

Alan Cadogan - Re: Fwd: Chatswood Meriton Towers Thomas St., Mod. 6

From: Ben Lusher
To: Ministerial Correspondence Unit
Date: 4/06/2013 12:30 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Chatswood Meriton Towers Thomas St., Mod. 6
CC: Alan Cadogan

Hi Rose,

yes this is for my group - Alan Cadogan is the assessing officer.
 Thanks

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>>> Ministerial Correspondence Unit 6/4/2013 12:09 pm >>>
 Hi Ben

Can you please let me know whether your action officer for the attached submission from Minister's Office - only for noting and file.

Thanks
 Rose

>>> "lutz.winter@exemail.com.au" <lutz.winter@exemail.com.au> 28-05-2013 9:28 pm >>>
 Dear Minister,

I'm writing in regard to the derailment of the planning process with regard to the development of two Meriton towers in Chatswood that is about to happen as part of the 6th modification to Meriton's DA for Thomas Street.

If not prevented, Chatswood council is about to give approval to a colossal over-development that contravenes council's own planning guidelines. The development will cause further traffic problems, impact local community, it disregards access needed for the elderly and disabled, and the list goes on.

I have been wondering why a council would pass an application that contradicts common sense, and is an example of poor and unsustainable town planning. I have since learned that Council in fact opposed MOD 6 and sent a letter of objection to the Department of Planning. It was only after a Meriton representative threatened to withdraw a previously offered \$12 million Voluntary Planning Agreement if Council did not support MOD 6, that within weeks, Councilors voted to support MOD 6.

What does one say to that?

MOD 6 is not a "modification" either. It almost doubles the height of the building, well in excess of the allowable Floor Space Ratio.

Calling a spade a spade, one would have to say that a corrupt council has

passed an illegal development through the backdoor of salami-tactics "modifications", deceiving the public through an intransparent planning process.

How disgusting.

Dear minister, please use your position and your influence to reject MOD 6.

If at all, a completely new DA should be submitted and properly exhibited.

Thank you for your support,

yours faithfully,

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