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25th April, 2013

The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning & Infrastructure
Sydney, 2001

Dear Minister,

Re: Meriton Albert Avenue / Thomas Street, Chatswood – Part 3A Project

I am sure that you are aware of this Project, however I shall briefly outline the history in order to explain my objections.

In 2010, Welles Thomas acquired the site from Willoughby City and in September received approval under Part 3A for an 18 storey Office building and a 26 storey Residential building.

In 2011, Meriton Group became the new Owner and in February 2013 (Modification 3) it changed the Office building to Residential and by using the difference in floor heights for Commercial and Residential and increasing the FSR came up with two Residential towers, one 27 storeys and the other 30 storeys.

In March, 2013 Meriton lodged Modification 6, seeking to increase the tower heights to 37 and 47 storeys respectively, the former an increase of 37% and the latter a whopping 56 % increase in height.

The arrogance and greed of this Group knows no bounds, no doubt encouraged by the former Government's cosy relationship with developer donors.

On 25th March, a majority of Councillors voted 10 to 1 to make a submission to your Department objecting to Meriton's Modification, listing the grounds for objection, mainly the scale, usage and density of the proposal along with traffic and other issues.

Meriton responded with a letter expressing extreme disappointment with Councillors' decision and threatened that a Voluntary Planning Agreement offering \$12 million dollars was in jeopardy.

On 15th April, met to consider met and 'reconsidered' their earlier decision and decided to withdraw their objection, Councillors divided for 6 to 5 against withdrawal, " leaving it to the Minister " to decide. Is their a parallel with the Easter message.

Dear Sir, I implore you reject this proposed Modification, the issues as I see it are gross overdevelopment, overshadowing of the adjacent area and a massive traffic impact.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. Wilson