

WATSONIA SHOPPING CENTRE MONOPOLES

Monopole power pylons should be incorporated into the once-in-a-lifetime development of the Watsonia Town Square and remove the poorly located, prominent, lattice power pylons.

The Watsonia Town Square development will be located in the vicinity of the library and the Watsonia Road, Morwell Avenue, Ibbotson Street intersection. Currently, the site is overshadowed by two large unattractive lattice power transmission towers.

We propose that the lattice towers be replaced with minimal monopoles in conjunction with the Watsonia Town Square development.

The Watsonia community has been allocated \$5.5 million to make Watsonia more liveable. Developing the town square precinct is an important part of this - we want to create a space for families to play, for friends to meet, businesses to thrive and for the village to connect.

There is an opportunity to make fundamental long term improvements to the town centre to offset the disruptions caused by the construction of the North East Link over the next six years and when this major infrastructure changes the future access to and the look of Watsonia. We need to ensure the changes are good for Watsonia, as well as for greater Melbourne transport network.

Monopoles are far less obtrusive, creating a simpler skyline for Watsonia and by removing the old towers, a more liveable community space.