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- Q10. **I am submitting on behalf of a (select one)** Individual
- Q11. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing building setback will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied
- Q12. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing building setback?** No
- Q13. **If yes, please specify.**  
not answered
- Q14. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing light wells will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied
- Q15. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing light wells?** No
- Q16. **If yes, please specify.**  
not answered
- Q17. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing room depth will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

Q18. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing room depth?** No

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Q19. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q20. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing windows will improve the amenity of apartments?** Very Satisfied

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Q21. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing windows?** No

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Q22. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q23. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing storage will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q24. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing storage?** No

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Q25. **If yes, please specify. More information**

not answered

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Q26. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing noise impacts will improve the amenity of apartments?** Undecided

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Q27. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing noise impacts?** Yes

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Q28. **If yes, please specify.**

If there isn't provision for it already, the shared walls of apartments need to have acoustic properties to reduce sounds from neighbouring apartments and window glass should be double glazed as mandatory. The walls are too thin between apartments and besides hearing neighbouring sounds, the street sounds are very loud even at night, with trams, traffic, clubs, pubs, planes, helicopters, trains etc.

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Q29. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing energy efficiency will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q30. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing energy efficiency?** No

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Q31. If yes, please specify.

not answered

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Q32. How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing solar access to communal outdoor open space will improve the amenity of apartments? Satisfied

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Q33. Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing solar access to communal outdoor open space? If so, please specify. No

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Q34. If yes, please specify.

not answered

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Q35. How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing natural ventilation will improve the amenity of apartments? Very Satisfied

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Q36. Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing natural ventilation? No

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Q37. If yes, please specify.

not answered

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Q38. How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing private open space will improve the amenity of apartments? Satisfied

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Q39. Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing private open space? No

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Q40. If yes, please specify.

not answered

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Q41. How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing communal open space will improve the amenity of apartments? Satisfied

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Q42. Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing communal open space? No

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Q43. If yes, please specify.

not answered

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Q44. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing landscaping will improve the amenity of apartments?** Undecided

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Q45. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing landscaping?** Yes

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Q46. **If yes, please specify.**

There should be capacity for all new apartment dwellings to have access to roof space to enable residents to have a communal garden (for eg to grow vegetables and/or have an area for small trees and flower plantings. This will help to cool the building from above, provide amenity for residents and their guests and family, and offset carbon emissions from traffic below. My apartment building does not do this. It was built in 2013 and the roof space has no space for a garden as it is covered in airconditioning units and other large objects. It may be able to fit in some solar panels if they are built above these objects (if council and regulations allow it). As the building is 27 storeys high, the roof space is more narrow than the bottom of the building in keeping with the height standards. Office buildings have atriums, vertical gardens and other ways to include greenery but apartment buildings don't. Why not? Why can't Melbourne look green above the CBD apartments? Even people who don't want or need a garden appreciate greenery without having to cross town to find the nearest park. There should be opportunity for owners corporations and groups of interested residents to be able to have a shared space with greenery in or on top of their building. Buildings can be a community within themselves, instead of people being strangers with their neighbours. This improves safety and security as neighbours look out for each other and know each other.

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Q47. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing accessibility will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q48. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing accessibility?** No

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Q49. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q50. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing dwelling entry and internal circulation will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q51. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing dwelling entry and internal circulation?** No

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Q52. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q53. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing waste will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q54. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing waste?** No

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Q55. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q56. **How satisfied are you that the proposed standard addressing water management will improve the amenity of apartments?** Satisfied

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Q57. **Would you recommend any changes to the standard addressing water management?** No

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Q58. **If yes, please specify.**

not answered

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Q59. **You can submit your comments in the text box below.**

For those apartments that have already been built that do not meet the new standards, there needs to be some way they can try to improve their amenities with Melb City Council or State Govt support and help. For eg, apartments that do not have cross ventilation, are facing their neighbours windows, are too small or the ceiling height is low, or don't have enough storage or light. How can they be updated retrospectively? Can a council architect provide free advice to their body corporates with subsidised costs or loans for improvements? In the future, it will be difficult to sell these apartments as everyone will want the newer apartments meeting the newer standards. There are already too many apartments with even more on the way. Is it possible legally for 2 very small 1 bedroom or studio apartments to be combined and turned into a larger apartment? The older apartments will turn into ghetto areas as they will be cheaper to buy, with cheaper rent and not as well maintained or looked after as the more desirable apartments which will be sought by owner-occupiers. We don't want Melbourne to have pockets of apartment buildings in the future that look like the ghetto apartments of Asian cities. We also don't want too many serviced apartments in one building. There should be a cap. For eg, no more than one third of the building to be serviced apartments and these should be located on certain lower floors not mixed with owner-occupiers and rented apartments. No-one wants to live next door to a constant stream of strangers day and night.

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Q60. **If you prefer, your comments may be attached in a separate document in either Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat PDF format.** not answered

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Q61. **Privacy Options** I request my comments to be published anonymously with my suburb/town but no other details

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Q62. **Request for confidentiality reasons**

not answered

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Q63. **Do you agree to the third party information statement?** I agree

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Q64. **Do you agree to the intellectual property rights statement?** I agree

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