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I own and live at the above address in Abbotsford Street immediately opposite the public housing estate.

I have owned my apartment since 2001 and have lived here for the past two years.

I am not a member of any community, commercial or political group or party with an interest in this issue.

Upon hearing initially that a redevelopment was being proposed for the public housing I was encouraged, believing that the principal aim would be to improve the estate for its residents.

Having owned my property for so long and having lived here since 2015 I have never had any issue with its proximity to public housing.

It was gratifying to know that the State Government held such land for that purpose and particularly for the use of newly arrived migrants.

Though the estate requires updating, I believe one of the reasons for its successful integration into North Melbourne is that its scale is in keeping with the nature of the suburb and the immediate area.

For years, thanks to the Council and various planning controls, North Melbourne has been able to retain and preserve much of its special built and community character by accommodating residential developments but restricting their height and scale.

The three-storey apartment building in which I live conformed to those rules when it was erected and, as a result, has not detracted from the street or surroundings.

The density and height of the Government's proposed redevelopment in Abbotsford St requires abandoning the planning principles which have served North Melbourne well.

Suddenly, an area with residential buildings no higher than three storeys, is to have nine-storey towers and numerous other large buildings packed onto a site which had featured vital green space.

I agree with the City of Melbourne which argues strongly that the proposed redevelopment would damage the character of the street and the area and must be scaled back substantially.

It is possible to adhere to existing planning controls and provide improved housing for public tenants without resorting to a plan which pays little heed to residents, the history and the character of one of Melbourne's first neighbourhoods.

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