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Dear Chair,

I am writing to support Draft Variation 308. As a local resident, I believe this area is long overdue for redevelopment. The existing buildings are in a poor state of repair, the area is inadequately lit, feels unsafe and interacts poorly with the city centre as a pedestrian access to the city.

Furthermore, considering its proximity to the city centre and a major public transport hub, I believe it is an appropriate site for the higher density accommodation proposed. Assuming that any such development is of a high quality, I think it should also greatly improve the amenity of the site and the surrounding areas. I also think that it will allow significant improvement to the pedestrian routes along Cooyong Street as well as better use of the street level along a busy thoroughfare. In this regard, I also support the extension of Petrie Street into Batman Street, on the basis that appropriate traffic calming measures are also introduced to discourage excessive traffic using this as an alternative to Ainslie Avenue.

I acknowledge that some local residents have legitimate concerns about some aspects of the proposed development, such as the height of some of the proposed buildings (particularly near Argyle Square), parking and traffic implications. In this regard, I note the changes made by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate to the Draft Variation in light of its public consultations.

Regards,  
Adam Kirk

