

Matt Thistlethwaite MP

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Who does this bloke think he is? Harry Triguboff is trying to force the NSW government to approve his development at Little Bay which doesn't comply with local planning rules and is strongly opposed by locals. This is a disgrace.

This is a big test for the NSW Liberal government. Are they going to ignore local planning rules and the wishes of our community and give Harry what he wants? It's time to Save Little Bay.

The email is from the Meriton Group to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, GPO Box 5341, SYDNEY NSW 2001. It discusses the development at Little Bay and expresses concern about the slow progress. The email ends with a signature for Mr Harry Triguboff AO, Managing Director, and a large redacted section.

4 August 2020

MERITON

The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP
Treasurer
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Email: [REDACTED] minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Treasurer,

Minster Stokes has to find a way to build in Little Bay (1,900 units) at once. We have been wasting time with the Council and now the Planning Department is not much better. The local people are not against the development. Only 40 turned up to the great speeches of the Labour Party at the Council.

We have been waiting for 2 years [REDACTED] enough is enough. And that is for [REDACTED]

In [REDACTED] we are expecting approval [REDACTED] also for a couple of years. I am very angry if these projects are not of State significance. I would like to know what is of State significance if they are not.

[REDACTED]

Please let's meet and push the production forward and I look forward to hearing your opinion.

Kind regards,
MERITON GROUP

MR HARRY TRIGUBOFF AO
Managing Director

110 Lorenzen and 370 others

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Maria Teresa Castellanos

The community is totally against this. Please fight this as it will cause huge problems with infrastructure, population density and degradation of the environment. So wrong!

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Ess Gee

The "Meriton" brand symbolises power, greed, high level corruption, arrogance and indifference. The Eastgardens development defies belief in its scale and behind the scenes dealings with the various controlling authorities. I hope Little Bay does not suffer the same fate.

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Save Little Bay

Ess Gee spot
on!

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Write a reply...

Ken Finlayson

He's wielded his weight & power with other developments in Sydney hardly expect this to be any different, and esp. with a developer-friendly Gov.

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Mary Richard

Seriously Harry Triguboff and his Company "Meriton" are out of control - they are destroying many suburbs of Sydney. The Govt needs to stop allowing him to break the height & planning restrictions as he is destroying the livability in our Communities. Yes, we need jobs but overcrowded beaches, parks, shops, schools, transport, roads, parking, hospitals, Dr's has made the price too high !!

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Renata Beslik

I can't even with these greedy aggressive people. The locals definitely don't want it!! There is no infrastructure to support it. It's all so wrong. I just recently moved apartments and I purposely avoided any new builds as they are such terrible places. No windows in bedrooms which is illegal in other countries. Terrible insulation. No storage. Noisy and full of faults in the construction.

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Daniel McNeill

As the federal member for the little bay area, I would hope that the extent of your help doesn't stop with "this is a big test for the state liberal government". Roll up your sleeves as this is going to require all levels of government to beat high rise harry

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4 replies

Gaby Rizkallah

Just because some people have money, they shouldn't get away with every thing they want. This guy seems to be able to get away with murder. This is a travesty of how the democratic process should really work.

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Matt Petersen

He bought the land and the development conditions with eyes wide open. Then complains he can't make money under those conditions. He has plenty of form with tactics like this. If he can't make enough millions just sell the land off and pocket the value appreciation since he bought it. Who wants another Eastgardens ghetto? A bloody disgrace.

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Pamela Ann
Martin

Matt.... spot on !

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Save Little Bay

Matt

Petersen Exactly!!

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Write a reply...

William Sposito

Well said and this issue is very similar to the city of Ryde where NSW state govt put a temporary stop order for the upgrade of the Ryde Civic Building because the Labor councillor didn't approve the high rise dwellings to go along with it.

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Matt Sweeney

How about pay your taxes first Hazza then we can talk about putting your terribly made units in a more suitable location..... far west perhaps

Like · Reply · 2 w

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Write a reply...

Kate Reeve

Such a bully! This development is all wrong and cannot proceed as he wants.

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Honey Salerni

Think the onus rests with you Harry to explain why this is State Significant development not the other way around. Im sure the people in Bathurst or Orange would be devastated knowing you are losing out on many more millions of dollars. Should have signed it Greedy Bully

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1 like, 3 reactions

Steve McDermott

Well said Matt Thistlethwaite MP Trigaboff is a shocker, thinks he runs the country, with his mate Scomo in tow, he is cutting a swath through many suburbs with massive over-development, with no regard for anything or anyone. All he cares about is winning the game, at any cost.

