

Alan Cadogan - Fwd: Chatswood Meriton Towers, Thomas St - Modification 6

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Another for noting and filing.

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Dear Mr Hazzard,

I'm am writing to you to express my deep concerns about and my objection to Modification 6 to the Meriton Towers, in Thomas Street Chatswood.

Firstly and most importantly for me being someone with a disability is the lack of and disregard to disability access. The proposed development is a massive over-development of the site and is going to cause many problems for the local community including congestion of the surrounding road network and over crowding of the local schools. Also this proposed modification to the development almost doubles the height of a building which brings it way over the allowed Floor Space Ratio which goes against council's own planning guidelines, I understand this should require a new Development Application and be exhibited to the community. The increased height will dramatically overshadow the dwindling open green spaces in Chatswood CBD all of which will be harmful to the local community who are understandably very unhappy with the proposed MOD 6 plans.

Secondly, it has been brought to my attention that Willoughby Council was were opposed to MOD 6 and sent a letter of objection to the Department of Planning. Within weeks Councillors voted to support MOD 6 after a Meriton representative threatened to withdraw their original offer of a \$12 million Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA). This is outrageous and disturbing, these kinds of things should not be allowed to happen and I find it difficult to believe that this could be a just and legal process?

Given the negative impact on the community and what appears to be an appalling progression in the application process of Modification 6 it should be out rightly refused and in my opinion the process needs a thorough investigation.

Thank you for taking the time to read a take into consideration my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Ariel Carthew