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RE: Mod2017/0106 - 894 Pittwater Road DEE WHY NSW 2099

I live right beside the new town centre development and I understand that Meriton is proposing extending working hours thus:

0630-2030 weekdays and 0630-1800 Saturdays

My first comment is simply that they don't seem to take much notice of restrictions anyway: it is now 1.50pm on a Saturday and they are working full bore. All my windows and doors have to be soundly shut to at least reduce the noise and to shut out the diesel fumes. I'd like to be outside in the sunshine on my iPad writing this - I am necessarily indoors.

At the moment, those of us who work, and thus pay your salaries, can come home to a peaceful evening and peaceful Saturday afternoons. The retirees, children and others who are here all day and have to put up with a day full of noise and fumes can at least look forward to the same. If you extend these hours then you give us just one full day of peace a week and only two hours of peace out 16 waking hours every weekday, a couple more on Saturdays. Let me repeat that - 2 hours of diesel fume free peace for 5 days out 7. Prison inmates have a better deal.

Frankly it says a lot about the company's and this council's lack of humanity that this proposal can even have been tendered and put for forward for consideration.

I believe in this development. It will cut out 50% of my light and loom over my balcony like a brooding monolith, but I have not objected. I believe in developments such as this if it helps to preserve our precious bushland while at the same time increasing the house market. But I am not prepared to lie down and allow this commercial venture to trample over what surely should be some pretty basic human rights - the right to a fair amount of peace and clean air for at least a decent proportion of each day. It is not my fault if Meriton have erred in their construction calculations and are now in a hurry to complete and get their money back, and I don't see why I should be the one to shoulder the inconvenience.

Meriton have not written once to me apologising for the huge inconvenience, likely commercial impact on my property, noise, diesel fumes or the kilos of dust and globs of dirt/concrete that rain down on my balcony and everything on it continuously, and have been for months and months. Not once: this is a huge organisation that simply doesn't care. I would like to think that my local council, who are supposed to be looking out for my welfare and my rights, will put their foot down and ensure that Meriton play fair. Two hours fume-free peace a day is definitely not fair and nowhere near enough to keep this development's neighbours sane.