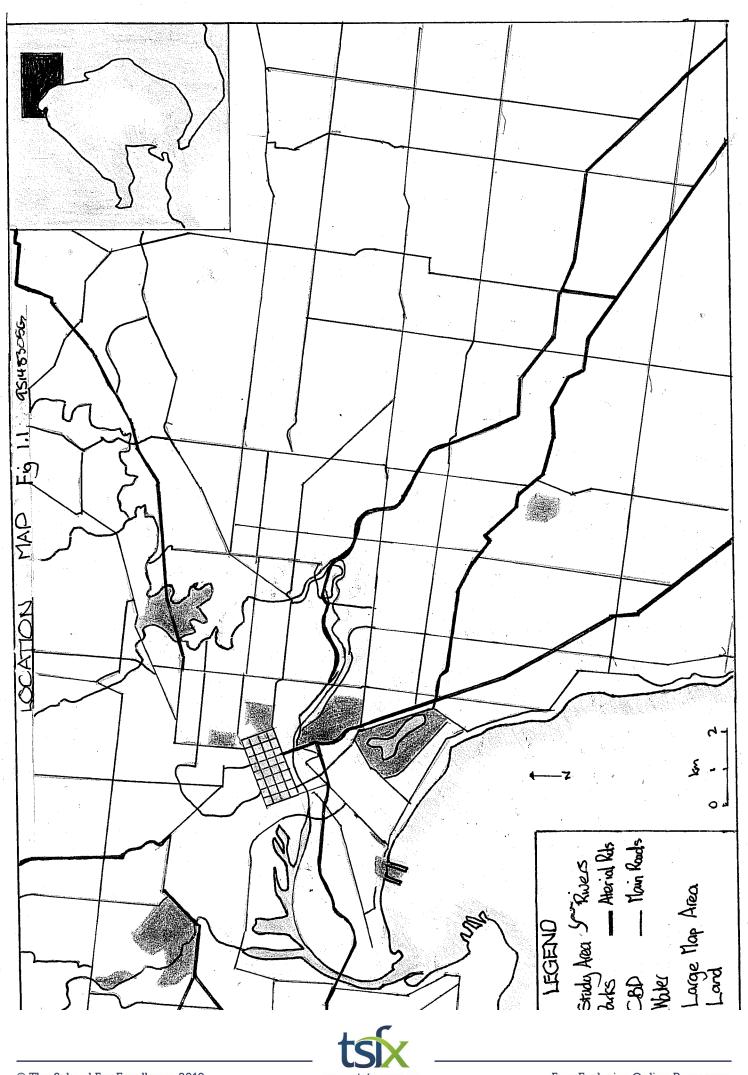


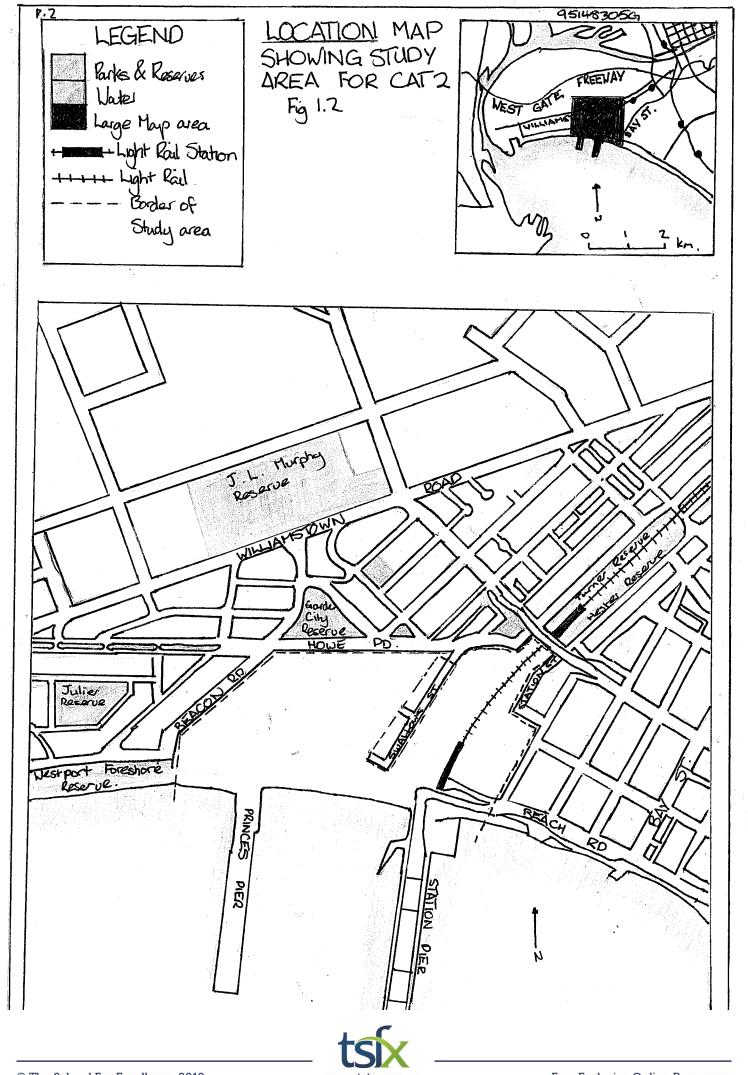
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HIST OF	ABBREVIATIONS
Rd Road	pop-population
PdParade	Fig Figure
St Street	p page
Soc Social	
Pol Political	
Hist Historica	al

Econ. - Economical







CRITERION 1 INTRODUCTION

The issue is development at the Sandridge site in Port Melbourne. This site is bounded by Port Phillip Bay, Beacon Road, Garden City Reserve, Tucker Avenue, and Railway Cresent. The area is 28 hectares in size. The site is <u>located</u> in the suburb of Port Melbourne, approximately 4 kilometres from the city centre, 3.25 kilometres south-east of the Westgate Bridge, and 3 kilometres west of Albert Park Lake.

