

Blake Watson
16 Park Avenue
Gordon, NSW 2072

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 overlooked by apartment towers in dinosaur like proportions to my home in Park Avenue.

All day long I will be watched playing in my backyard where I play with my four younger siblings. I will be able to be watched even when I watch TV, eat my breakfast, lunch, and dinner. People will be able to see and watch me all day long. I don't want this and it makes me worry.

This isn't what Mum and Dad wanted for us when they moved us from Willoughby to Gordon only 19 months ago.

We live in a beautiful heritage home in Gordon, right behind 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 and only destroys our precious environment. This is unfair!

Mum tells me the documents on exhibition talk about trees protecting us, but then she tells me there will be 62 trees cut down, all the ones behind us that I watch the wildlife enjoy each day. That makes me really sad to think these animals will lose their homes and these trees will die.

At school we are learning about democracy and we are going to Canberra tomorrow for a school camp. 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 behind my house does not represent democracy.

We are also constantly told to be respectful students at school. What is going on around my home isn't respectful and you don't have to be a School Captain to see that.

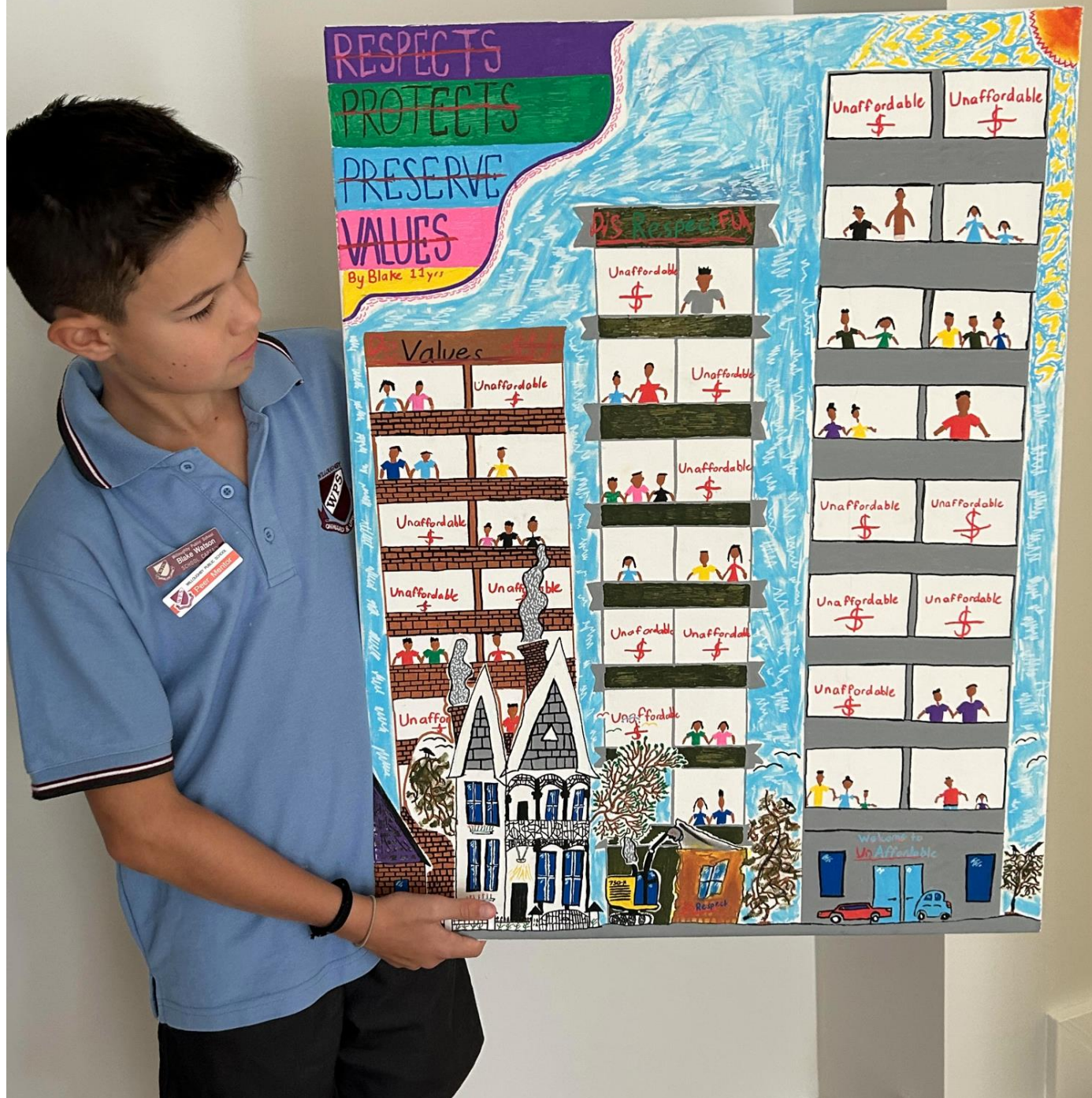
If we properly value and respect this suburb and the environment, this proposal must be rejected.

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 19 months to show the impact of this horrible development 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 the world
and see the way you have to go
to the most beautiful thing ever
my home~~

