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Director, Sydney Central Urban Renewal,
Department of Planning and Environment,
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St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Draft Plan – Submission

The decision to develop a coordinated plan for St Leonards/Crows Nest is supported, as development in this area has long been uncoordinated because the area is controlled by three separate Local Councils. However, I would like to raise the following objections:

- I object to the proposed building heights along the Pacific Highway – these must be reduced. Such heights will seriously impact residents in the area, and cannot be supported.
- I object because the Draft Plan fails to ensure the necessary infrastructure needed for population increase (**especially open space, schools, healthcare, and traffic management**) is planned and provided for before further development occurs. Moving from 400 residents to over 4,800 in the proposed St Leonards rezoning proposal is unsustainable given current access and traffic flow – River Road and the Pacific Highway the only through traffic options. And where is our green space for everyone to enjoy?
- I object because the Draft Plan fails to deliver on a key Land Use objective of the Plan, namely commercial premises to support the development of an employment hub.
- I object because the Plan fails to deliver on a key Land Use objective of the Plan, namely the provision of a mix of housing. There are already more than enough high-rise apartment developments in the area. The St Leonards South area provides the opportunity to plan for medium density R3 development.
- I object because the building controls for the designated Significant Sites should be specified. These heights must be set in consultation with the community.
- I object to the triangle site (bounded by Falcon Street, Alexander Street and the Pacific Highway) being a Significant Site. The Triangle Site should not be a Significant Site. This site is adjacent to Crows Nest village, and high-rise development on this site would seriously impact your stated objective of protecting the village character of Crows Nest. The inclusion of this site also contradicts another of your stated objectives to concentrate high-rise development between the St Leonards and Crows Nest stations.

- I object because the Draft Plan has failed to address what it regards as proper planning in the St Leonards South Planning Proposal area. The St Leonards South Planning Proposal as submitted fails many of the design principles outlined in the plan, **including confining high-rise development to the Pacific Highway.**

I SUPPORT A COMPLETE HALT in all Planning Proposals. I want all Planning Proposals to cease.

Having recently attended a Lane Cove Council Meeting where the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State and Member for Lane Cove attended along with representatives from the Department of Planning, I was very disturbed by the apparent lack of “who was actually responsible on sign off for what”. That leaves me in a state of despair as to what development “tick offs” can be approved with the left hand not knowing what the right hand is up to.

Yours sincerely
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