

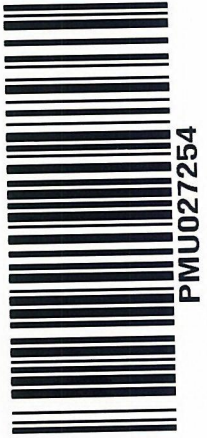
Date: May 21, 2013

To: The Hon Brad Hazzard, Minister for Planning

From: Nicola Sternberg
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Re: **Opposition to Modification 6 Proposal , Meriton Chatswood Towers**

*Mr. Wilson - for
reply on behalf of Minister.
R. Hammond
22/5.*



Dear Mr Hazzard,

For the last eight years I have regularly attended meditation classes in the building adjacent to the Thomas St Carpark in Chatswood.

Being aware of the development taking place at that site, **I wish to add my voice to the many others who strongly oppose the currently proposed modifications (known as Modification 6) to the Meriton Chatswood Towers development** in Thomas St, Chatswood.

I strongly urge you in your capacity as the Minister for Planning to reject Meriton's Mod. 6 proposal for this development for the following reasons:

- Chatswood is already overdeveloped and clogged with traffic. The proposed modifications to this development will only **add to the chaos and congestion currently choking the area.**
- The proposed extra 10 stories will **cast even more shadow** around the area and **add to the oppressive over-built environment.** Giving in on this issue may set a dangerous precedent for other developers who will want to build higher again in order to 'see past' the Meriton Chatswood Towers (and so it goes on...)
- There is also the matter of the \$12 million so-called '**Voluntary Planning Agreement**' offered by Meriton to Willoughby Council which 'influenced' (read 'compromised') the decision-making process in Meriton's favour in relation to Mod. 6. Willoughby Council decided to agree to Meriton's Mod 6 proposal only after Meriton threatened to withdraw their \$12 million dollar VPA. To an outside observer this looks and smells like **bribery followed by extortion.**

I find it deeply disturbing and incomprehensible that the original building proposal for this site could be altered so brazenly under Mod. 6 in a way that clearly benefits the developer while delivering little or no benefit to the community around it.

In conclusion, I repeat my plea to you, as the Minister responsible, to **reject Meriton's Modification 6 to the original proposal for this development** which is clearly against the interests of the Chatswood community.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Sternberg