

Dear Madam/Sir,

For years now well financed developers, hand-in-hand with weak, incompetent municipal leaders have decided the physical landscape of our city and its suburbs, often to the detriment of the beauty of the area. The less well off rate paying residents and other concerned citizens of this city have been in most instances powerless to stop the juggernaut which is comprised of major businesses & developers e.g. MacDonaldis at Tecoma, Lend Lease in Armadale, and corrupt uncaring councillors and ministers. Rarely if ever do ordinary citizens have a 'fair go' at VCAT; this is definitely recognised by the general public. A feeling of absolute helplessness is experienced whenever it is mentioned "they are going to VCAT" because the ordinary citizen, even when there are a sizeable group of them have little or no power; this is totally unjust and must change!!

The liveability of our city of Melbourne must include concepts vital to a healthy community, such as community cohesion and physical, mental, emotional, social, aesthetic and financial well-being. Humans are territorial and large developments usually negatively transform the form, function and aesthetics of their local area. Most other modern & free thinking, intelligent societies recognise that heritage buildings be they civic or suburban properties should be preserved for not only the present day residents, but those generations who come after us. Australians flock to the other side of the world to admire the architecture of Britain & Europe....why can we not recognise & preserve the character of our city made rich with a variety of unique materials & styles?!

Objectors must & should be recognised & not have to pay the price for objecting, as is our democratic right to do so!

I would like to advise the Committee that I also wish to appear at a public hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Tess Lynch