The site is surrounded directly by residential and recreational areas, while industrial and commercial areas are <u>located</u> nearby

i.e. within a 1 kilometre radius. (See Fig. 1.3)

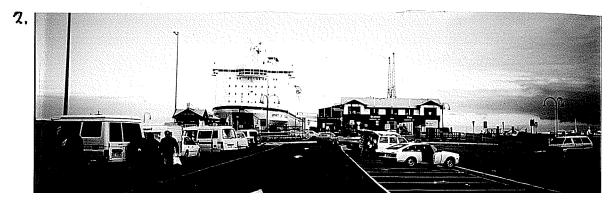
Movement in the region is done mainly by commuters and residents along Bay St., on their way to the Westgate Bridge, and by travellers and trucks boarding and leaving the "Spirit of Tasmania". (See probs 162)

Due to <u>change over time</u>, the site has had a number of uses, such as including a fuel depot, which caused the soil to become contaminated.

The site is located in a coastal area, fronting onto Port Phillip Bay. The site is vacant at the moment, leaving it bare and succeptable to erosion (see photos 3 and 4)

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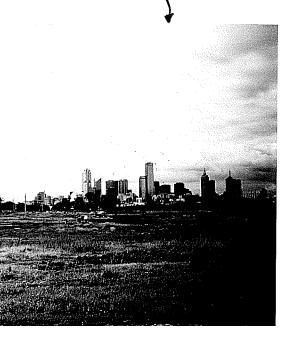
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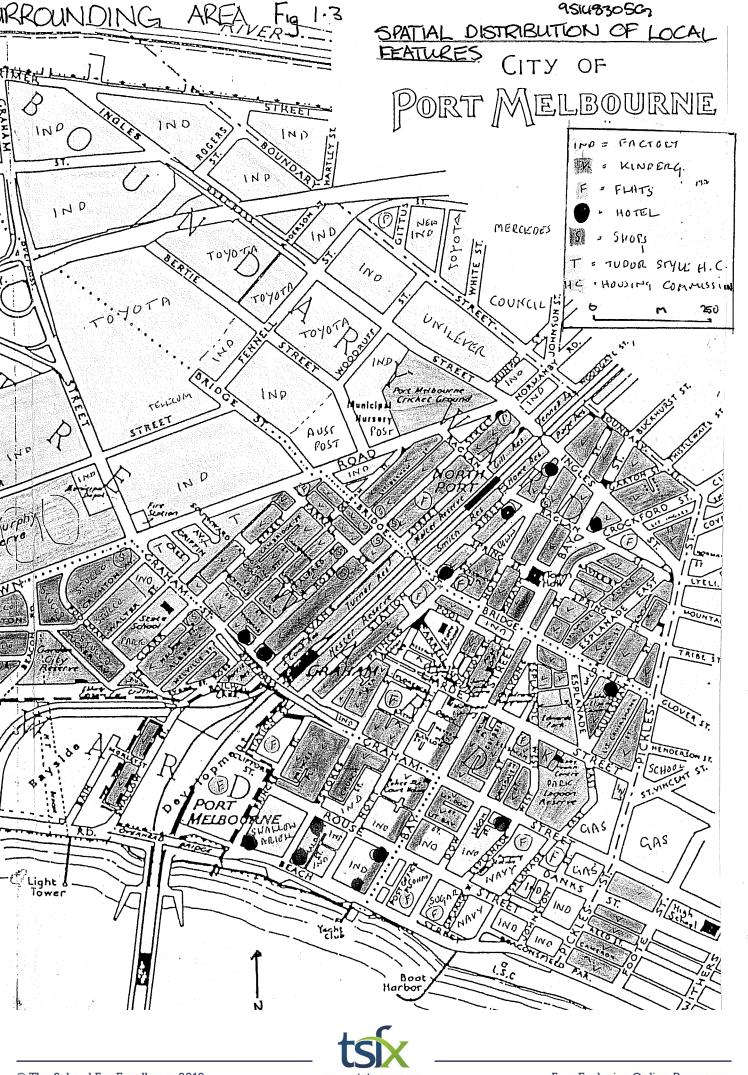
Missions to Seamons Building

CBO in distance.





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(see map Fig. 1.4)

SOCIAL: Port Melbourne residents (i.e. <u>located</u> within a 3 km radius) oppose any tourist orientated development, as well as a development involving canals or high cost residential areas. These residents would be happy with a development that doesn't change the character of the area or the social make up of proudly industrialised Port Melbournea Previous development was cancelled partly as a result of strong public opposition by residents.

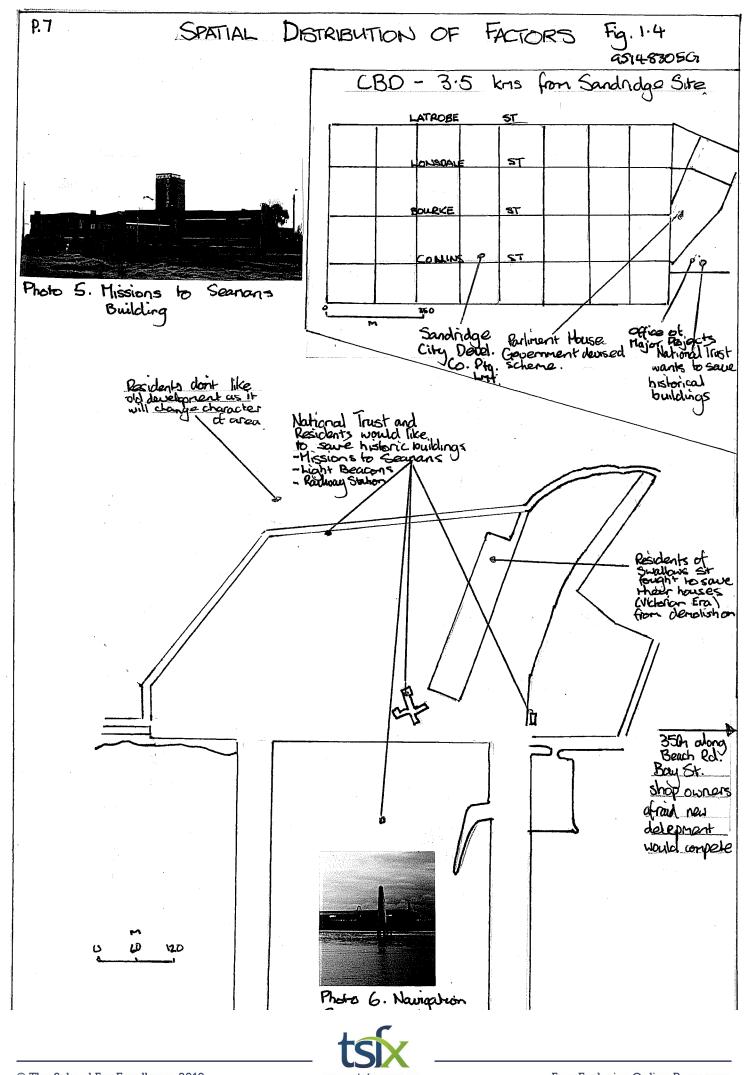
Political: Previous government devised first scheme, which was cancelled due to lack of money and public approval. When the Liberal Government was elected the development of the Sandridge site was one of the first problens they dealt with. At the moment the project lies in the hands of the Office of Major Projects, Department of Planning and Development, located in Trace, Melbourne.

