

NSW GOVERNMENT RESIDENTS SUBMISSION FORM ATTACHMENT

Re ANZAC Village Seniors Housing

Project SSD-85869467

My wife and I currently occupy a unit in a three-storey building within the ANZAC Village. We are 79 and 84 years old and are in good health. Fortunately, at this time we can utilize the many excellent services now provided, including the wonderful bowling green the recently renovated Montgomery building where plays, musicals and the recently worldwide game of pickleball are played. In addition, we use weekly the swimming pool and gymnasium where health, strength and balance classes are conducted. Further, we daily use the many bushland paths including the tree lined, Remembrance Walk.

Some years ago, the Federal Labour Government recommended that older couples occupying larger than required premises should consider selling the long-standing family home and move to accommodation that would best suit their future lifestyle needs and provide the necessary health care and services they hopefully required.

With this in mind we commence to inspect the many facilities that we believed satisfied our future needs and while from a financial point of view, the move to the Anzac Village was the worst decision we could make, we considered the lifetime provision completely outweighed the loss of much of the financial return to our estate. The provision of an end-of-life Nursing Home within the Village was the turning point.

As we are the son and daughter of fathers who both served Australia in two world wars, we were allocated a unit we felt completely satisfied our needs. We sold our home to a young married couple with three young children and moved into the Village in the beginning of August 2023.

However, it would appear, from our interpretation of what we have read, been told and seen, the number of Nursing Homes are being reduced while the number of residents will markedly increase. One nursing home near the proposed construction of a multi-story building in stage one has been left unoccupied for some considerable time. Other homes have been deliberately left vacant.

Recently, we have been subjected to the construction of 5 single story homes resulting in an astounding amount of noise and air pollution in addition to disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. No doubt the more than considerable construction subject of this plan will generate significantly more disruption and discomfort for the residents overall.

We strongly believe that before a decision is made about this part of the 15-year development the total plan should be reviewed. While we accept some work is required the massive extent of total works is excessive.

Indeed, we strongly believe a Governmental inquiry should be established to review the proposal having regard to the process and motivation employed by the RSL Board and management not only in respect of the unthinkable disruption to the occupiers but additionally to their responsibilities to and behalf of the tenants.