

Kiersten Fishburn
Secretary
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street
Parramatta NSW 2124

Attention: Adam Flynn

**Re: SSD-79709963 – St Paul's Anglican Church site redevelopment at 459-461
Chapel Rd, Bankstown**

31 July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a part of the St Paul's Anglican Church community at Bankstown and a resident in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA. I wanted to write to you in support of the development planned on the current St Paul's site on the corner of Chapel Rd and French Ave.

Not only will this new development provide our church with the kind of facilities that fit the needs of a modern congregation, but our area desperately needs more affordable housing, and the St Paul's site would be a great location for the new social and affordable homes that are planned.

I was very encouraged to see that these 185 apartments will go to people who are already on the government housing waitlist—especially older women and essential workers. We see the need firsthand in our church and neighbourhood, and this kind of project is exactly what we need more of.

I believe that having a new, fit-for-purpose home from which St Paul's can serve the local community for generations to come will be a real blessing for Bankstown. However, it's also great to see that the building will provide new spaces for community use outside of service times right in the heart of the Bankstown CBD. I know our church is excited that those spaces could be used for events and other programs that build genuine connection and support networks throughout our community.

To my mind, the building design looks fantastic and fits with the high-density nature of the area – in fact, I think it will make a real improvement to the Bankstown city centre, as will the new retail and commercial spaces that form part of the proposed development.

It would be a shame if this once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform our community was missed.

Thank you for considering my submission. I think the project is a really positive step for the Bankstown community and I hope it receives approval.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Ko', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rev. Peter Ko

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