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The Minister for Planning
The Honourable Brad Hazzard, M.P.
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 31, 1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Sir,

RE: CHATSWOOD MERITON TOWERS THOMAS STREET: MODIFICATION 6

I have significant concerns regarding the development process at the above site. I have previously written to the Department of Planning with a series of objections in relation to the above development mainly on the basis that it provides no consideration for disabled or visually impaired people using the surrounding streets and adjacent buildings. In particular, the building next door has a number of medical offices and the Blind Society is just down the road.

However additionally, I am very concerned that Willoughby Council, initially overwhelmingly opposed to MOD6, did a complete about-face on this decision, following a threat of withdrawal of \$12 million VAP. This course of events is astounding and appears to demonstrate that Council's decisions can be influenced by VAP payments. It makes a mockery of the planning process.

The development is massive and inappropriate for the site and this has been the subject of my previous complaints, however, it also appears to significantly contravene the Council's own planning Guidelines. Modification 6 has allowed an almost doubling the height of the building which is way above the allowed floor space ratio.

I believe that there are in the vicinity of 70 submissions from the local community regarding dissatisfaction with this development and the proposed MOD6 plan.

I respectfully request you consider these concerns of the community. In relation to this flawed planning process, I request you reject the above modification and instead call for a completely new development application with appropriate public exhibition.

Yours faithfully,

PROFESSOR R. MAX CONWAY