

**27 May 2025**

**Submission re: 2–8 Highgate Road, Lindfield – Objection**

To the Department of Planning,

I am writing to oppose the proposed development at 2–8 Highgate Road.

My name is Clifford Flax and I am a 42-year-old father of three who moved to Lindfield three years ago. My wife and I grew up in the neighbouring suburbs of Killara and Roseville. My eldest child attends the local high school.

I understand and respect the need for more housing (including affordable housing) near transport across Sydney. However, I am very concerned about the scale and impact of the proposed 9-storey, 84 apartment development at 2–8 Highgate Road. This kind of high-density project would set an unwanted precedent which would threaten the character of the area and our way of life.

My main concerns are as follows:

- **Excessive height:** Nine storeys is out of character for this part of Lindfield, which is largely made up of one and two-storey homes. I am concerned that a building of this size will cast shadows over neighbouring properties depriving neighbours of natural light, negatively impact residents' views from their properties and deprive residents of privacy.
- **Overdevelopment of a single site:** 84 apartments will bring a very large number people into an area that is ill equipped to handle it. With only 131 car spaces for 84 units, I'm worried about overflow parking on neighbouring streets and increased congestion.
- **Impact on Heritage Conservation Areas:** This development borders areas with recognised heritage character. Projects of this size and scale clash with the architectural and visual identity of the surrounding conservation precincts. It's vital that any planning respects the existing heritage and doesn't undermine it through inappropriate design and scale.
- **Psychological impact on community:** If this building is erected as proposed, it will have a negative psychological impact on the community by serving as a daily reminder of how powerless we are as local residents and that despite community concern, our voices have gone unheard.

I appreciate that Lindfield must grow. However, I want it to grow reasonably, gradually, aesthetically and with care and respect for the families and streets that already make this suburb special.

Sincerely,  
Clifford Flax  
Lindfield resident

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