ECONOMIC: Previous development would have cost \$700 million. Government spent \$20 million cleaning up the soil to make it safe for people to live on as it was contaminated from the site's use as a fuel depot. Then came the ressession which left the government little money to spend on such a project. Strong public disapproval and lack of money foced the government to abandon the project

HISTORICAL: The site houses several remainders of Melbourne's heritage. This includes the old Port Melbourne Railway Station, built in 1854, the "art deco" Missions to Seamens Building, and two old navigation beacons. Another historical aspect of the site is the Centenary Bridge which was demolished by the previous Government to make way for a development that was never built. The National Trust is very keen to save many of these buildings. (See photes 8 -10)

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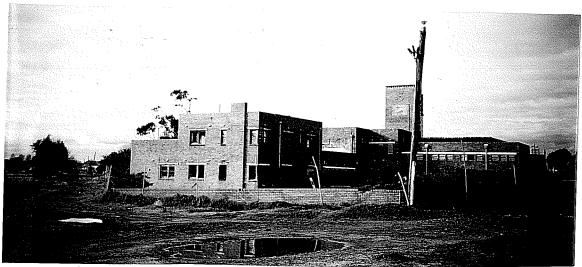


Photo 8. Missions to Seanance Building



Photo 9. Old Station Platform showing Light Rail





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GROUP	RESPONSE	CONTEXT	SOC/ POL/ HIST/ ECON
Victorian Labour Government	Sees need to develop site. Tests soil, Cleans soil. Spent \$20 million. Demolishes Centenary Bridge	Economic benifit, creating jobs	Pol.
Residents of Swallows St.	Protests to save Victorian Era houses	Local Heratige Region	Hist.
Victorian Liberal Goverment	Calls for expresions of interest about site. Consults residents about site.	Developing a site that the local residents are happy with	Soc.
Residents of Port Melbourne	Angry over demolision of Centenary Bridge and general dislike of the project. Forms B.D.A.G	Keeping the heritage and character of the region.	Hist. /Soc.
Sandridge City Development Pty. Ltd.	Proposes plan involving canals, hotels	Economic benifit for locals and tourism	Econ.
Port Melbourne Council	Annoyed not consulted about project, helps B.D.A.G. organize forum	Preventing project from going ahead	Pol.



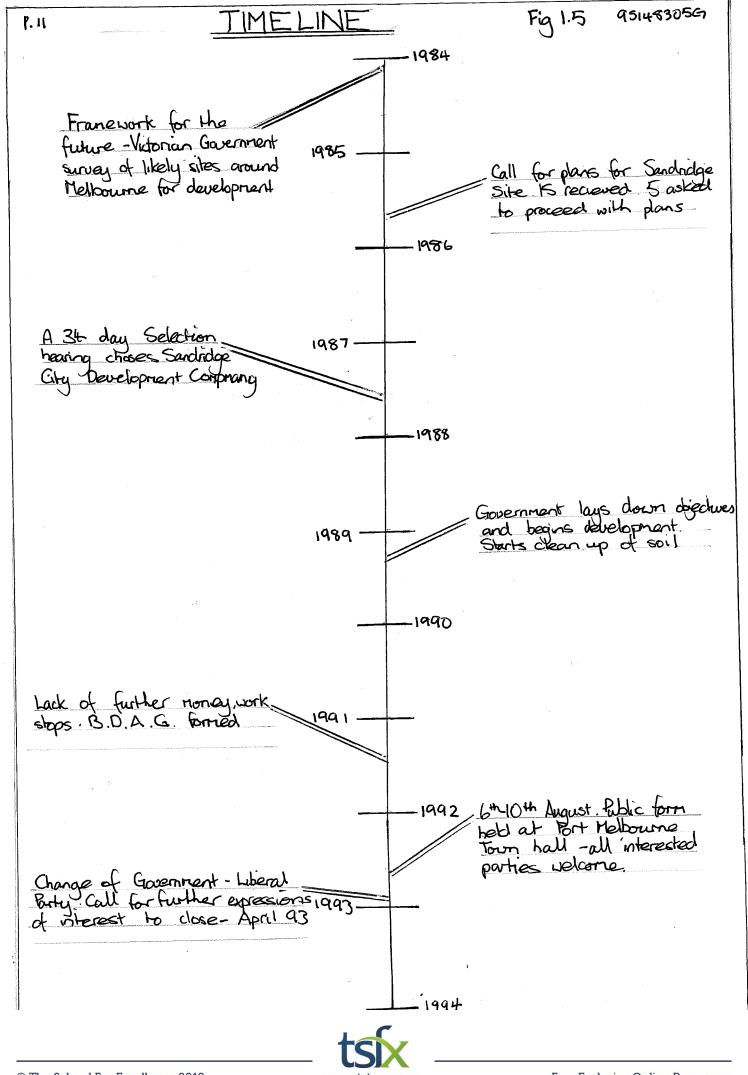
B.D.A.G	Formed by residents unhappy about the project and about not being consulted. Holds forum at Port Melb. town hall to voice public	Preventing project from going ahead	Pol.
National Trust	opinion. Wants to save Beacons, Missions to Seamans Building and Railway Building	Heritage	Hist.

