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My submission is attached : i want my name on it this time . Angela Drury

Any queries [REDACTED]

Although it is labelled SGS Draft 1 it is the final document.I am also sending a photo

Attach

I have made my home for over 35 years in 29 Lawson St, one of the Public Housing Buildings intimately adjacent to the proposed site of this lavish overdevelopment. My daughter attended Glenmore Rd Public School which has had demountable classrooms for decades. I am now one of the elderly residents who treasures my peace of mind. Together with several of my neighbours from the 65 units I put in a spirited objection to the inappropriate scale & existentially threatening nature of the development

I have glanced over the 133 page DPIE assessment report.

The DPIE Assessment Report shows virtually no response to or consideration of the objections, or for the continued amenities, of the Public Housing tenants in the 65 apartments. I feel it was a complete waste of our time and outrage to engage in the so called "community consultation" process, ( which was extremely incompetent re communication with us), or to make submissions. We have been treated with contempt throughout, as non persons . Mr Greenwich and Councillor Price advocated for us at the hearings - it was significant that they devoted a great deal of their allocated time specifically to our fate , reflecting that we had not been listened to by the DPIE. The LAHC has not supported us and in fact has acted against our interests .

I note with disappointment that the Report , Section 5.1.4 2& 5.1.5 referring to the DPIE May 2021 meeting with the residents of 25-33 Lawson St, is one sentence "the residents expressed concern.... however no new concerns were raised ....". A slick dismissal of some four hours engagement by some of our residents .

It is clear the Commission only wants dot points to tick off - no human details . "Views" , tick. Noise, Tick. Traffic , tick. Pollution , tick. Parking , tick. Nod to environmental issues , tick. Community benefit , tick. Well here are a couple of dot points not ticked , ethics, equity, and aesthetics.

It was noted that many pages of the Report deal with a small accommodation to the loss of "view" for private flats at 8 Vialoux Ave. The question of "view" is not a narrow definition but rather taken to include aspects such as overshadowing, loss of light and sunlight, loss of warmth in winter, loss of fresh air and harbour breezes, loss of distant vista.

In Section 6:3:13 the Department requested that "the Applicant provide detailed view impact assessment for all surrounding properties likely to be

impacted.” It is noted that 6 apartments in the small Vialoux Ave block were assessed, and then were further "peer reviewed" (Section 5 4 12) when the initial assessment was found to be “overly conservative”. In contrast, an example of inequity, the view analysis re the 33 apartments in the 3 buildings at 29-33 Lawson St was perfunctory lacksadaical and last minute. Only 3 apartments were assessed, one of which (mine) was at the front of the building! (ha ha ).

The rear 8 apartments (especially the 6 lower ) of Building 29 will suffer a loss of 'view " which is equally “severe & devastating” to that of Vialoux Ave, but no one bothered to assess them. All the 7 apartments in Building 31 Lawson St will also suffer a devastating loss of “view” in a different manner, currently enjoying a distant open vista and not being overshadowed. In apartment 18/31 (the only one visited and that without the courtesy of prior arrangement) - the Urbis operative chose to take a photo oriented to the left demonstrating little effect on “ view “ whereas if she had taken it to the right it would show a panoramic view all the way to the railway viaduct and perhaps a harbour glimpse, all of which will be obliterated. (attached photo)

One of the failures in communication (further inequity ) was that the Urbis operative insisted she had contacted all of the residents in early 2020 and that none had bothered to respond. She may have repeated this fabricated claim to the Commission as evidence of hoops jumped through . Tick.

(I note that my previous submission on this particular matter has had certain words redacted - with no disclaimer. Common understanding of this would be that I was using obscene language -ie a typical “housso”. I resent the implication! in fact the redacted words were words like “fraudulent” )

No real world consideration has been given to our use of our washing lines and common area garden, the dust & pollution, and the permanent overshadowing. In Section 6.3.58 of the Report the building “will reduce direct sunlight to 50% of the rear communal open space by 2 hours daily” and in 6.3.59 this is considered “acceptable”. Well not for drying clothes or growing plants !

Several of us would have been happy to host the Commissioners, but their recent site visit shows only exterior district views which are pretty much irrelevant. Except that the additional of an industrial sized building with a bland neo- brutalist facade will hardly contribute to the already crowded streetscape. The building is named “arrogant “ by the Paddington Heritage Society in the Andrew Taylor SMH article. (Aesthetics, tick?)

