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Dear staff

Feedback

I have received a letter as I live in an historic zone in Kensington and I am not assured by that letter as to what the actual restrictions on development in my zone would be. Unless there is something formally and legally protective I remain unclear about the implications for character preservation and record my concerns yet again.

I share with others the criticism that there is no voice for heritage on the PC. One Commissioner in particular has been noted to be highly aggressive in attacking public heritage concerns. Citizens need to be assured of fairness in the representation of views at the highest level and this cannot be identified currently.

I advocate for there to be a 5 year moratorium on historic zone removal to allow all councils to form a clearer picture of local heritage value. Much that has not been assessed stands to be lost. In my case I am confident that our Council has followed good practice in relation to the Kensington ward and question why that character and local heritage status should be removed at all.

I suggest there be a design competition to develop sustainable blueprint designs for new builds that accord with typical suburbs where preservation of character is highly valued by communities. This might help to alleviate public antipathy and also inform developers whose plans are often totally without connection to place and indeed sustainability.

I am also worried about the loss of green cover that is already steadily disappearing through boundary to boundary building. In Melbourne they are trying to curb this trend while here we seem to be heading straight towards dry and exposed suburbs with buildings of highly questionable design occupying all the land space. I have not found the draft code to be forthcoming about bucking this trend.

I am interested to know whether Peregrine Corp are being favoured in the May Terrace Kensington Park suburban activity centre commercial designation and similarly with their absolutely ridiculous Portrush Rd helipad proposal. They should be asked to move to a larger green fields site where their building and helipad would not impact so deeply on inner suburban residents. Their development is not in keeping with the character of the area and will forever destroy the special place of Clayton Church at the top of the Parade. I am appalled by that prospect.

I appreciate you have a difficult job to do but the speed of your process, the suburban infill environmental implications, and the lack of stated legal

provision for heritage and character protection as well as valid heritage representation on the Commission are questionable aspects thus far.

Best wishes

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