

(98/S/0821)

9 September 2004

Ms Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney
Town Hall House
GPO Box 1591
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Moore,

**RE: MASTERPLAN FOR 87-103 EPSOM ROAD, ROSEBERY AND
DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREEN SQUARE AREA - PROPOSED CO-
ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

I am writing to you, on behalf of Randwick City Council, to note Council's opposition to the Masterplan for 87-103 Epsom Road and to seek further dialogue with your Council over other future development in areas close to the shared boundaries of our Cities. Randwick City Council, at its meeting of the 24th August 2004, resolved to request that our Councils establish a Co-ordinating Committee to consider the impacts on traffic, residential amenity and other areas of shared community concern arising from the development applications, Masterplans and Planning Instruments that concern areas close to the shared boundaries of Randwick City and the City of Sydney.

Council noted at that meeting that the composition of the Committee should include Councillors from both Councils, community representatives and representatives from the R.T.A and relevant Council officers to be determined by invitation from the respective Mayors and General Managers. Additionally, an invitation should be forwarded to the Hon. Kristina Keneally, the Member for Heffron, to chair the committee.

In relation to the Link Masterplan, Council also resolved on 24 August 2004 that, in addition to Council's earlier submission dated 19 August 2004 that "*Council opposes the Link Masterplan for 87-103 Epsom Road, Rosebery*". Council is gravely concerned that the scale of development being proposed in the Green Square area is not adequately supported by good design considerations, and there has been inadequate planning for the traffic and transport impacts on the surrounding major roads, intersections and also other roads including local streets in Randwick City. Council has continuing concerns that the Green Square developments appear to be focussing higher densities of development on the eastern edge of this area, which is not easily accessible from the rail system and does not have good public transport provision or potential in general.

Council has forwarded submissions concerning two major development sites within the current City of Sydney LGA since July 2003. These were the Link Road Masterplan (87-103 Epsom Road, Rosebery) and the Victoria Park Masterplan. Councils main concerns regarding these proposals was the major impact they would have on Randwick City in terms of increasing the number of traffic movements and loss of on street parking in the local area and the size and scale of these developments in relation to adjoining residential areas, including a heritage conservation area. It is important that our Councils work together in recognising the cumulative impacts of these developments upon the surrounding urban environment.

Please contact me on 9399 0813 if you would like to discuss these matters, or Karen Armstrong, Manager Strategic Planning on 9399 0895, if your Council has any other queries or comments on this matter.

I look forward to your positive response on these important matters.

Yours faithfully,

Murray Matson,
MAYOR