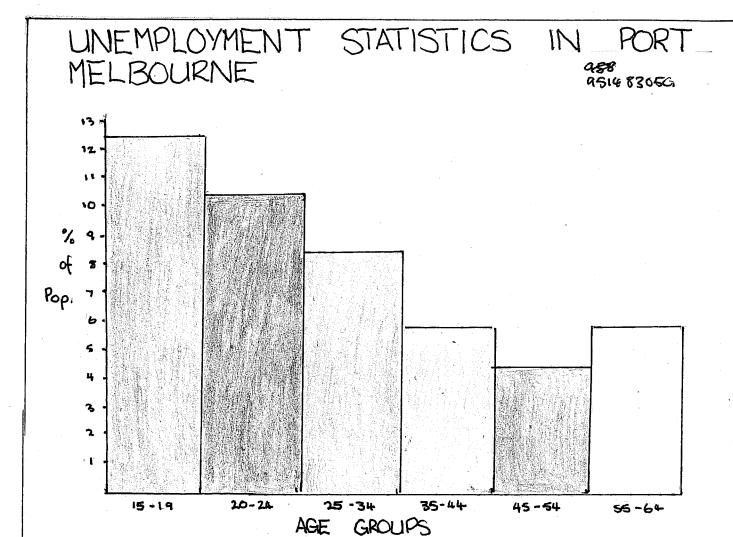
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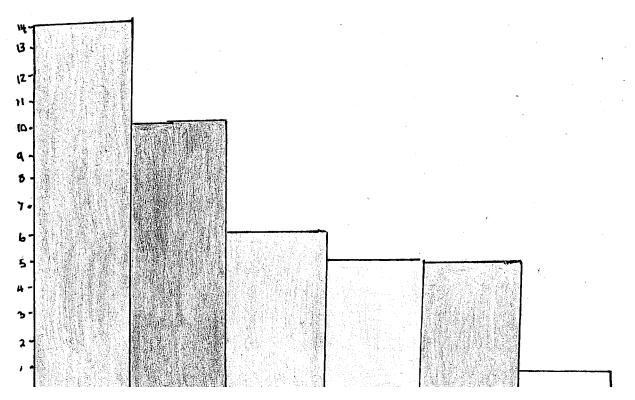


Photo 11. Swallows St.



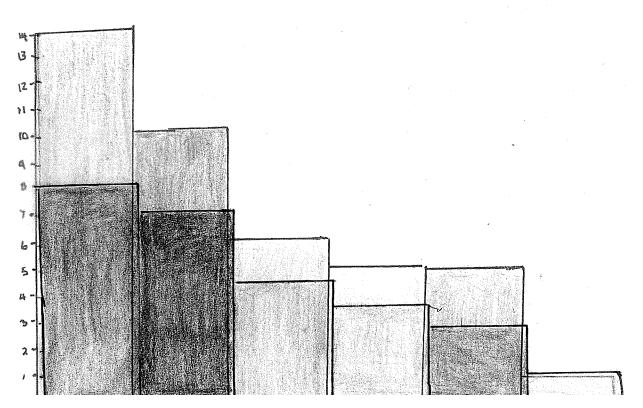




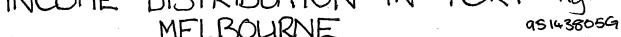




P.12 UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS IN PORT MELBOURNE & MELBOURNE AVERAGE (Overlay) 53 12 10 Pop. GROUPS AGE

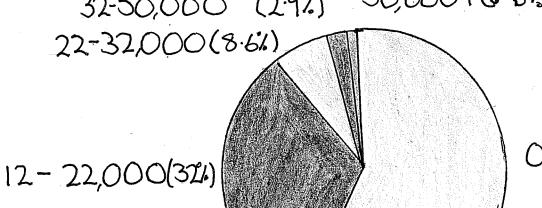






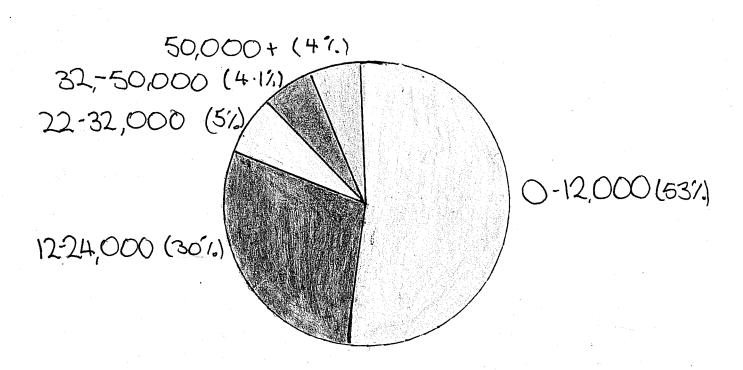
MELBOURNE

32-50,000 (2.9%) 50,000+(4.6%)

