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**The Downtowner -**

**66 -88 Lygon Street Carlton TP-2014-734 VCAT ref: P843/2015**

The City of Melbourne refused this application, the developer has appealed for a hearing at the Victorian Civil & Appeals Tribunal (VCAT).

The Carlton Residents' Association believes, as you do, that this application would constitute a most unfortunate intrusion into South Carlton.

As an objector you will have received a notice inviting you to submit your objection at the VCAT hearing.

The options available are:

**Option 1:** Present your objection in person

**Option 2:** Lodge a written objection to be considered by the tribunal.

**Option 1** will be the most effective. Lodge your Objection using Form A Statement of Grounds and also attend the hearing to speak to your objection. You will not be cross examined by the applicant or their witnesses, however Tribunal Members may ask for clarification. You should set aside a half-day to attend the Tribunal for your scheduled presentation. You may attend for the full 6 days of the hearing and must do this is if wishing to cross examine any expert witness called by the other parties.

**Option 2** Lodge your written objection using Form A Statement of Grounds - ensuring that it contains everything you wish the Tribunal to consider.

**Option 3** is to do nothing but this casts doubt on the weight of the community's objection. The more objectors who participate in the hearing, the better the case is represented to the Tribunal.

The Carlton Residents Association will also be presenting an objection at the hearing.

The main issues for most objectors will be:-

- Neighbourhood character - existing low scale Victorian
- Proximity to many A & C Graded heritage buildings
- Inappropriate landmark for the entry to the Lygon Street Precinct

The VCAT website includes helpful information, including the [downloadable booklet] Taking it to VCAT.

[http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au/system/files/taking\\_it\\_to\\_vcat\\_planning\\_and\\_environment.pdf](http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au/system/files/taking_it_to_vcat_planning_and_environment.pdf)

If you need any clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us at [planningcra@gmail.com](mailto:planningcra@gmail.com)

Providing your email address would facilitate future communications.

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