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Future Melbourne

IT'S FITTING that The Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab (VEIL) screen its 13 short animations between other films. After all, maximising public and private spaces is what the program is all about. Launched last night at Fed Square, the one-minute films offer glimpses into Melbourne's next 20 years. How might our trams look in the future? What can be done to reduce food miles and increase urban food production? How do we shorten supply chains or maximise water catchments? The films distil VEIL's sustainability models mapped out over the past four years at Docklands, Broadmeadows and Rowville. "We're looking at how the Australian way of life can be maintained," says assistant director Michael Trudgeon. "Shoving everyone into apartments is only one way of achieving sustainability."

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