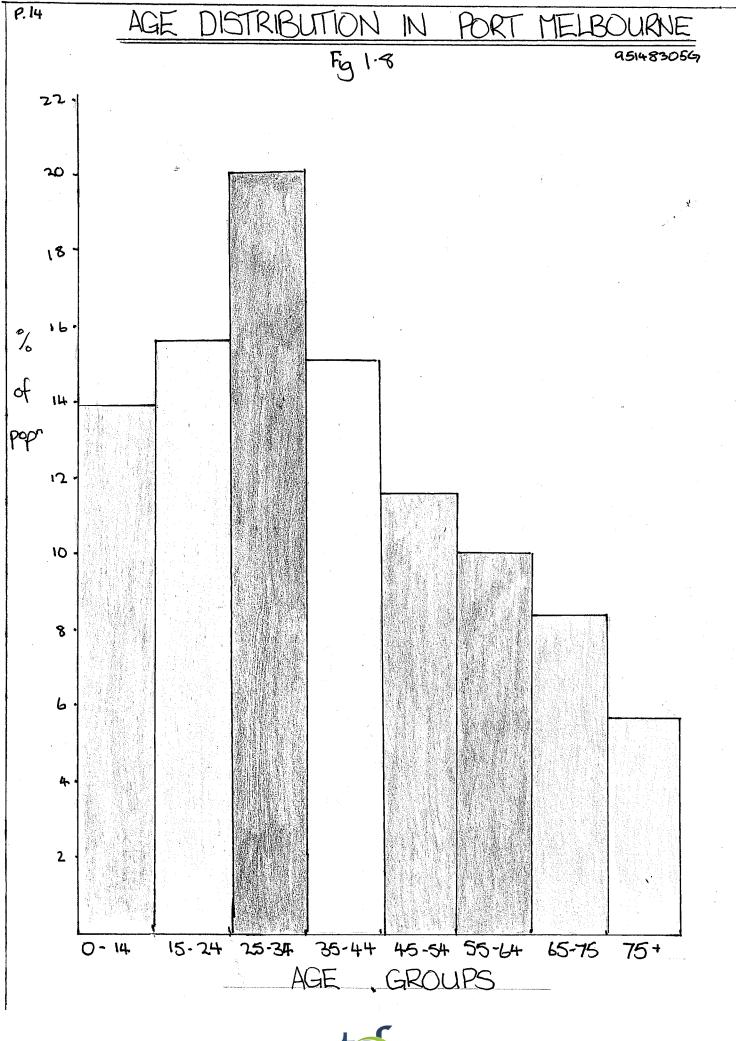


0-12,000 (58%)

INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN MELBOURNE (Average)







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OPTION 1: This plan involves developing the site as a tourist/shopping based type area with residential allotments available at cheap, medium and high cost. This proposal will bring in high returns to the government and the suburb, as well as increasing employment in the area, which it needs (see figure 16)

Features of this development are the shopping complex, as a number of interviewees said they would like to see more shops or a shopping complex. Resturants and tourist shops along the waterfront edge of the complex, which will greet tourists as they leave Station Pier.

The Port Melbourne Railway Station will be restored as a part of this plan. This will please the residents and National Trust. (see C2)

As we found in the interviews with people in Bay Street, quite a few people would like to see some kind of sports complex incorporated into the development, which is what has been done here.

The seawall between the two piers will be destroyed and replaced with sand to reclaim the beach. (see photo 7)



Photo 7. Sea wall to be demoished and replaced with beach.



OPTION 2: This plan is involves/developing the site as residential type area, incorporating a marina into the scheme. residential areas in this development will mostly be terrace-type housing , all at medium cost. This will please the residents as they don't want a change in the character of the area or the social make up of the area. (see C2) Along the waterfront will be built a number of multi-storey apartment buildings, while the others will have first floor commercial, with either shops or resturants occupying the ground floor, and residential occupying the rest of the building. Housing for the aged is also a feature of this plan, with 25% of Port Melbournes residents being 60+. (See 49 1.8) The Missions to Seamans building will be restored, along with the railway station. This will please the residents and National Trust. The railway line will be extended further up the Station Pier so that tourists leaving the ships only have a short walk to the station for a quick ride into the city. This will please the tourists.

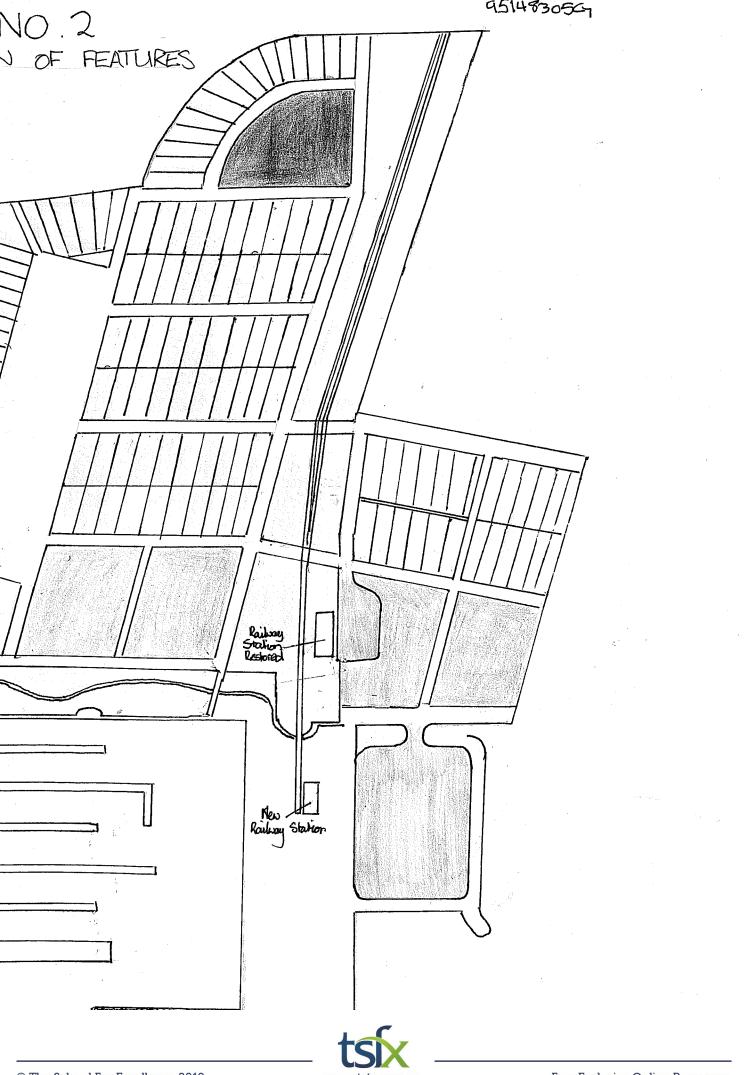
OPTION 3: This plan is an almost exact replica of the original plan drawn up by Sandridge City Development Pty. Lmt. The plan involves developing the area as a tourist type area with a alot of commercial development. This plan also features canals and a large marina with a Yacht Club. This plan would please the government as it would bring in tourists and high returns.

