

The Director
Major Planning Assessments
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
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29 February 2016

Dear Director,

Submission: Australian Technology Park Redevelopment (SSD 15_7317)

I wish to make a submission on the Environmental Impact Statement provided by Mirvac for the redevelopment of Australian Technology Park. I am concerned about damage to the nationally significant heritage, the transport implications, poor public access, commercialisation of public space, and impact on local residents.

Mr Baird- I hope you and your Government does not once again, display is weakness in the face of property developers and their promises of jobs followed by "essential" contract revisions in order to make their development feasible (for thier benefit not the public's). The promises are invairably overstated and/or short term eg. during the building process and a accompanied by a fairly small donation to the political party in question (how easy it is to buy influence).

Why also is it necessary to find green spaces on maps and fill them with concrete or find two or three story or heritage type buildings and convert them to high rise developments? Who benefits apart from the developers? Does the Government ever attribute a value to nature such as geen space, sky views, trees, grass, sand and some low density areas?

I despair that you and your party profess to worry about these things but do not act accordingly and I give you an example. The route for the light rail near Randwick Racecourse could easily have been directed onto the racecourse side of Alison Rd at Doncaster Ave and run on an already tarred area to the terminus at the racecourse. But no, it would require the demolition of one small bland building whereas the north side of Alison St meant using green space and cutting down a numbe of trees which of course have no economic value but massive social value. So that was the route chosen. And despite what I heard you say on Radio 702 this afternoon (25 February 2016), the light rail route it has nothing to do with a growing city. What has grown on the route of this light rail in the last 50 years?

Yours sincerely,

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