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Lord Mayor and Councillors
City of Melbourne
GPO Box 1603
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Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

RE: 101-117 Canning Street North Melbourne - TPM-2011-18

It is with a great deal of concern and urgency that I write, on behalf of the Association, to you for your support and assistance on this alarming town planning application, which has been submitted to the State Planning Department for its resolution.

The application is alarming for many reasons, the main ones being height, built form, retail uses outside identified shopping centres, the unsatisfactory situation with the Arden-Macaulay Structure Plan, inadequate infrastructure, traffic/parking matters, an inappropriate liquor outlet, the precedent that this application establishes for our local area, to name just a few.

If this proposal is approved and is constructed, it will create a precedent that will change North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Kensington for the worse, and forever.

The overwhelming response received by the Association has been one of opposition to this proposal and a real concern that inappropriate developments like this are allowed to be submitted for consideration. People are asking what has happened to our Council and to the Planning Scheme that allows this to happen.

The Association requests that you call in this matter for resolution by you and your fellow councillors at a Council-convened public meeting, as soon as possible, and that this matter not be decided by the administration. I am certain that many members of the community, both business and residential, would want to attend this meeting to speak and support the Council in opposition to this inappropriate development. A special committee meeting may be considered necessary.

The Association would like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter in more detail. Can this be arranged?

Finally, Lord Mayor and Councillors, I would ask that you oppose this application at every meeting and briefing that you attend and vote against it where you can. If you require any further information or support from the Association in this matter, please just ask us.

Also, could you please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Yours sincerely

Bill Cook
Committee Member
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