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Hi,

I'm Blake Watson and School Captain at Willoughby Public School.

At school we're learning about the importance of Australia's history, so much so, that we went on an excursion to North Ryde Public School where an untouched 200 year old building stood, free of surrounding apartments.

Then comes my house, a 150 year old piece of Sydney's history that you don't care about.

I don't understand how a typical ugly apartment block can be considered 'State Significant' and my home isn't?

No-one is listening to us, who really cares it seems, a slice of Sydney's history to permanently be overshadowed by apartments in dinosaur like proportions to my home in Park Avenue. The design of this building is nothing better than some duplo blocks piled together and as an 11 year old, whilst I'm no expert, this is clear.

I will be able to see this dinosaur from my bedroom window I share with my little brother. I will be able to see this dinosaur from my lounge room. People will be able to see and watch me all day long. I will also be able to be seen and watched in my backgarden where I enjoy to play with my four younger siblings. This isn't what Mum and Dad wanted for us when they moved us from Willoughby to Gordon only 18 months ago.

We live in a beautiful heritage home in Gordon, right opposite this proposed apartment block and now have to deal with this nightmare. I hate seeing Mum and Dad so stressed. We are constantly walking the streets posting letters to try and get others to listen and help.

Surely you can see this isn't reasonable. It does nothing to protect heritage, only destroys the value of our home that Mum and Dad worked so hard to buy for us. This is unfair!

Mum tells me the documents on exhibition talk about trees protecting us. In my 11 years I haven't seen a tree grow 9 storeys tall. This all sounds like rubbish to me and an easy attempt to have this approved.

At school we are also learning about democracy and we are going to Canberra for a school camp in a few weeks. Whilst we're there we will be going to Parliament House. And I'd like to say from my basic knowledge what's going on across the road from my house does not represent democracy.

We are also constantly told to be respectful students at school. Across the road isn't respectful and you don't have to be a School Captain to see that.

The least you can do is scale back this hideous development and show some true respect to the value of this heritage-based suburb.

Mum and Dad said they would be happy for me to speak to you as this is my future we are talking about!

Thanks,

Blake Watson - School Captain, Willoughby Public School

PS Below are some pictures I drew over the past 18 months to show the impact of this horrible apartment block on my home. Please don't do this...





If you call this  
looking after our  
heritage and  
conservation.....



Blake Watson  
11 yrs old

When you look at our city, you can see  
how far we've come. You have to go  
back to the most beautiful thing ever  
My Home.



