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REVIEW TO CONSIDER FEDERATION SQUARE'S FUTURE

The Andrews Labor Government will launch a review into Federation Square, following today's determination from Heritage Victoria.

Apple and the Victorian Government have acknowledged that based on Heritage Victoria's decision, the proposed Apple global flagship store cannot proceed.

Today's decision, along with the construction of the new Town Hall Station entry and the redevelopment of ACMI provides an opportunity to re-think the future vision of the iconic precinct.

The review will examine Federation Square's financial and governance arrangements, ensuring that it continues to grow as an innovative and exciting place for our community.

Victorian Government Architect Jill Garner and former managing partner of Ernst and Young Tim Eddy will jointly chair the review, working closely with the Chair of the Federation Square board.

The review will tap into the vision Victorians and the very best urban design minds have for Melbourne's public square – considering ways to deliver more public space, encourage public gatherings and provide better access to the Yarra River.

It will also look at ways to take better advantage of nearby creative and sporting precincts and new transport links.

Victorians will get a chance to have their say on the future of Federation Square, with public consultation to take place as part of the review, which will be completed by the end of 2019.

The Koorie Heritage Trust be able to remain in the Yarra Building while the review is undertaken. The Trust's plan for relocation within the site will form part of the review.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"The review will examine how Federation Square looks, how it's funded and how it operates so that it continues to stand out as an iconic Melbourne attraction that is enjoyed by not only Melburnians but people from all over the world."

"Since it's opening in 2002, Federation Square has hosted creative events and world leading attractions. The review will ensure this much-loved space can thrive as a civic, cultural and commercial hub for years to come."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley

"This decision gives us an opportunity to listen to people's views about this important part of Melbourne."

"Between the Metro Tunnel, ACMI's visionary redevelopment, our transformation of the Melbourne Arts Precinct and this review of Federation Square, we have a fantastic opportunity to consider how our public spaces and creative centres connect to each other."

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