

Our concern is shared by other residents at 1 Margaret St - and the building's strata committee has nominated me to speak on their behalf.

The original objection stands in that the community (and in particular our building) has been largely removed from the consultation process by the manner in which it has been conducted. This is not reasonable and makes the existing EIS deficient.

Furthermore, as previously stated there has been no consideration of the cumulative impact of the many years of continuous construction planned for the immediate precinct. This becomes increasingly onerous as evidenced by the State Government having recently increased the permissible weekend work hours and that the DPIE has also amended conditions for 80-88 Regent St. There seems to be no consideration given that these changes continually further diminish the utility of local residents and that the duration is likely to continue for some years. No consideration is given for the fact that many residents are now working from home and in many cases this will be a permanent or semi-permanent arrangement. This is not reasonable.

In addition, I will add the concern that the approval of such a high concentration of high density student accommodation in such a limited precinct seems very short sighted by the State. This planning approach seems to lack any meaningful diversity and has the potential to create many undesirable issues over time. This alone should be grounds for not approving this particular development.

There is also considerable anxiety as to what will occur with these buildings should the current downturn in international students become permanent.