

Adapting to community feedback



ACU is proud to be part of a community that values its urban character. Our surrounding neighbours and community in Fitzroy and East Melbourne are passionate, informed, and engaged. We have a long-term commitment to this site and to our community.

Our plans have evolved following extensive research, expert advice, stakeholder and community input.

Since we first raised our plans with the City of Yarra Council, ACU has had several formal and many more informal interactions with our near neighbours.

These have included information sessions, Council-run forums, small group discussions and a number of meetings with concerned and interested stakeholders.

We have also received a number of submissions from the community – not just in formal correspondence through the Council approval process, but well researched and well considered papers written by community members.

The feedback gained from these discussions has shaped and refined our planning, and we have willingly

compromised – as good neighbours should – to strike a balance between the needs of the University and the needs of our community.

The changes we have made to our proposal in direct response to community feedback include:

- A decrease in height from 14 storeys plus plant to 12 storeys plus plant
- Increased setbacks from Victoria Parade and Napier Street to decrease the visual impact of the main building
- Removal of a proposed closure of the southern end of Young Street from the proposal
- Removal of proposed 'air-bridges' over Young Street, linking campus buildings
- Saving more of the Dutch Elm trees along Napier Street, so that now only two trees will be affected

- Retention of all on street car parking on the east side of Napier Street
- Removal of some lighting options that may have affected neighbouring properties
- At least 80 additional bicycle spaces
- Removal of the existing glass façade on Victoria Parade to better showcase the Mary Glowrey building
- A change to the footprint of the Young Street redevelopment to create more open green space for public use
- Inclusion of charge-points for electric vehicles

We thank all of those who have contributed to our planning, and we look forward to continuing to work with our neighbours as we embark on this project and continue to plan for the future of learning, teaching and research at ACU.

More information

For more information and for updates as the planning process continues, please visit www.acu.edu.au