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I write to express my concern regarding the proposed development of the Meriton Site.

I argue that the height of these towers will set a precedent for other developers. Meriton assert that the heights of the buildings are following a 'pattern of development that surrounds the site'. They will 'win hands down' with their proposed height. So if they are successful then they set the pattern for future developments. They also claim their towers will be built in such a way that there will be minimal overshadowing. I'm not sure how they measure shadows from 18 storey towers and come to the conclusion that they are minimal. But if that is the case, and other developers build their towers, there is no minimal overshadowing.

I understand that the State government have legislated that we need to accommodate a growing population, however, I think Dee Why and other suburbs along Pittwater Road have done their fair share to assist this. This is about the developers business, and of course they will take every opportunity that is made available. There are also other suburbs in Warringah that can share the burden of development for population growth.

Improving public transport infrastructure is still only a dream. I know the State Government announced in their budget, money for the planning stages of transport infrastructure in Warringah. So, that makes it seem a long way off before anything happens. And as for those of us that have to negotiate Pittwater Road during peak hours, and on Saturdays would testify- it's a complete nightmare now. The local Ministers have not been able to assist in their own electorates up to date with transport, so to say the Meriton project will provide it's new residents with access to the proposed improved public transport infrastructure is a bit of a 'stretch'.

There is also the argument that 'urban renewal across Sydney' will bring jobs closer to home. But surely the developers cannot be serious that the jobs created in the twin towers business precinct would be part of that solution for the residents of Warringah? It will of course provide some, but so would other smaller, more aesthetically 'pleasing to the eye' buildings would do just the same?

I believe it's a forgone conclusion, and that's so sad. The developer's money is already allocated to the Walter Gors park precinct. The plans are great and it should be of great benefit to the Dee Why residents but the cost will far outweigh the benefits when the twin monstrosity is built.

regards

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