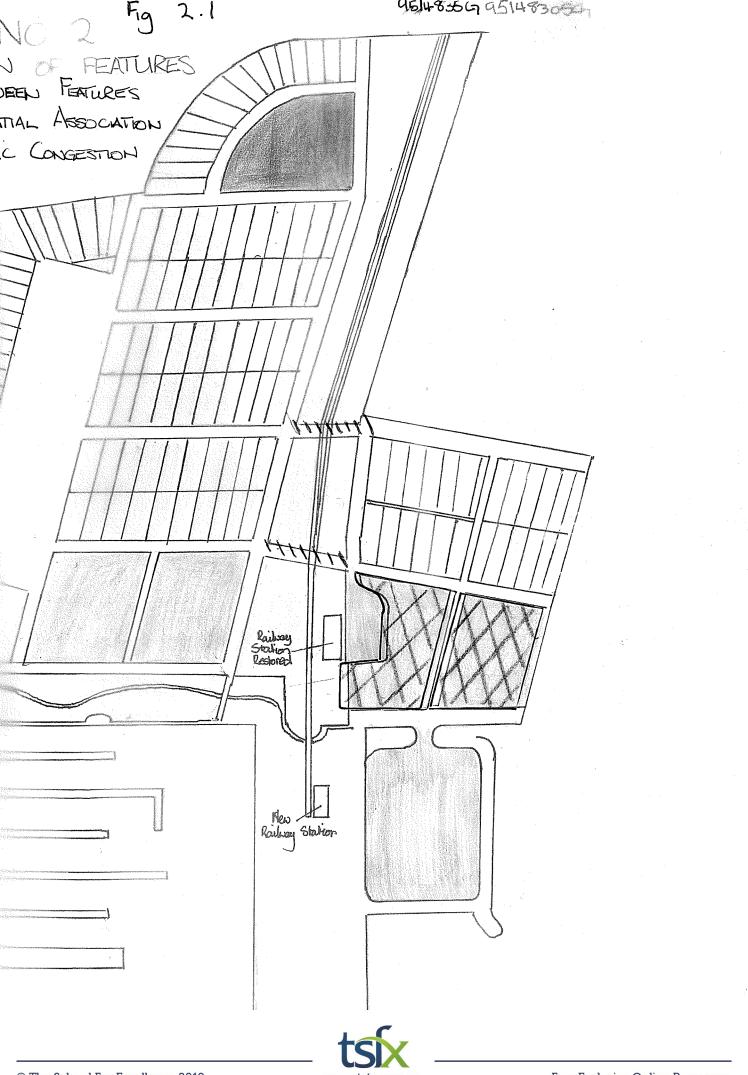
Houses would be built in a terrace style, similar to those in the surrounding <u>region</u>. These would blend with the area, which will please the residents. Prices of houses would vary, depending on <u>location</u>. There will be two hotels, and as a tourist attraction, an aquarium will be built. This will interest tourists and increase spending in the area as well as employment which it needs (see f(n)). Quite a bit of land is set aside for commercial areas in this plan, for the same reason.

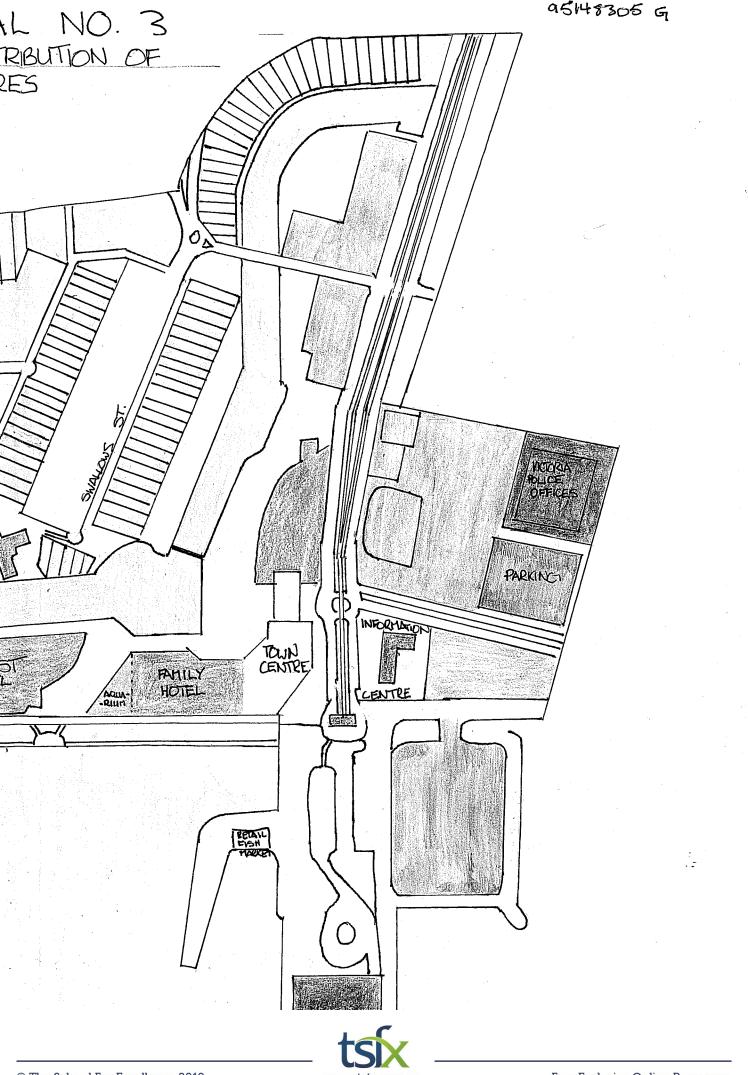
The Missions to Seamans building will be restored, as well as the railway station. This will please the National Trust and residents.

