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**Submission:** Hi, I think overall this is a great initiative! Just a bit slow off the mark and we seem to be behind other councils in this area but at least this is now moving! I have a couple of submissions for consideration listed below: 1) I submit that there should be an easier and more direct way for residents to request tree plantings on their streets, after all we know the streets best and which ones are huge heat traps. Currently if you try and request a tree this goes into a black hole and you never hear back on your request. Maybe these requests should go directly to the new urban forestry officer and a process put in place to let residents know about the success/timing of the request? 2) I submit a mini 'study tour' for Moreland to learn from other councils as we are very far behind in this area unfortunately. Have a look at Fitzroy and Collingwood where they plant trees in abundance in the MIDDLE of the road as well as down the side. They just dig into the asphalt and put barriers up so cars don't drive into them. This approach provides a much better cooling effect because it covers more of the asphalt than just planting on the sides. It also has the bonus effect of calming busy traffic without the need for noisy speed humps (which means even more asphalt poured on the street!). They do this even on very narrow streets in these suburbs. We have much much wider roads in Brunswick (for example) compared to these suburbs but there seems to be a reluctance to dig into streets - which other councils do in the middle and also side of roads if the footpath is too narrow to dig into. 3) I'd submit that as a case study / trial for planting canopy cover in the middle of the road. that Albert Street, Brunswick West between Pearson St and Daly street is the perfect place to plant canopy cover down the middle of the street. Huge wide road, which is quiet for traffic because it essentially dead ends at Daly St. You will have supportive residents and it is east west oriented so constant unrelenting sun which makes it very very hot in summer with no canopy cover. We have small trees on the foot path but very poor choice of species - paperbarks - which provide very little shade cover. 4) My final submission would be the fact that council be more proactive about removing dead street streets and replanting where the dead trees have been removed. An example would be Pearson street just before it ends into Dawson street. Here we actually have the gift of pre-raised and already established places for planting trees in the middle of the road! Great! But unfortunately most of the trees are dead (believe through lack of watering) and although numerous people have reported this to council for over two years there has been no removal of the dead trees and no replanting of new ones. Seems like such a wasted chance to grow more green canopy and you already have the infrastructure in place which is a huge advantage! Also highlights the need for council to make sure they are watering street trees or perhaps enlisting a willing local via a neighbourhood support program (there are lots of us) to help. I hope these real life examples help, they are not theoretical- they are real life examples of how the current strategy is failing. I invite council to come and visit this area listed in 3 and 4 above, I would be happy to host.

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