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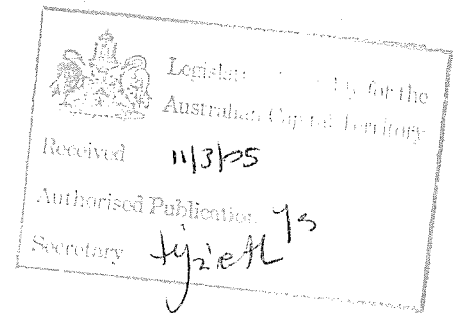
Secretary, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
Canberra.

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Embassy Hotel, Deakin.

My feeling on the hotel site is that :

1. It is highly desirable that a top quality 4 to 5 star hotel be built there. I am very opposed to this site being for residential use. The site is the gateway to the embassies in Yarralumla and there is nowhere to stay in the area. Deakin desperately needs a top level hotel to provide a quality facility in the area, and to inject more into the local economy, including increasing demand for taxis at the nearby rank. The site is perfect for a good hotel as it is close to all amenities. I think it has always been a lost opportunity to have an ordinary hotel there. We need a place where you can take visitors for a quality dinner in more stylish surroundings and where diplomats etc can stay and feel comfortable, ie. with a higher level of accommodation and facilities than at present.
2. The building should be no more than 4 storeys high, or no higher than the Croatian Club which is adjacent at the back.
3. It should retain the set back appearance of the current hotel. New buildings built right on the street detract enormously from the area (ref. Wentworth Avenue flats, Kingston). The appearance of the hotel would be greatly enhanced by being in a garden setting, as at present.
4. PLEASE PLEASE do not build any more units in this area - the conglomeration of units built on the previous parkland fronting Adelaide Avenue has, as anticipated, resulted in a rush of fast traffic down Nathan St by my house, making this previously peaceful and pleasant area dangerous and noisy. The planners dismissed my objection to this development and the obvious increase in traffic it would cause.



Yours sincerely
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