

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT

BACKGROUND / DISCLAIMER

The following notes have been prepared to accompany draft plans of possible planting adjacent to the proposed SH88 Strategic Harbour Link. The location and extent of this possible planting was identified by the project traffic engineer and responded to the client's brief to provide a simple graphic indication of possible planted amenity associated with the proposed road. The client expectation was for a few representative cross sections; the plans and the notes have been added to aid interpretation of these cross sections and identify possibilities for mitigation of the construction through planting.

The plans and notes should NOT be considered to be a substitute for a landscape or urban design impact assessment on the final proposal.

KEY ISSUES

Key issues to be considered with regards to effects on landscape values of the proposed strategic harbour arterial are:

- diversion of the new route from significant plantings along Anzac Avenue
- modification and removal of some native and exotic shrubbery and specimen tree planting along railway station perimeter and on St Andrews Street berm
- maintenance of significant view shafts into proposed harbourside precinct
- protection and enhancement of views to Chinese Garden, Early settlers Museum, Heritage Railway Station and other landmark buildings in addition to water views across the Harbour Basin
- minimization of impact of road on adjoining important urban amenity including Queen's Garden, Early Settlers Museum, Chinese Garden, Railway Station, Harbour Basin, planned Harbourside Zone and heritage plantings along Anzac Avenue.
- minimization of impact on potential of proposed Harbourside development
- maximization of travel experience of road users, cyclists and pedestrians

The proposed landscape concept addresses these issues through:

- extensive thematic plantings within berms, adjoining open spaces, central median strip and round-a-bouts
- reinforcement of Anzac Avenue and railway station planted character by establishment of similar character plantings adjoining the proposed arterial
- relocation of established rhododendrons and trees where possible
- boundary fences and walls designed to reinforce built character of adjacent precincts

- attractive cycle routes and walkways with plantings, seating, interpretative signage, artwork and open views to adjoining areas of interest. These routes would be designed to maximize amenity and connectivity to encourage use
- climbers, murals and hedging to minimize effect of arterial on cyclists and pedestrians where space is limited.

The discussion draft landscape concept outlines areas available for plantings and amenity areas (Pages 1-7). Sketch cross sections through the most and the least planted areas are also indicated. (Pages 8-9)