

## **Councillor Question Time**

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### **Question from Cr Pearl**

Regarding the recent Vic Roads wall retention works involving installation of very large continuous concrete walls along Queens Road. I have been receiving a number of requests regarding the amount of heat that is casting off these walls into the local area and also in the past few weeks the extreme amount of graffiti that's been placed on the walls.

Firstly, was Council consulted on the design for the implementation of these concrete walls and secondly do we have a plan to deal with constituents concerns around the graffiti and the heat that's being generated from the concrete walls?

### **Response**

Officers were aware of the DOT emergency repair works to the crib wall at the St Kilda Junction, which are required as the walls have serious structural issues.

Officers advised that a flat concrete finish was not suitable, and sent principles which we thought would deliver a good result in this gateway location. These included taking an integrated approach, adding detail, consideration of noise and graffiti, adding greening, and design by a qualified architect/landscape architect.

Due to the emergency nature of the works, DOT were required to progress with an immediate concrete solution, however they are progressing designs for adding cladding as a stage 2. DOT have said that due to maintenance requirements and available funding, their intention is to deliver a 'shotcrete' option with a modest architectural response, consisting of an expressed relief pattern and paint treatment that will aim to achieve graffiti mitigation and value for money.

We also connected DOT with JAAG as important local community representatives, who I understand have been invited to participate in discussions.

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