

I am appalled (but unfortunately not surprised) that the Government continues to push through with massive developments with no regard for environmental impacts, especially given the recent highrise debacles and ever increasing traffic jams.

I am of the understanding that hundreds of mature trees will be removed for this development. This is despicable! How does this align with the NSW Statewide Green Infrastructure Policy, Greener Places, which is meant to (according to the Planning and Environment website) “improve the health, economy, environment, infrastructure and biodiversity for all its families and people. Our plan will improve the lives of our residents through an unprecedented commitment to green, open spaces. Tree canopy is one of the biggest factors in addressing heatwaves in our suburbs and reducing the urban head island effect” - especially given our ever increasing temperatures.

It appears that the Green Infrastructure Policy is yet more lip service or perhaps the Government will be planting some saplings in lieu of the hundreds of mature trees that will be removed. How will these saplings be watered (given our lack of rain and water restrictions)? What will become of all the wildlife that is currently living in this forest of trees - it appears that the Government, yet again, doesn't care and the most important thing, despite Government website blurb, is development at all costs.

Many long term residents in my suburb and surrounds (including me) are disgusted with the level of development and tree canopy loss and have either moved away from Sydney or are planning to. I also note there is a large amount of people opposed to this development and loss of trees. Will this be taken into account? Unfortunately probably not.