

MOD 6 MP09_0066 Thomas Street Chatswood

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Dear Sir

As the owner of a commercial unit in 12 Thomas Street which abuts the development noted in the subject bar I would like to register my strong disapproval of the constant changes that Meriton is requesting on this site.

Meriton bought the land on the condition they did a mixed development. The first plan was aligned with this condition and once permission was granted they then proceeded to keep making amendments. I believe this to be the 6th such change. This is the general well know modus operandi of this developer and many other large developers until what is finally built is nothing like what was agreed in the beginning. They know that people will look carefully at the first plan and not as carefully at latter plans as they are worn down by the process.

My unit will now look into a parking area and it will certainly be very difficult to let after my present tenant who is on a three year lease leaves because of the outlook and complete shadow that will be cast by this development next door. The height changes to this building are completely out of context with other heights of buildings around it in Chatswood.

Governments should not be allowing developers to circumvent proper planning processes by requesting changes as the building progresses- this is a well used strategy. Nothing has changed in the area that would necessitate Meriton requesting these changes- it is just that Meriton knows this is the quickest and easiest ways to get what they want.

I think the fact that Meriton makes political donations to political parties should not be allowed to influence these decisions. Nothing has changed in the area in the last 5 years that would require these changes. Let us learn the lessons from the Obeid case where the citizens of NSW lost millions as a result of poor and allegedly corrupt government decisions.

MERITONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THIS TECHNIQUE TO GET WHAT IT WANTS. THE INITIAL PLAN SHOULD STAND UNLESS MERITON CAN SHOW HOW THE PEOPLE OF CHATSWOOD AND THE BUILDINGS AROUND THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE CHANGES We understand how MERITON benefits .

The question one needs to ask is how as professional people used to dealing with the likes of Meriton, whose ways are well know in the city, you do not follow the initial conditions that the land was sold under and look after both the physical area that the building is part of and the people that live and work in the area. You know EXACTLY what Meriton is doing . YOU CAN STOP IT- I hope you have both the moral fibre and courage to stop this abuse.

Please make a decision for the good of the people who live and work in the area and not the developers who the government likes to keep happy so that they will fill their coffers come election time.

Yours faithfully
 June Hurwitz
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