

I do not support the increase from six to 24 storeys at Precinct Three. Most of the neighbouring buildings are 2-storey terraces, located in conservation zones. To build such a large and radical building in the community will have profound negative impacts on the visual character and uniqueness of the area.

Furthermore, the associated increase in student accommodation from 154 to 596 beds will drastically change the fabric of the community. Student accommodation like the one proposed will attract transient, international students. This will do little to strengthen a neighbourhood in desperate need of stability and Aboriginal identity.

It is a real shame that a project touted to be providing affordable housing for aboriginal people is in reality primarily servicing international students, which will erode the area's aboriginal identity.

One of the requirements for the AHC has been to engage the community in robust and transparent consultation. The AHC's community consultation attempts to date have been very lacklustre at best.

The community meeting on the 9th March 2017 was dissolved after the people in attendance made it clear the proposed changes were far from desirable. It's worth remembering the changes brought to this meeting were to increase Precinct 3 to 16 storeys, a whole 8-storeys less than AHC's latest callous modification proposal!

Providing aboriginal housing in the area is extremely important, and should be the primary focus of any development in the area. However, AHC's latest plans are littered with way too many compromises and trade-offs for it to enjoy community support.