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I make this submission as a resident of Reid and a member of the Griffin Society. I find the response of the DESD to concerns raised in the many submissions made, totally inadequate.

I urge you to recommend reconsideration of the entire proposal in light of the following objections :

The extreme height and scale of the apartment blocks will result in the utter defilement of beautiful open vistas linking City Hill and the city centre with the heritage garden suburbs and Mt Ainslie. Why repeat doubly the negative impact of the Currong Apartments on the splendid view from the Canberra Centre up Ainslie Avenue to the mountain? At least that apartment block is only 8 storeys high and pleasingly veiled by huge trees. There is no way trees can be used to soften 15 storey blocks.

I note that, according to an artist's impression of the proposed development of West Basin, the buildings depicted are no more than 4 or 5 storeys high. I ask why it is considered desirable to maintain an aesthetically pleasing scale in that location while subjecting the suburbs of Reid and Braddon to a soaring wall of box-like apartment blocks. Surely the same principles apply.

The limited size of these sites will ensure that architects will be unable to produce attractive designs. I believe that such important considerations have been ignored in favour of the greed-based intention to cram as many units as possible into a small space. If this proposal remains the only answer, then I would prefer that the project be dropped and the ABC flats be retained as they are. Ageing and tatty as they are, they have a certain charm and they cater for people who need to be close to Civic and who could never afford to rent up-market apartments.

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