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Response to A Current Affair 19/7/19

Re: Overdevelopment of our suburbs

The first pictures we saw were very alarming – skyscrapers on a flood plain, in the flightpath, dwarfing the surrounding historic single-story houses.

The Carrington Rd site has significant industrial and architectural heritage, and is home to a thriving manufacturing and creative community.

It has been identified as one of the last remaining affordable industrial areas within 10km of the city.

Save Marrickville has provided a voice for our local community in the developer's community consultation process – and the plans appear to have changed significantly but we still don't know about the proposed heights or density.

However, regardless of the final form that this development might take, there are some big issues that are outside of the developer's control, and these are the things the community is most worried about:

- Traffic jams
- Crowding on public transport
- Pressure on parks, sports fields, trees and wildlife and the nearby Cooks river and importantly
- Overcrowding of local schools and day-care centres

This is about planning. We believe that local councils understand the local community's needs best and should be making the final planning decisions. Good planning should consider schools, roads, architectural heritage, environment and transport from the very beginning of the process. Not leave the community to bear the brunt of overdevelopment.

We want to ensure that all new development is well planned, in keeping with local character, truly affordable and supports the existing creativity and diversity that makes Marrickville so special.