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I'll craft a compelling argument supporting increased density at transit nodes and criticizing obstructionist tactics.

The proposed 22-storey development at this prime transit-oriented location represents exactly the kind of bold, forward-thinking housing solution our city desperately needs. The project's mix of 188 apartments, including 48 affordable units, directly addresses our housing crisis while maximizing the potential of scarce land adjacent to metro infrastructure that taxpayers have already funded. Yet once again, we watch our council waste precious time and resources fighting against the very type of development that would help solve our housing shortage.

The tired arguments against building height near transit hubs reflect a mindset that has directly contributed to our current crisis. Every time we downsize a project near a metro station where height and density make the most sense we push development pressure onto less suitable locations or, worse, force more residents to endure punishing commutes from distant suburbs. The inclusion of 48 affordable units in this proposal represents real families who deserve the opportunity to live in a well-connected, amenity-rich neighborhood, rather than being priced out to the urban fringe or even worse, being forced to move to Melbourne or Brisbane.

Our council's pattern of opposing transit-oriented development while simultaneously lamenting housing affordability reveals a profound disconnect from economic reality. Every dollar spent fighting sensible density near transit is a dollar that could have been invested in improving public services, maintaining infrastructure, or creating more affordable housing. The irony is that by consistently opposing projects like this one, the council is actively contributing to the very affordability crisis they claim to want to solve.

The mathematics of our housing shortage are unforgiving: without significant new supply in prime locations like this one, our city will inevitably transform into a bedroom community where only the wealthy can afford to live. This project's location next to a metro station, surrounded by amenities, represents the ideal placement for higher-density housing. The alternative continuing to restrict supply while demand grows guarantees a future where essential workers, young families, and longtime residents are priced out of their own community.

The time has come to reject the false narrative that tall buildings near transit somehow harm neighborhood character we need to ignore the cries and lamentations of people who are terrified of tall buildings. What truly threatens our city's character is the ongoing exodus of people and families who can no longer afford to live here. This development, with its thoughtful mix of market and affordable units, commercial space, and transit accessibility, represents a viable path toward a more inclusive and sustainable urban future. Every moment we spend fighting projects like this is a moment we fall further behind in addressing our housing crisis.