

## **MORE CBD CAR PARKS – PLEASE SAY NO!!!**

We Need YOUR help by 01 April!!!

Aldermen are already wondering why more carparks are required and need to hear from you as community opposition to more carparks in the CBD in order to be able to stand up and vote no to the latest proposal.

As shown in the 3D images below, Ali Sultan Holdings P.L. has requested approval to build yet another car park in the CBD on the corner of Bathurst and Argyle (ripping down the Duke of York Hotel and all the adjoining shops down Bathurst Street on that side to the alley next to the temporary Menzies Research Building (nee antique shop)). This is a request for over 700 more carparks in the CBD on top of what has been approved and already being built in the last year (not counting the Market Place carpark built a few years ago) including:

- **550 approved for Montepelier Retreat;**
- **500 additional onto the Argyle Street carpark (forever shadowing the Wellington Arcade sitting and playground area – did you know about that one?); and,**
- **250 more on Centrepont carpark under construction now**

**Do we really need over 700 more!?**

The answer is a resounding NO!

We do not want to continue down the path that building such infrastructure will take us – more powerful business people fighting any attempts to limit cars into the city as they will require the existing cars plus more to pay for their investments in these urban monstrosities. We should be building better bus systems, bike lanes, even trams or light rail before we build any more room for cars – where is our new Transport Plan that will govern these sorts of developments.

***Again, the Development Application comments must be in to Council by Wednesday 01 April – scroll to bottom of webpage in the link below to download the Representation Form.***

Please send this on and ask everyone you know to send in even a quick paragraph making the above points or add some of these:

- We need to differentiate our CBD from the suburban shopping malls and build on the things that make Hobart a drawcard. The proposed 700+ car parking ramp at the corner of Bathurst and Argyle is a prime example of what should not happen. Bringing more cars into the CBD is not the answer, rather park and rides, guaranteed express bus services during peak hours, safer biking, and other diverse transport options are the right solutions.
- Research and real world examples from around the world in cities and towns alike show that the way to revitalise a city heart is to get rid of the car. Jan Gehl, world-renowned architect and urban planner, rescued Melbourne from itself and revitalised that city's heart with increased passing trade for the shops as people seek out areas where the car is constrained. Jan Gehl is now doing the same in Sydney as well as places all around the world. The first thing addressed is to get rid of the car-dominated way of thinking. Having people make conscious decisions to get out of their cars, take public transport, ride a bike, walk even, are all steps that we as individuals can do to improve our health, improve access into and through the city for those that must use their cars and utes to actually accomplish their jobs, and make the city an attractive drawcard for workers and shoppers alike.

- Building works in this planning “zone” require the objective of providing “for the administrative, commercial, financial and professional headquarters of the State, for intensive generators of employment, and for cultural and community activities...” It is hard to see how a massive 700+ spot parking ramp is an intensive generator of employment or can provide realistic cultural or community activities.
- The other objection to this particular parking ramp is the loss of yet another historic corner in our city to a "building" that has no human scale to it and towers like a shrine to metal and concrete. If Ali Sultan wants to do something to help the city, how about building the first tram terminal on a renewed Elizabeth Street tram route rather than yet another massive blight in our city centre that does nothing to contribute to the needed revitalisation of Hobart as a place to live, work, and visit. Or perhaps Mr. Sultan could use his expertise to initiate the revitalisation of the city hole that is the Melville Street car park into a new transit hub with social housing, children’s play area, public open space and park areas in the mix. There are plenty of holes in this city that need filling with creative, innovative, people friendly developments rather than destroying more of the smaller and historic buildings for concrete edifices to community-destroying cars.
- If you approve that many more spaces, a large number of on-street carparks should be removed and footpaths widened and/or bike lanes added through the CBD. Council will not agree to this as they derive income from the surface parking, but Sultan’s proposal is for a private carpark – all the income goes into his pockets not the Council.
- Many cities have already shown the way forward right here in Australia – do not cater to the car, rather make its use unnecessary and unattractive.
- Note that the 3D pictures on the Council website (link below) show it from three of four directions, before and after. Find below the view from one angle that is conveniently screened by a tree. What is NOT shown is the view from Elizabeth Street up Bathurst to show all the small shops and cottages that will disappear and how the carpark will grossly mismatch surrounding building sizes.

## BEFORE

3D Visualization – Proposed Carpark, 40 Bathurst Street HOBART



## AFTER

– Proposed Carpark, 40 Bathurst Street HOBART



If you want more information about this Development Application and to download the Representation Form, please go to:

[http://www.hobartcity.com.au/HCC/STANDARD/ADVERTISED\\_APPLICATIONS.html.html.html](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/HCC/STANDARD/ADVERTISED_APPLICATIONS.html.html.html)

and look for this one:

40-44 & 48A-52 Bathurst Street, 59-63 Liverpool Street & 60 Argyle Street

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