

## The loudest voices

News that Melbourne Water plans to sell off substantial parcels of land, long used as parks, is grim indeed ("Locals rattled by proposals", 11/1). Given the population explosion over the past decade and the mushrooming high-density, high-rise apartments over the past two, it is self-evident that Melburnians need more park-land not less, if liveability is to be maintained. However, it looks like the real Plan (for) Melbourne is to trash liveability for the sake of the bottom line.

Add the difficulty for some residents to now even find the sun ("Shadow boxing: fighting for the right to sunlight", 8/1) and you really have to wonder what has become of Victoria's once exemplary planning system. Developers can afford to argue. Residents can't. Hence fury, loud and clear, is probably their best option.

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