

H Wilkins' letter (MD 11 Jan 08) supporting Dick Persson's actions over the 20 storey Towers in the Dee Why Town Centre is irrational.

Ms Wilkins infers that while she doesn't want 20 storeys in her own neighbourhood (due to precedent), it's ok for Dee Why. I understand Ms Wilkins intends to stand for election to Warringah Council. Warringah needs people who will serve **ALL** areas of Warringah.

Dee Why lacks the infrastructure to cope with increased traffic and higher population that will be caused by the proposed Chatswood like Towers. I believe the Towers will also establish a precedent for more of the same across Warringah.

In return for the height increase from 8 to 20 storeys, the developer has offered nothing more than "management of the proposed Town Square and the provision of a bus setback off Pittwater Road". The open space to be created in the new Gors Park will be paid for at the expense of ratepayers.

Ms Wilkins also misses my point about Mr Persson's actions prior to him determining the matter on 13.11.07. He issued a Media Release that included favourable comments about the proposal and even the contact details of the developer. At the Council meeting, he dismissed each member of the community's submissions against the proposal before even fully hearing what each individual had to say. Not one person spoke in favour of the proposal except him!

Mr Persson's refusal of my request to hold a community poll to gauge community opinion about the massive height increase, for the St James Ethics Centre to be called in to independently examine Council's handling of the proposal and now his attacks and false claims regarding the motives of community members opposing the 20 storey Towers is a concern.

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