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Mr Mick Gentleman, MLA  
Minister for Environment and Planning

Mr Shane Rattenbury, MLA  
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Dear Ministers

## **PARKING IN AUSTIN ST GRIFFITH OUTSIDE THE AMAYA DEVELOPMENT**

I am writing on behalf of the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA) to both of you because it is not clear whether the Environment and Planning Directorate or the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate has responsibility for public parking arrangements at new developments.

You will be aware of the Amaya development being built on the site of the former Brumbies club house on Austin St Griffith. One of the controversial elements in the decision to approve DA 201222226 was to permit the development to proceed with the “provision” of only 25 visitor car parking spaces despite the requirements of the Parking and Vehicular Access General Code which would have required the provision of 33 such car parking spaces, at the rate of one visitor car parking space per every four dwellings. A further controversial element was the acceptance that of the 25 car parking spaces that had to be provided for this purpose, some 16 could be the already existing public car parking spaces located along Austin St. These matters are all rehearsed at p19 ff in the decision to approve DA 201222226. We also note that “Removal, design and construction of the reconfigured verge crossings and on-street parking in Austin Street adjacent the subject site...” is to be subject to prior approval by TAMSD (DA approval p4).

Recently the developers of the Amaya have replaced the kerbing and guttering along Austin St and replanted a refurbished grass verge, reducing the width of Austin St by about 2m in the process. As parking is (or used to be) permitted along both sides of Austin St this narrowing of Austin St will reduce the effective width of Austin St to a very narrow road scarcely more than one lane wide. In essence any realistic prospect that up to 16 cars could be parked in Austin St outside the Amaya appears to have been removed.

These developments are of concern because of the reduced amenity to residents, and the GNCA would welcome answers to the following questions:

1. Was it always the intention to narrow Austin St or is this a recent modification to the DA approval?
2. If the latter, when was this modification approved, and by whom?

3. Is it still the intention that up to 16 visitors cars should be parked along Austin St?
4. If not, when was this modification to the development approval made, and where is it now expected that visitors will park?

We look forward to a response from whichever Minister is responsible for this issue.

Yours sincerely

  
John Edquist  
President

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