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***Launch of the***

***Melbourne 2030 Portal: Your Window on Melbourne 2030***

***<http://www.melbourne2030.org.au>***

Terra Australis Organization for Appropriate Development, Inc. (TAOFAD) presents the Melbourne 2030 Portal. The Melbourne 2030 Portal is a meeting place for residents groups, community-action groups, and individuals to exchange information and ideas on Melbourne 2030.

There is a need for the people of Melbourne to better understand Melbourne 2030 and its implications for future residential amenity, and for the built and environmental heritage of Melbourne. There is also a need for Melburnians to critically examine the different perspectives on Melbourne 2030, and decide how we want our city and suburbs to evolve over the next 25 years.

In short, we need much more information about Melbourne 2030 than we are currently receiving. At TAOFAD, we envisage the Melbourne 2030 Portal to be the nexus from which information is made available to all who are interested in Melbourne 2030.

Ms Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protection of Public Lands Victoria Inc. says: *“We support this exciting new initiative of TAOFAD to provide a website which will help community-action and resident groups, including many of our 68 members and affiliates, who are grappling with the implementation of Melbourne 2030 and fighting inappropriate development out there in the suburbs. The State Government’s Implementation Reference Group for Melbourne 2030 has operated in secrecy for the past two years so all we have had to go on is the occasional press release from the Planning Minister and media reports of resident battles in VCAT or behind the closed doors of Priority Development Panels. Congratulations TAOFAD and best wishes for your launch.”*

The URL (web address) of the Melbourne 2030 Portal is <http://www.melbourne2030.org.au>

The Melbourne 2030 Portal is a community resource. Representatives of residents groups, community-action groups, and individuals can register with the portal for an account\*. Representatives of residents groups and community-action groups will be able to post articles, and upload relevant documents. Individuals will be able contribute to the forum.

To residents of Melbourne, do visit this website, and contribute your knowledge and ideas about Melbourne 2030.

We hope you will find this website a useful resource in shaping the future of our city – Melbourne.

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