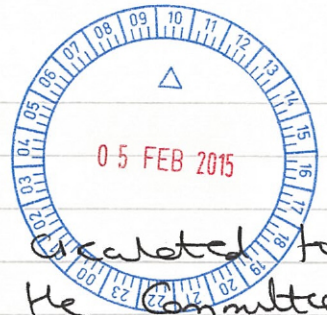


Hi Samantha



Please note that this submission was circulated to our neighbours prior to submitting to the Committee. It has been our practice in our opposition to the developments on Northwood Street to share information with residents.

I trust this does not impact on the Legitimacy of our submission.

Regards

Kate H.

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Summary

I have had first hand experience of the workings of the Metro West JDAP and it has left me lacking confidence and disillusioned with the democracy of the processes in place. I would recommend that a complete review of the DAP be undertaken including a thorough review of its decisions made to date.

Since March 2014 I have attended numerous MWJDAP meetings, spent many hours over plans, writing submissions and attending meetings concerning proposed developments on Northwood St West Leederville. It is now clear to me that the process is flawed and favours the developers with no regard for the responsible Council and Local Community. Of particular concern are:

Accountability

How are DAP members accountable for their decisions in particular when they are opposed by both the local council and community. How can a decision be made in favour of a development that is non-compliant when 95% of the people in the room are opposed to it. DAP members are free to walk away and leave residents and Councils to deal with the consequences of their poor decisions.

Consistency

There appears to be no consistency in the reasoning of members where developments are declared disappointing and without merit at one meeting, and approved at the following meeting with few significant changes.

Transparency

SAT meetings are closed to members of the public regardless of the fact that decisions made in that forum will impact most on them.

Local Policy Schemes

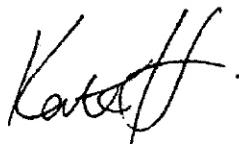
Little weight is given to local policy schemes that have been developed and implemented over time in consultation with the local community.

Challenging of Decisions

There is no effective or efficient mechanism for members of the public to challenge decisions made by the DAP.

Development at all Cost

Since its inception in 2011 how many development applications to DAP have been refused regardless of their non-compliance or lack of merit and benefit to the community? Proposed developments are being viewed and approved in isolation with no regard to the overall effect on communities and amenities.



Kate Hastings



Ron Hastings