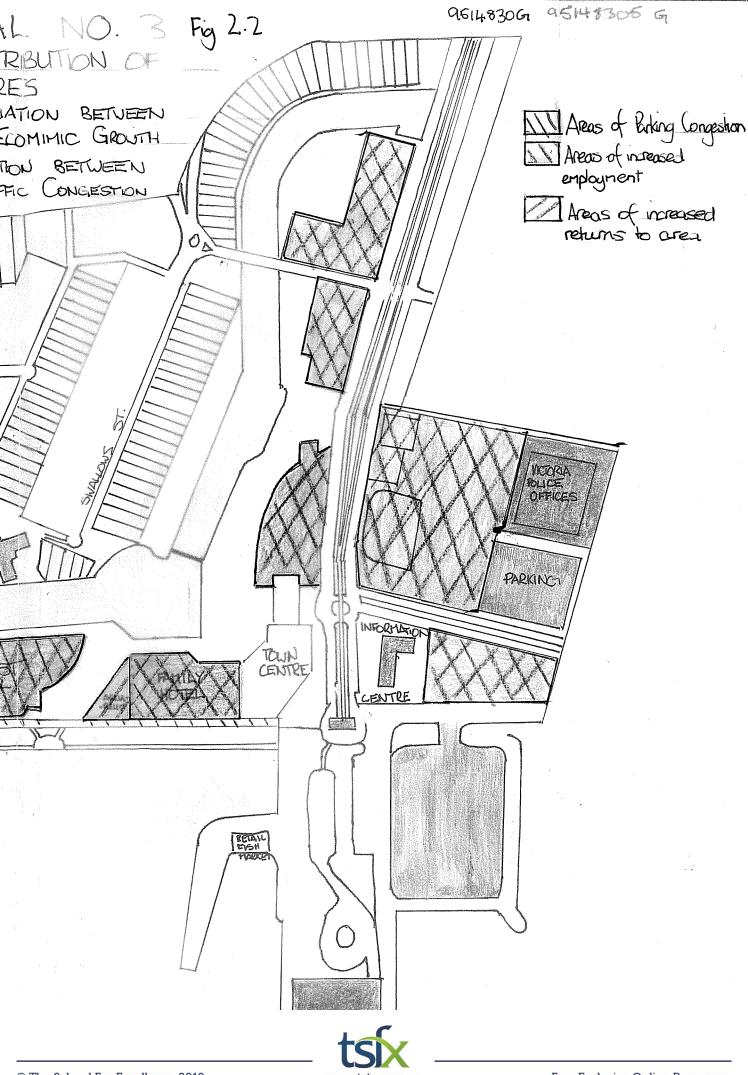
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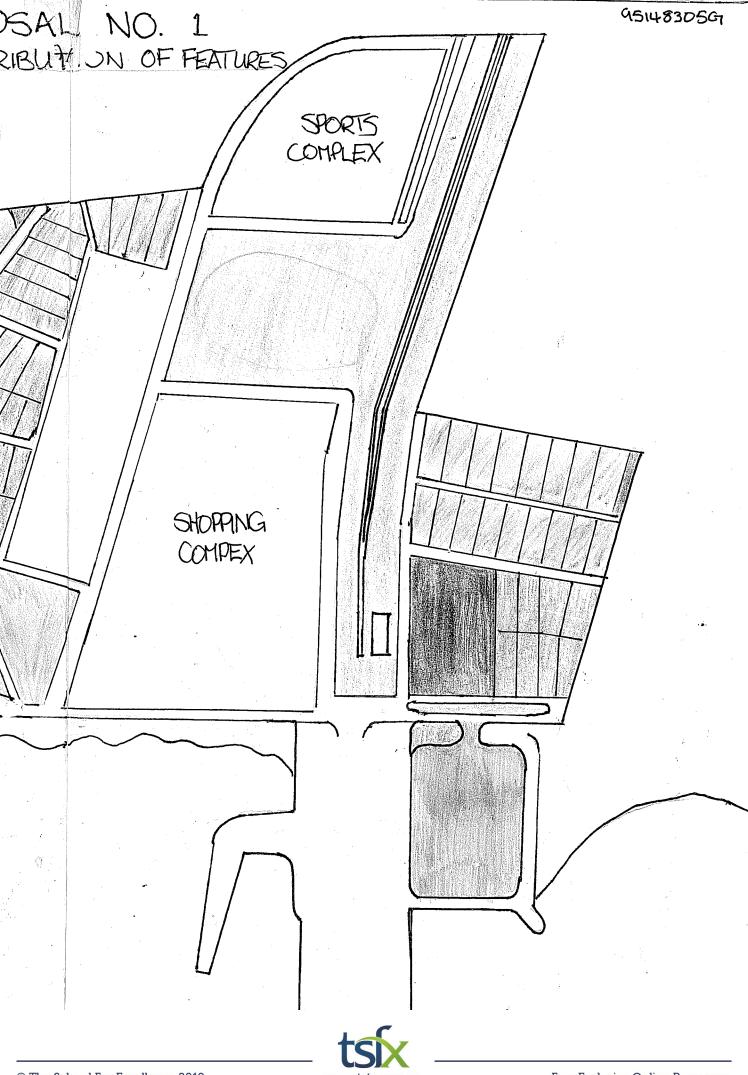


