

City character ruined

READER Miles Pitman (Letters, July 26) is totally correct in his assessment of the Statewide Planning Scheme. Like other victims in Sandy Bay, we have now been held hostage to its unpleasant consequences for almost two years. The mini city behind us, too small for the internal block on which it is being built, has disrupted the peace of our neighbourhood with trucks and cranes for all this time, almost daily from about 7am. Imagine being subjected to this constant daily noise for this length of time. All supplies for this enormous construction project are trucked and man-handled in from the single exit lane beside us since there is no turning space left on the block itself and none of the buildings being constructed have street frontage.

Thanks to the many leniencies doled out by Hobart City Council, the neighbours are now overshadowed, overlooked, had push backs on boundaries and are subjected all these months to constant building noises from morning to night.

The overuse of the single muddy exit laneway has led to road degradation, requiring cleanings by council. The traffic

has been horrendous, especially on school days when parents, students and buses also use this part of the road. There is no room in this highly built up block either, for any garden, such as enjoyed by surrounding neighbours.

I'm aware that ours is not the only suburb in Hobart degraded by greedy developers but residents of this city need to be aware that the character of Hobart's suburbs is changing to the point where we will all wish to escape from this state.

Tasmanian government regulations no longer afford us amenity of living standards, in fact the opposite.

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