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Shivesh Singh - MP10_0016 - Objection to plans for Scottish Hospital, Paddington

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Attention: Director, Metropolitan Projects

For Contact Officer: Shivesh Singh, Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning

Re: MP10_0016 - Objection to plans for Scottish Hospital, Paddington

I am adamantly opposed to the proposal. Some of my reasons are:

- The 9 stories independent-living apartment building on Brown Street would be significantly higher and considerably wider than the existing building. This building is planned as having 10x one-, 19x two- and 26x three-bedroom luxury apartments. There is no justification for such a large-scale luxury apartment building in the heart of this historic and environmentally important site within the Paddington Heritage Conservation Area.

- This very large apartment building on Brown Street would be six floors above the street level when viewed from Glenview Street. This would have a serious impact on the view from the front and rear of my residence towards the east and will significantly alter the immediate environs for residents in Glenview Street and Brown Street. ?

-The design, architecture and scale for the proposed apartment building on Brown Street are totally unsympathetic to the heritage streetscapes of Glenview Street and Brown Street.

- The proposed large apartment building on Brown Street will require destruction of a micro-rainforest environment ravine, made even worse by an entrance bridge connection to Brown Street. There is no justification for damage to this unique environment. The proposal for the Brown Street apartment building and the connecting bridge entrance to Brown Street in this sensitive ravine should not be approved.

- A total of 88 trees are proposed to be removed on the site, of which the majority are in good condition and there is severe pruning of other trees.

- Overall, there will be a significant impact on the views into the grounds and gardens from Glenview Street and all adjacent streets.

- Along with the oversized buildings and the subsequent increased resident, staffing and visitor numbers will come increased street car parking and increased traffic problems in Glenview Street and all adjacent streets.

The reasons I have given above relate to the impact of the proposal on my immediate environment of Glenview Street and Brown Street. However, I am also concerned for the impact of the proposal on streetscapes and living environments in all adjacent streets, such as Cooper and Stephen Streets.

Finally, I do not believe there has been any genuine attempt by the Proponent to take account of the views of the community and to incorporate them during the planning process. On a number of occasions, the Paddington community has clearly expressed universal opposition to the scale and height of the proposed buildings.

Please note: I do not want my name to be made available to the Proponent, public authorities, or on the Department of Planning website.

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