General concerns about excessive noise & pollution during excavation, building and operation have all been glossed over and dismissed . The fact

that the construction of the Encore building at the corner of Nield Ave & Boundary St (150m away ) caused both infernal pounding noise during excavations, as well as literal earth tremors, resulting in cracked windows and falling masonry in our buildings was completely discounted. One of the conclusions that I sighted was that the SGS building will not be in our "sphere of influence" - this is entirely ridiculous given that blasting & percussive drilling will be 6 m away from our boundaries & windows and we have constantly cited the Encore building as a source of distress complaint and damage .

The Report mentions that there will be some 155 workers employed during construction with up to 80 workers onsite at a time with no on site parking provided. The aptly numbered infernal Section 6.6.66 of the report says that the Applicant will “discourage use of on street parking” and “encourage” workers to use public transport or car pool. This is cloud-cuckoo land! such tradies cannot afford to live locally, especially if they are family men. They will not double their commuting time from the Central Coast or Western Suburbs by using public transport! Of course realties like this are not factored in . Section 6.6.74 concludes that “the Department considers the impact on on street parking to be temporary minor in nature and therefore acceptable” . Look at your own photo Figure 8 showing a daytime view of 29-33 Lawson St with all parking places completely filled as they are every single day.

Then there is the ridiculous choice to route construction trucks along residential streets, including the “tranquil cut de sac” of Vialoux Ave as it was described in a recent real estate posting. And the traffic burden of ongoing use ....

Another fantasy is the much vaunted "possible" Community use - The Assessment Summary identifies facilities “ that can be shared with external organisations”. “ can” is not “ will - nothing is detailed and no commitment made. Just imagine the bleating about extra security, lifeguards, liability insurance etc if Glenmore Rd Public school dares to apply to use the facilities!

The inequitable & discriminatory attitude to the Public Housing Tenants was clear from the beginning. The DPIE admits in the report that they failed to notify the PH tenants at the time they sent out the original notices to surrounding “occupants” . And the surrounding occupants were given extra time then to reply. This was originally blamed on Council, not so Council staled , now it’s an admin error. Then the team arranged a meeting specifically for PH tenants with the architect and team leader present, with

coffee and lovely cakes - the problem is they didn't even bother to inform us , despite Ms Chicarovski already having already established clear lines of communication. They went through with the meeting, one tenant only (who found out about the debacle by chance at 6pm the previous evening ) attended. They then had a followup meeting which 14 tenants were present eager to present their perspective , but the architect and project manager didn't bother to attend, no cakes or coffee, they sent underlings , scapegoats, who seemed like deer caught in the headlights with our outrage.

Finally it is not clear whether State taxpayers are partially funding this erection - the expenditure of over \$54 million is, in any case, a moral disgrace in the current circumstances, where many citizens have lost their homes businesses & livelihoods due to CoVid. As an ex Labor politician the Commissioner should be sensitive to this.

And "State Significant" to whom? A handful of already vastly over privileged private school boys. Meanwhile Public Schools go without necessities and there is no program for CoVid safe ventilators in classrooms in NSW. That would indeed be State Significant .

PS I would really like you Commisioers to look at the Leunig cartoon The Awfulisers: as part of my submission. Are you Awfulisers?

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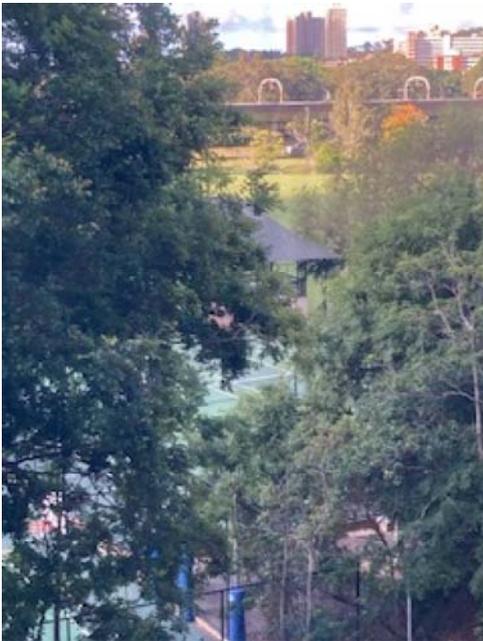
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Mine is obviously an OBJECTION

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