

Objection to Development Application 142 - 150 Narrow Neck Road, Katoomba

My name is Anton and I live in Neale Street, Katoomba. It is a nice and peaceful area.

I have a disability which means I cannot drive so I walk, catch trains and buses or else my parents or sister have to drive me.

On 17 April 2026 I received a letter from the Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) telling us about the Development Application for 142 - 150 Narrow Neck Road, Katoomba. This letter said I was supposed to get a notification in my letterbox from the developer last year and I did not. My house is less than 1km from the development site. My parents live in Cliff Drive, Katoomba which is very close to this Narrow Neck site. They also got the same letter from the BMCC and they also did not get a notification letter from the developer last year.

I work 3 days a week with DARE Disability Services in Springwood in the ground crew team.

Sometimes the bus drivers do not stop for me because the buses are full of tourists. This development will make the crowding of buses worse for me and other locals who do not have cars. This bus only goes once an hour around the loop.

Sometimes I walk to and from my parents place. I go down the bottom half of Neale Street, up Stuarts, across the old golf course and up Glencoe Road. Neale Street is very narrow and tourist cars come up way too fast and I have to get out of the way in a hurry. This is already not safe. This development will make traffic on Neale Street much busier.

This development will make it very unsafe for me to walk up and down Neale Street to town, to the station and my parents place. And this area does not have proper foot paths on any of the streets.

During construction it will not be safe for me to take my family's cavalier king charles spaniels for a walk because of the increased traffic around Narrow Neck Road and Cliff Drive.

I am worried about the risk of bush fire near the development site area. I was living at my parents place on Cliff Drive in the 2019 - 2020 fires. It was a very scary time. We were worried when we would have to evacuate in a hurry. There is only one way out of this area to the Great Western Highway past the RFS. What happens if this road becomes jammed with all the extra traffic panicking from the new development and my parents can't get out in time?

Also if the new apartments are going to be higher than all the other buildings in the Blue Mountains, then the RFS and Katoomba fire trucks do not have higher enough ladders to reach these new apartments.

These new buildings will stick out and be a bad look.

This new development is a very bad idea for this part of Katoomba. It is too high, it does not fit in and should not be allowed.

We want to keep Katoomba nice and peaceful and safe for people with disabilities like me.

