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RE: THOMAS STREET CHATSWOOD, CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT: MP09_0066 Mod 6

Retina Associates Pty Ltd, located at Level 4, 8 Thomas Street Chatswood would like to voice objections to the above development application, MP098_0066 Mod 6, by Meriton Property Services Pty Limited.


Retina Associates is a Specialist Medical Ophthalmic Practice with at least 100 patients attending each day, many of whom are disabled. The current development has impacted on these patients in regard to access to parking and dropping off patients at the Practice. Any further development and changes to parking and traffic density will cause further problems for patients attending the practice. Many patients are already opting to leave our practice and have their treatment for sight threatening conditions treated elsewhere which is a loss of business to our practice. The disruption in their treatment regime may also adversely affect the outcome of their treatment leading to greater loss of vision.

Any further increase in the size of the proposed towers may reduce the provision of Council Parking facilities (when or if these are restored) which our patients have absolutely relied on to attend the practice, due to their disabilities. As the Practice is dealing entirely with retinal eye diseases with a high proportion of patients with macular degeneration needing monthly treatments and many with conditions requiring urgent surgery, their ability to access our practice is essential. Increased traffic flow and reduced parking will have a huge impact on patient outcomes and our practice.

Another concern is that we were not informed of this modification until it was brought to our attention from our Strata Management this week. The "voluntary contribution" from Meriton to Willoughby Council should not be a consideration in this development going ahead or being approved.

We hope that you will give consideration to our concerns regarding traffic flow, parking and effect on an essential medical health provider which has been long established in Chatswood and the effect of the proposal on our patients and our business.

Yours faithfully


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