

Proposed Development: 78 Franklin Street (Italo-Australian Club)

More time to comment on the proposed seven-storey hotel on the site of the old Italo-Australian Club site.

The Forrest Residents' Group steering committee has succeeded in having the deadline for public comment on the proposed seven-storey hotel on the old Italo-Australian Club site, 78 Franklin Street, Forrest extended to Wednesday the 5th of October.

The proposed development replaces the current two story building and open carpark with a large hotel, including 227 hotel rooms, a function room for 500 people and car parking with 297 spaces.

If you are concerned about:

- The height, scale and use of this building,
- Parking issues,
- Traffic and noise issues, especially from events in the large meeting rooms and function centre,
- Overshadowing of neighbouring buildings, including the Italian Cultural Centre, Serbian Orthodox Church and houses,
- The lack of consultation,
- Setting a precedent for further intensive development in this mainly residential area, and
- Any other development issues.

You have two weeks to make your concerns heard.

To provide guidance on what a development submission can cover we have attached the submission provided by Mr Alex Morozow, who brought this development application to community attention at the inaugural meeting of the resident's group.

Whatever your opinions are on the development, Alex's submission gives you an example of ways to address relevant issues. He has offered that people may make use of any or all of the contents of his in writing their submission.

The FRG steering committee will make further a submission on the shortfall in the process and community consultation, and we are aware that other community members have already made submissions.

We are concerned that there has been extremely limited public consultation on this massive re-development. We have asked for a meeting with the developer

so the community can ask questions, better understand what is proposed and have a say, however, at this stage they have not agreed – we will let you know if a public meeting is scheduled.

If you write a submission, you might like to comment on the DA statements in regards to consultation (that they letterboxed the suburb and held a public meeting) and whether you received any information at all.

Details on the web address for the Development Application documents are below, and Alex's submission attached provides information on who to address your comments to. Please consider passing this information on to your neighbours so they know what's happening in our local area so they can also have their say.

Finally, we have alerted the press and there the development was covered in the Canberra Times on Tuesday: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/new-forrest-residents-group-has-sights-set-on-sevenstorey-hotel-proposed-for-innersouth-20160916-grhs8n.html>

Further information on the development and other local issues will come to you regularly from the steering committee, with the AGM tentatively planned for late October.

Development Application: 201630073

Address: 78 FRANKLIN STREET

Block: 9 **Section:** 19

Proposal: PROPOSAL FOR 7 STOREY MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT - LEASE VARIATION - construction of a hotel providing 227 rooms, a 220m² restaurant, 142m² bar and lounge, a 726m² function room, and four (4) multi-purpose office and meeting rooms; and three (3) basement levels, providing 297 car parking spaces. The upper basement level will contain a pool, gym, health spa/treatment rooms, hairdresser, storage rooms, plant rooms, waste room, and a loading dock. Lease variation to permit commercial accommodation use and other commercial applications.

All information available at:

http://www.planning.act.gov.au/development_applications/pubnote/development_applications_ordered_by_closing?sq_content_src=%2BdXJsPWh0dHAIM0EIMkYIMkZhchBzLmFjdHBsYS5hY3QuZ292LmF1JTJGcHVibm90ZSUyRnB1Ym5vdGVEZXRhaWxfbmV3LmFzcCUzRkRBX25vJTNEMjAxNjMwMDczJmFsbD0x

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