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Solange Boski

well lets who can pass the amount of money he wants to pay and whos hands are open to take it there is no way that the community need nor want this

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3 likes

Jackie D'Arcy

How do we change over development? It just goes on and on. Most developers call themselves "town planners" What a joke that is. We need to call it for what it is.....greed!

Like · Reply · 3 w

11 likes

Pauline Baylis

It's time to stop Triguboff! He's obsessive!! And all his developments look the same!! We need design, variation, inspiration, art, innovation, not more of his dreary 80's style monoliths!

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16 likes, 16 reactions

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Pauline

Baylis Word!!

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Write a reply...

Dame-Claire Pyett

This man is rich enough. Time to stop him getting richer at our expense.

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2 likes

Jennie Lloyd

Can't even spell 'Labor Party'. What a hide this fellow has!

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Maria Bradley

Shows how State Significance is used by developers

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Sarah Martin

Wow his arrogance is incredible

Like · Reply · 3 w

1 like 3

Ryan Donovan

Sarah Martin sounds like a similar case up this way where the church is trying to go around local council to have apartments built in an area that goes against local planning rules.

No one wants the coastal area to turn into some Liverpool/Parramatta high rise thing, love it how it is.

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Sarah Martin

Ryan Donovan yes certainly does

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Stephen Mcfadyen

Why is all this Top Secret. Surely good government is an open and transparent one.

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1 reply

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You can read the background story of our freedom of information application to retrieve these documents from the Office of the Treasurer here...

<https://savelittlebay.co/.../long-battle-for-disclosure...>



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Long Battle For Disclosure: What's The Treasurer's Meriton Agenda

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Ess Tee Harrison

This Triguboff bloke used to bring his \$500 K Bentley to a hotel I worked at several years ago and he had the nerve to try and get cheaper valet. I later found out he was the richest person in Australia. The nerve of these people 🤦

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Christopher Stokoe

Ess Tee Harrison think I know that hotel Sam



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Like · Reply · 3 w

Natalina Ireland

And there are more hotel stories about him just awaiting the right person to snoop.

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Honey Salerni

Ess Tee Harrison His wife complained she was shortchanged 5 cents at a supermarket

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Write a reply...

Katherine Stewart

The local people are not against the development.....
ahhhh yes we are Harry 🤦

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Helen Longbottom

Harry wants all of the Eastern Suburbs. Laperouse will be next. Meriton apartments overlooking the water. Airport, cruise ships, light rail and metro, Ferries, all headed towards Laperouse in the future Hope I'm wrong 😢

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Amanda Molyneux

Sold to the government under the pretence of creating jobs, why does the government not see there is no infrastructure to support this. Short term fix, long term disaster.

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Erika Reid

Amanda Molyneux we don't need these jobs, have you tried to get a builder lately??? They are all too busy....

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Write a reply...



Louise Berka

Every local person is against it

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Like · Reply · 3 w



Leo Fong

Even a primary school student writes better than this.

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Like · Reply · 3 w



Pamela Brown

Wow passive aggressive



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Like · Reply · 3 w



Honey Mackay

This is what they all do. Local council doesn't matter anymore always a higher powered that see the \$\$\$ and approves anyway. Mascot precinct is the same..

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Honey Salerni

Bully boy Harry up to his usual tricks. Give it a rest and put an end to the destruction of Sydney. Take the billions you already have in your deep pockets, build a great big nursing home for you and the wife and make sure you are the first resident in there. The arrogance and tone in that letter alone proves he must have been fun to play with as a kid. Enjoy your retirement and \$\$\$ before its too late.

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Joanne Mc

We need to unite as residents to stop yet another beautiful part of Sydney being over developed. Stop him!

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Helen Longbottom

Meriton apartments have destroyed Mascot. Nothing but trouble. Once a beautiful suburb that is a shithole now.

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Mark Zeman

All greed Helen,community suffering.

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Helen Longbottom

Mark Zeman ~~100~~ suffering. Schools
overcrowded as well as GPs, medical centers,
randwick hospital and shopping centers.
Eastgardens is packed everyday of the week
same as hillsdale. Meriton and the
Universities are buying up everything
including petrol st... See more

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Claire Scott

5000 homes that are solely for affordable / community
housing would be closer to state significant
development...not 1100 units for 1% of the community
who can afford the price tag...

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Dean Bishop

He normally gets what he wants

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4 replies

TC Gokhan Paltar

High Rise Harry sounds a bit frustrated lol

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Brett Chisholm

Why is there blacked out sections
Please post the original.

