Submission re Draft Variation 308 Cooyong Street Urban Renewal Project including
Redevelopment Proposals for Section 7, Reid and Sections 52 and 57, Braddon

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I write as owner of a property in Argyle Square.

My first comment is that I am absolutely appalled that owners and residents of Argyle Square were not advised directly about the proposals. In my case I heard about the proposals through word of mouth and through other owners.

I submit that from now on owners and residents should be contacted directly.

Next, I submit that the current proposal is completely inappropriate and should be withdrawn and substantially revised.

The sheer bulk of the proposed development is entirely out of keeping with the area. It is completely unsympathetic to the Argyle Square complex.

The height of the buildings and the overall scale of the development should be substantially reduced. In particular the height of buildings facing Kogarah Lane should be in keeping with the height of Argyle Square on the other side of the lane- about 3 stories.

Further, I submit that insufficient attention has been paid to parking and traffic. Conditions in the narrow Kogarah Lane are already chaotic. Moreover there is already serious overflow from residents of the flats into the private grounds of Argyle Square.

Kogarah Lane needs to be substantially widened.

Also a significantly higher ratio of car and bicycle parking should be provided within the proposed redevelopment. Many apartments will undoubtedly be rented by groups of single people each of whom owns a car.

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