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Proposed Scottish Hospital Redevelopment Paddington - Proposed Redevelopment – (PR)

I reside at the Harry Seidler apartment block adjacent to the Scottish Hospital. I have resided in the building for 10 years, first as a tenant, and now as an owner.

At the outset I wish to state that I am very much in favour of redeveloping and upgrading the Scottish Hospital site for the purposes of aged care. However, I strongly object to the PR because it is 'too big'. The size of the proposed buildings is inappropriate for the surrounding heritage area. Furthermore, the size of the PR necessitates the destruction of too many trees and gardens. It must be possible to upgrade the site without the scale of destruction proposed. I do not understand why the PR has to be more than 40% bigger than the 2002 Council approved proposal.

In addition to the size, I have the following specific objections:

1. **The removal of all of the trees on Stephen Street.** Some of these trees should be preserved under the Council's TPO. The site contains beautiful historic gardens and it is important that they be disturbed as little as possible.
2. **The setbacks between the Aged Care Facility and 40 Stephen Street.** These are inadequate under SEPP 65 and should be increased.
3. **The location of the service vehicle entry in Stephen Street.** Stephen Street simply cannot accommodate additional traffic movements, especially 'commercial traffic' movements. It would make more sense for service vehicles to use Brown Street.
4. **The location of the airconditioning plant.** The plant should be relocated so that it does not adversely impact on residents in the area.

I urge the Department to reject the plans for the PR. Paddington is simply too precious to accommodate the PR.

Yours sincerely,

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