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Dear M/s Vale

Shepherds Bay Foreshore – Meadowbank Concept Plan
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I refer to my earlier submission particularly regarding the height of the proposed residential flat building on land fronting the loop road that links areas to the east and west underneath Ryde Bridge.

From viewing the email (that could not be fully opened that you sent to me), I did not notice where the flight path for helicopters along the Parramatta River had been specifically addressed, and commented upon. It is, of course, an item that might not be adversely affected by a 15 storey residential flat building, as recommended for approval – but this was not stated or denied!

From the viewpoint of the public interest, I wish to stress the crucial and absolute importance of the height of any building on that site to helicopters, putting the lives of people at risk. The public interest (in this case) is to avoid any potential catastrophe happening in the future (perhaps somewhat similar to what happened to the former World Trade Centre skyscrapers in New York).

The applicant has already obtained approval for a multistorey residential flat building on this site. It is not what may be architectural values that are important in this particular case with great pressure being applied by an applicant, but rather the Planning Panel's responsibility and Duty of Care to ensure that its decisions protect and guarantee public safety at all costs, both now and in the future. That is why broader town planning issues are at the heart of the approval being sought.

The Planning Panel must exercise great wisdom in determining this proposal **AS IT COULD POTENTIALLY BE AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.**

Yours sincerely

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