

6 March 2013

The Executive Director  
Major Projects Assessment  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY, NSW, 2001

Dear Sir

**Proposed Modification 6 of Development of Thomas Street Carpark – MOD 6  
MP09\_0066 Thomas Street, Chatswood**

I have only just learned of what is now proposed for this development and I object to it. I have business in Thomas Street twice a week and used to work in the Vodaphone tower on Thomas Street.

A few years ago, Willoughby Council sold the affected land with the understanding it would be used as a mixed commercial development. Since the first approval was issued six modifications have been approved with the following differences:

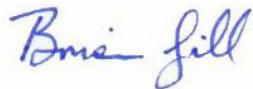
- Use – from a mixed use development to serviced apartments and residential flats
- Tower A (being the one closer to Thomas Street) – from 29 storeys to 37 storeys
- Tower B (being the one closer to Albert Avenue) – from 29 storeys to 47 storeys
- Removing the proposed and approved child care and adding 3 floors of above ground level parking.
- As a result of the parking there will be an almost blank and ugly facade presenting to Thomas Street with the exception of a cafe that will span just 4 metres compared to 18 metres of driveway. The approved outdoor plaza which would have served as a public domain will be removed.
- Disabled and infirm persons who need to use the access ramp into 12 Thomas Street, which contains medical practices, will have a circuitous access to that address. They will have to travel around the backs of the proposed high-rise buildings compared with the previous direct access.
- Access ways that were formerly used for pedestrians to travel between Albert Avenue and Thomas Street will not be available.
- Fleet Lane which used to be a public street available for motorists and pedestrians accessible to Albert Lane has been partially removed, and no replacement pedestrian access way is provided.

This development will have other adverse consequences:

- A huge increase in traffic along Thomas Street

- A loss of visual amenity. The proposed towers will have a high visual impact, dominating the skyline, and will be out of character with the surrounding buildings and in that way obtrusive.
- An increase in noise.
- Overshadowing – to put the height of the buildings in perspective, the buildings at 473 - 501 Victoria Ave are 13 storeys high while the proposed towers are 47 storeys.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

(Mr) F B Gill