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I believe the high rise apartment buildings should be made low/medium density with plenty of setback (for useful planting) from the roads like River Road and Canberra Avenue to avoid the feeling of being boxed-in that one gets in streets like Herbert St, St Leonards where there is building after building with little setback from the street and no real opportunity for the type of planting of tall eucalypts for the benefit of both residents and passers by. This type of planting not only enhances the look of these apartment buildings but of course goes some way to replacing what was removed to build the blocks.

Also, I don’t believe the area can support such a large increase in population. The roads are already very busy and not everyone will commute by train/bus. We have a drought in Sydney at the moment and, according to the climate scientists, drought will become worse.

Instead of jamming more people into Sydney’s suburbs, we should be working towards decentralizing.

I do hope that greed (on anyone’s part) will not be the determining factor for this proposed development.

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