I wish to express my support for the proposed redevelopment at 153–157 Walker Street. The project will replace outdated office buildings with a modern, mixed-use development that better reflects how North Sydney is changing.

It is sensible to bring more housing, hotel accommodation and retail into this part of the city, especially being so close to the new Victoria Cross Metro station. Adding residents and visitors will help local businesses, create activity outside office hours, and make the area feel safer and more vibrant.

I have been a long-term tenant in North Sydney and intend to remain here for many years. I have seen how the area has changed and believe this proposal reflects the right direction for the city's future. Bringing housing, hotels, and restaurants into the mix will make North Sydney a place people enjoy not only during the day but also in the evenings after work and on weekends.

I think the inclusion of new restaurants, bars, and active ground-floor spaces is particularly positive. In the past North Sydney has become quiet after work hours. Developments like this will attract more residents, visitors, and hospitality options, helping to create the kind of lively, welcoming atmosphere that a modern city centre needs.

The proposal also includes improvements to the streetscape, landscaping and pedestrian access between Walker Street and Little Walker Street, which will benefit both workers and residents in the area.

In my view, the design fits well within the evolving skyline and supports the broader goal of building a more liveable, mixed North Sydney. I support the project moving ahead.

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