

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW

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RE: Submission to MP09_0066 MOD 3 Thomas Street Carpark,
Chatswood

Dear Ms Roach

The Australian Institute of Tibetan Healing Practices is a not-for-profit organization located on Level 4, 12 Thomas, Chatswood. The organization is an owner and occupier of the building.

We wish to object to the proposed modifications to the Thomas Street Carpark development.

Disabled access is a major problem

There has been and still is a lack of detail and regard for disabled access to 12 Thomas Street. We have people who are mobility impaired but not using a wheel chair, plus others in wheel chairs that require access to the disability ramp at the rear of our building.

The proposed access arrangements for the disabled are not clear, and from the information provided are dangerous at best.

There is no longer anywhere for someone to park near the disability ramp and drop someone off near it, or leave the car for 15 minutes and accompany them into the building.

Noise

The setbacks in the modification plans show that the building 1 is coming even closer to 12 Thomas Street and the childcare centre is right on the boundary. The outdoor play area is on the boundary and will be extremely noisy.

We run meditation classes and do a lot of filming. Both of these need quiet. We have a lot of people who rely on the filming and the classes and we do not want to let them down. We cannot film or run meditation classes with a childcare centre beside us. Sound travels and the seals in the windows are worn and a lot of noise comes through.

We also strongly object to any increase in the approved hours for construction work. We cannot function with any additional noise from the development.

Residential tower setbacks

We object to the apartments in building 1 being located any closer to us. This will also create noise from the balconies if they are any closer, not to mention the visual impact, loss of daylight and loss of amenity to our premises.

Regards

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