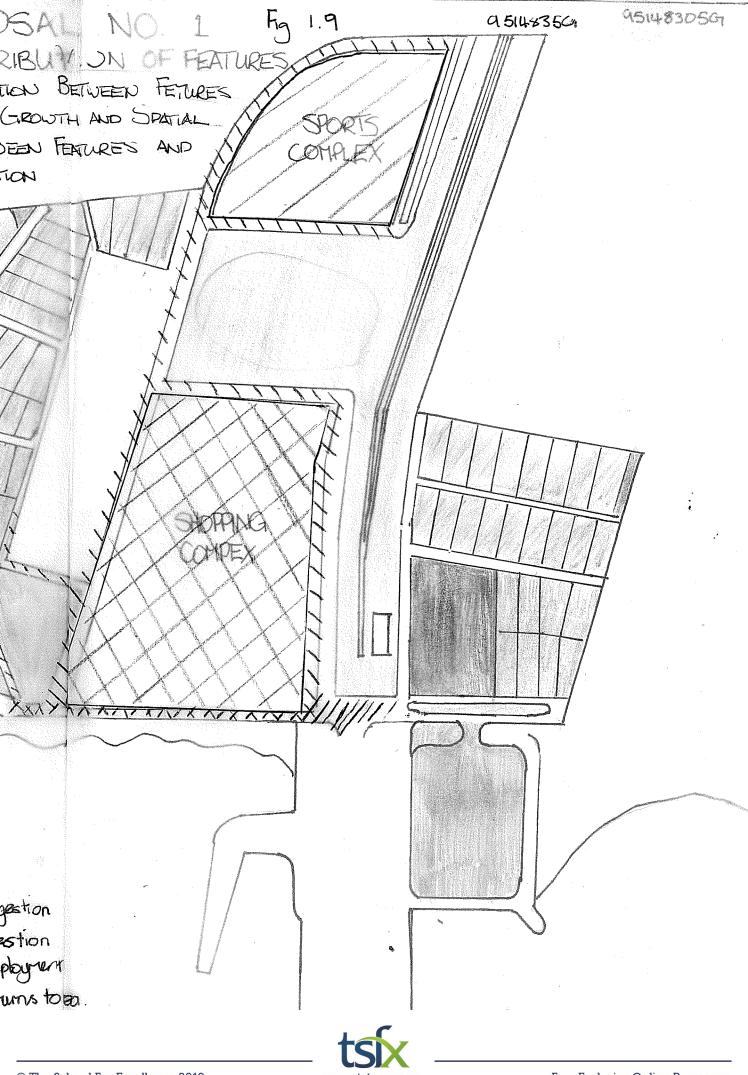












OPTION 1: There would be various problems facing this development. The car park that would be used by people using the shopping complex is too small, and this would cause parking pressures on the surrounding region (see fig 1.9, and the shopping centre itself would create traffic increases in the surrounding region. The different price ranges would change the social make up of the area as well as the character, and the residents strongly oppose this sort of development. (see C2) The shopping centre would also compete with the shops in Bay Street and could ruin many businesses there.

On the other hand, the development would increase employment and earnings in the region(see overlay) as well as bring tourism with

the establishment of the hotels.

OPTION 2: There is no major problems facing this development, as it does not change the character of the area or cause traffic problems. There is a chance, though that the shops could compete with those in Bay St, although not to the extent of Option 1. This plan however, does not offer the same economic returns to the area as Option 1. It offers a little in increased employment (see follow) but not increased tourism. This is the kind of the development the residents would be happy with (see C2)

OPTION 3: This plan would offer alot in economicic returns to the surrounding region, with the hotels and aquarium bringing in tourist dollars. The commercial side of the development could compete with Bay Street, (see hg 22) and the different price ranges would change the social make up of the area as well as changing the character. The residents also dislike the idea of canals. (see C2)

Although this plan would increase employment in the area, it would certainly be very unpopular with the locals, which it has proven to be in the past.

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SELECTION CRITERIA	WHY A GOOD ONE TO CHOOSE	FIELD EVIDENCE
TOURISM	As the development lies in an area which is a sea faring tourist's first glimce of Melbourne	See location map
RESIDENTS APPROVAL	As public disapproval was partly reason why last development didn't go ahead	History
CHANGE OF CHARACTER	As residents proud of their heritage and don't want drastic changes	History
ECONOMIC RETURNS	As area is not wealthy, and could do with increased income	See graph
RETENTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS	As the site contains quite a few significant old buildings	See location map
COMPETITION WITH SURROUNDING AREA	If to many shops are built on the site then Bay Street will lose its business	History

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CRITERION 7: OPTION 1 SELECTION OF MANAGEMENT OPTION

Tourism: The option should include tourist attracting facilities, due to it's ideal location for such facilities, at the stop off point for sea travellers. The more stars indicate the more Tourist facilities incorporated into the scheme

Residents approval: The residents approval of the project is rather important as if the locals are unhappy about the project, it will be unlikely to go ahead. The more stars, the more likelyhood

that the locals will be happy with the scheme

Change in character: The development should blend in as much as possible with the surrounding area, so that the residents and council will remain happy with the scheme. The more stars, the less it will change the character of the area.

Economic Returns: The development should generate alot of money and employment in the area as it is not a wealthy area and the The more stars, the more money would give the suburb a boost. returns the proposal will give th area

site contains many <u>Retention of Historical Buildings :</u> The historical buildings which should be kept and restored if possible.

More stars mean more buildings are saved

Competition with the surrounding area: The development should not compete with shops in Bay St as this will cause businesses to close down. Many stars indicate that the development will not cause competition with the surrounding area.

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CRITERIA FOR OPTION 1				
TOURISM	*	*	*	*
RESIDENTS APPROVAL	*	*		
CHANGE IN CHARACTER	*			
ECONOMIC RETURNS	*	*	*	*
RETENTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS	*			
COMPETITION WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA	*			

Total number of stars : 13

CRITERIA FOR OPTION 2		,		
TOURISM	*			
RESIDENTS APPROVAL	*	*	*	*
CHANGE IN CHARACTER	*	*	*	*
ECONOMIC RETURNS	*	*		
RETENTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS	*	*	*	*
COMPETITION WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA	*	*		

Total number of stars : 17

CRITERIA FOR OPTION 3				
TOURISM	*	*	*	*
RESIDENTS APPROVAL	*			
CHANGE IN CHARACTER	*			
ECONOMIC RETURNS	*	*	*	*
RETENTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS	*	*	*	
COMPETITION WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA	*			

Total Number of stars : 14

Word Count : 72



As we can see from the above tables, Option 2 is the best possible proposal for the Sandridge site. Although it is not going to be a large money generator and please the government, being a mostly residential based plan, it will please the locals by not altering the nature of the region. The proposal will pay itself off over time as it contains commercial space for shops and these would create employment in the area, as well as increased earnings. This option will aslo satisfy the National Trust by retaining all historical buildings.

This development partially resolves the issue, as there is no way

that one development could please everyone.

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APPENDIX "A"
SURVEY SHEET



CAT 2 FIELDWORK REPORTSANDRIDGE DEVELOPMENT SITE.

1. OCCUPATION: GENDER:

AGE GROUP: 0 - 10; 10 - 20; 20- 30; 30- 40, 40 +

2. ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF PORT MELBOURNE? FOR HOW LONG ?

ELSEWHERE: HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU VISIT

HOW DO YOU USE THE AREA?

3. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PORT MELBOURNE ?

WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES, IF ANY ?

ARE THERE ANY FACILITIES OR SERVICES LACKING IN P.M. ?

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE SANDRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ? (WHY ?)

HOW DO YOU THINK THE SITE SHOULD BE USED OR DEVELOPED ?

- 5. CAN YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS THIS DEVELOPMENT MIGHT CAUSE ?
- DO YOU THINK THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE FOR LOCALS OR

