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Development Application Number: DA2017/0451

Site Address: 58-68 Regent Street Kogarah

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Description of Submission: Can Council confirm why they varied their own standard conditions to require written consent (Page 4 of their D.A application form) by the applicant for DA2017/0451 ? The Council officer who took the D.A document package wrongly accepted photographs of Put & Call Option Deeds in lieu of the standard written consent by the affected property owners. Put & Call option deeds are not the same as a property's title and the developer can still pull out of the option to buy our houses. THEY ARE NOT THE LEGAL OWNERS By doing what Council has done i.e accepting an inferior document in lieu of the standard written consent by the rightful property owners, Council has exposed me to the potential for further delays in completion of the sale to this developer if a bureaucrat from Sydney South Planning Panel rejects the application on the grounds that written consent by the current owners was never given.

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Georges River Council Mail; Gail Connolly; kogarah@parliament.nsw.gov.au Development Application Enquiry: DA2018/0178 / DA2017/0483 / DA2017/0438 /DA2017/0451 / DA2017/0597

To Whom it may concern,

As a home owner of 10 Victoria Street I would like to object to the above development applications until our issue has been addressed.

We live at 10 Victoria street. Since 2014 when plans were announced that the Kogarah North Ward would be changing from Low Rise Density to High Rise Density living we have been actively lobbying to have the heritage properties 14/16 Victoria to be de listed. We could see that the North Ward was going to change dramatically with developers quickly snapping up sites to make way for High Rise Living.

Our problem is unique in the Kogarah North Ward as our block of homes (4-12 Victoria Street) are stuck with heritage properties on either side (#2 & #14/16) which has made our site unsaleable to developers. The owners of number 14 Victoria street have invested in a detailed report which was undertaken by a well respected Heritage Architect to review the authenticity of the building with regard to Heritage, and it was determined the properties they **do not hold heritage value and recommends they need to be delisted**.

While approximately 90 % of the North Ward have listed their homes as development sites, successfully sold collectively to developers and vacated their properties, our site is still on the market over 2 years later. We have been isolated from redevelopment and are now staring down the barrel of 33-40 meter high rise all around us. Our sunlight, privacy and the general setting of high rise building against single very small homes next to it is not the scenario anyone would want to live in.

We have been lobbying tirelessly to have the Heritage lifted via attending council meetings, community feedback, multiple meetings with Town Planners and had a breakthrough at the Council Meeting on 18 December 2017 which determined the following.

Heritage status of Nos 14- 16 Victoria Street, Kogarah is resulting in the sterilisation of redevelopment of properties in Victoria Street.	With respect to the heritage listed properties, preliminary advice has been sought from Council's Heritage Adviser with respect to the properties at Nos 14 & 16 Victoria Street. In this regard, the following conclusions have been made:
	While 14-16 Victoria Street can still be considered to be relatively rare within the Georges River Council area, there are at least two other comparable examples which are listed in Schedule 5 of Kogarah LEP. Based on the above, 14-16 Victoria Street could potentially be removed from Schedule 5 if it can be demonstrated that future planning policies would probably diminish the setting of the place.
	Based on this preliminary review, it is recommended that a more detailed review be undertaken with respect to consideration of the heritage listing of Nos 14-16 Victoria Street, Kogarah.

	Council Officer's Recommendation: That a more detailed review be undertaken by Council at the applicant's costs with respect to consideration of the heritag listing of Nos 14-16 Victoria Street, Kogarah. Should it be identified that the properties do not have heritage value that Planning Proposal be prepared at the applicant's cost to Kogarah LEP 2012 to remove the heritage listing from the properties.
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In some reports released by Council there is consideration given to Almalgamation of sites to ensure sterilisation doesn't happen, but our street which is at genuine risk of sterilisation has not been considered leaving us extremely exposed and completely unsupported by Council to help us though this. We have been told to pay \$30k to lodge the DA to have Heritage removed and number 16 is facing losing his home due to bank foreclosure and doesn't have any money to contribute to this cost.

We have been severely impacted all of us by this and we are facing the reality of being isolated and built in. The buildings hold **no heritage value** and I am begging you to review these properties immediately and free us from the fighting and bureaucracy we have been entangled in for almost half a decade. This is cruel, unfair I am terrified by what I see all around us. Banners have recently been put up around a block of homes on Regent street while demolition has started on Stanley Street.

Until this is sorted out, I will continue to object to every DA submitted, until the right thing is done, the properties are de listed due to no Heritage value and we can sell like everyone else and make way for the Development which the Council has voted up in the first place.

I am happy to come in for a meeting to discuss this at any time if it will be of value.