Like · Reply · 3 w

Amanda Fazio

Brett Chisholm The letter would have been
obtained under the Government Information
(Public Access) Act 2009 and they frequently redact
sections of documents that include names of staff,
email addresses, phone numbers and signatures.

The NSW government blacked out those parts of
the letter prior to it being released.

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Brett Chisholm

Amanda Fazio

The names of government officials are kind of
important in the process of transparency.
Maybe the Act needs to be changed



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Write a reply...

Mark Finch

Brett Chisholm he should be charged to fund the entire tram line to little bay for his 1900 units! I guess then the development is not profitable! All the land development the previous labor gov approved in Sydney's North West and the Stamp duty earnt not one dollar went into infrastructure!



Like · Reply · 3 w

Save Little Bay

Brett Chisholm We obtained the letter through an application under freedom of information laws Brett. The Office of the Treasurer redacted the letter before they disclosed the rest to us, apparently because it is "out of scope" and not related to Meriton's Little Bay proposal. We will appeal to the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

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Write a reply...

Jack Hlgh

Is this a matter of National Integrity and Top Secret only for the eyes of the Prime Minister,that it must be blacked out,seriously,if it so good for the Community??

Like · Reply · 2 w

Ange Damis

1900 units - chilling



Like · Reply · 2 w

Tone E. Murphy

I was at the original gathering at Yarra Bay Sailing Club. I thought the day went really well and was a true showing to how the locals felt about the Plan for a port, there. I'm hoping the D.A. gets thrown in the bin. It's not a very safe idea either, not to mention the extra pollution coming off those Ships. I'll keep protesting, even though I no longer live in Sydney.

Like · Reply · 2 w

Katie Morgan

Wow. Arrogant, power hungry bullies.



Like · Reply · 3 w

Craig Gaynor

Harry always seems to get his way, irreapective of whether there is a Liberal or ALP Govt 😢

Like · Reply · 2 w

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Lucy Baum

Tell Harry to go jump off a cliff. We don't want the development

Like · Reply · 3 w

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1 reply

Michael Boyle

I'm sure the community who was there BEFORE all the new builds which most of the complainers probably reside weren't happy with them developments,,kinda like the ppl who moved beside Luna park then complained about the noise,,suck it up and watch the cranes come in

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Ian Leadbetter

Don't worry there will be more than 40 at the next meeting!!!!

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Ian Leadbetter Of course Triguboff didn't mention that strict COVID rules were in place at the time of the meeting and we discouraged the community from rocking up in big numbers. Instead we reported live from the Council Meeting. Doing the right thing... See more

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Write a reply...

Finn Nielssen

How old is he ? Get a DA (should be cut in stone) start building then change DA by adding an extra floor to each building..Or offer to fund the light rail to eastgardens and more lies.And contributed nothing towards the infrastructure to the area.Except for hundreds of more cars

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Steven Green

Finn Nielssen Just a question why is the area he's built on in eastgardens maintained by the local council ?

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Write a reply...



Neville Dransfield

There will be more units,units built by Meriton ,at Little Bay. Watch...wait...

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Allan Freeman

Neville Dransfield Yeah the units.

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Write a reply...



Catherine Davis

Problem is 'Harry bought a lot of land way back when no one else was interested . 777 South Dowling Street was one of the first and units sold for under \$200,000 now look at where they are at. The doctor who first put The Prince Henry on the selling list has a lot to answer for. Harry was a man of vision. Lots of greedy councillors, politicians, greedy solicitors, doctors hopped in. Don't blame Harry blame 'Greed is good'. Oh, he's not my favourite person in the world. Have to admire his entrepreneurialship. Is that a word?also admire a lot of what you are doing at present Matt Thistlewsite . Great fir The Community. Keep up the good work and communication.

Like · Reply · 3 w · Edited



John Couani

Developers like HTrig have pretty much destroyed the InnerWest. Enough! No more ugly developments. More human buildings please, and greenery.

Like · Reply · 2 w

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Allan Freeman

Isn't it a good thing... making jobs for ppl.... it is only little bay... they do it every where... get over it.

Like · Reply · 2 w



Honey Salerni

Allan Freeman I gather you are mate of harrys?

Like · Reply · 2 w



Allan Freeman

Honey Salerni so what I if I am....

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Write a reply...



Write a reply...



Alison Ward

Build them in Bondi where his mob are

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Like · Reply · 3 w



John Cozzi

So zHarry's secretly dating Gladys is he?

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