

My husband and I and our family have owned 21 Stanhope Road for 27 1/2 years and strenuously oppose the TOD SSD for 10, 14 and 14a Stanhope Road Killara and we believe the SSD does not address a number of the requirements contained in the SEAR documents.

Over the past decade we have watched as numerous apartment buildings have been built on Cullworth Avenue, Marion Street, Lorne Avenue and Killara Avenue. The impact of the population explosion in this defined area has significantly impacted street parking, created traffic congestion, resulted in reduced road quality, impacted stormwater disposal, loss of trees and landscaping and general disregard for the local environment with household goods left on the verge and numerous business vehicles owned by apartment residents both semi permanently and permanently securing the street parking spaces - leaving few spaces for rail commuters to park. Additionally, living on the intersection and close to the railway line we have observed many minor accidents and near misses and sadly wait in concern for a major crash to occur with the ever increasing volume of traffic and parking congestion on Stanhope Road.

The 10, 14 & 14A Stanhope Road development (SSD - 81890707) will add considerable impact to the issues listed above and is therefore not of good design. Most if not all car spaces Stanhope Road are filled each day which impacts the safety of drivers trying to navigate the two way street with tight parking on either side bookended with cars rushing to turn from Pacific Highway and racing to beat the red lights at the Werona Road intersection. Turning from Killara Ave onto Stanhope Road is already difficult with parking congestion creating limited visual around the fence of the train line.

When we purchased our home and for the ensuing years there was a community feeling in our street. Neighbours knew each other and we celebrated annual Christmas parties at a different homes in the street each year. This community feel has been dismantled with the development of apartment blocks and will become even more apparent with the TOD proposal for Stanhope Road.

Our home is a heritage listed property and we have been proud to maintain our home that is now more than 100 years old. We have cherished living in a street that has 8 other heritage listed properties and we strenuously oppose the development of 10, 14 and 14a Stanhope road which will impact ours and the other heritage listed properties. The height, bulk, scale and setbacks are not appropriate for the locality and for these surrounding heritage listed properties. Marion Street and others have already been destroyed by apartment blocks - please preserve Stanhope Road: the entrance to leafy Killara and its position within a Heritage Conservation Area.

The noise and vibration during the construction process could structurally impact ours and the other heritage listed homes on the street. The removal of trees will impact the street visually and will also impact the flora and fauna (as will the increase in traffic pollution). We have observed our neighbours engage with council to have trees cut back or removed to stop walls and pools cracking from root invasion and not being able to achieve approval. We had considerable push back from council on the grounds that we own a heritage listed home in a Heritage Conservation Area when we wanted to renovate our home 25 years ago - council asking "why do you need an en-suite" and "why do you need a skylight". They were concerned our plans might impact negatively our neighbours and the appeal of our home from street view. Now this TOD SSD completely disregards the impact on us and our neighbours with this development of a massive apartment complex and its impact on street

appeal. Does this SSD consider the trees that will be removed or the landscape that will be destroyed? Does the SSD consider the impact of the size and bulk of the buildings on ourselves or our neighbours? Does it consider traffic, parking congestion, access to public spaces that this development will negatively impact?

I don't believe so and this is why I do not believe the TOD SSD application for 10, 14 and 14A Stanhope Road Killara addresses many of the requirements contained in the SEAR documents and therefore oppose this TOD State Significant Development application.

Regards

Karen Spira (on behalf of Karen & Richard - owners of 21 Stanhope Road since November 1997)