

**SSD-13475973 706 MOWBRAY ROAD DATA CENTRE (LOT 10 DP 1179953)  
LANE COVE NORTH, NSW, 2066**

**The Minister for Planning / The Independent Planning Commission**

We write to “have our say” about the above project.

We know that you will au fait with all the technical data for this project, as in this clause, or that clause, DA numbers etc, therefore we are going to put to you our viewpoint and hope someone takes notice of it

- MICROSOFT (MS) a company which has massive amounts of money at its disposal to hire any and all experts for their superior advice and guidance, appear to have failed on this project from the outset.
- MS would have been fully aware of the first hurdle here - the HEIGHT restrictions as set by Lane Cove Council for this site. Yet they have pressed on regardless, making the original bad decision to buy this site, into a whole nightmare for everyone else.
- After the original height of this proposed building was rejected, MS magnanimously reduced the height by 40%, but this is still not what the council rules are for this site! If this new building is approved it sets a very bad precedent going forward.
- We can all guess/assume that MS has its sights on acquiring further property - eg the current NUSS Removals site with its even bigger land size and perfect situation overlooking Epping Road - perfect for a future massive MS neon sign beaming out over the land. Not to mention the possibility of securing the adjoining properties to the left of the proposed Mowbray Road elevation eg Prosegur and the little panel beater businesses further down.
- **YOU, the PLANNING MINISTER** need to think very carefully about future proofing here. Otherwise our community estate of some 200 dwellings will be engulfed by MS. Given that the look of the proposed building is so grim - tantamount to a prison facility, imagine having a similar sized, visually hideous building right on top of us.

We completely agree with all the other objections you will no doubt have already received:

- The lack of any visual amenity
- The large loss of existing mature trees surrounding the Mowbray Road elevation
- The lack of input from MS from the very beginning. Their eagerness to make their “Contractor” responsible for the Management Plan (which we have not seen to date). Quite frankly the absolute lack of detail about the demolition process ,then how the actual construction period of some 2 years will be managed - a total nightmarish prospect for we the residents in The Lane Cove North Estate.

MS has made the **wrong choice** to build here. This is **mainly residential** area in a lovely leafy suburb surrounded by swathes of natural bushland, the local playing fields and the beautiful Lane Cove River and National Park. This is not the right location for this kind of over the top, over scale and most unattractive building or business.

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