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Darren Greenfield  
State Secretary CFMEU  
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Dear Mr Greenfield

The Glebe Society was founded in 1969 and has over 400 members. We have worked for over 50 years to preserve the social and urban fabric of Glebe.

This included the privilege of working with Jack Munday and the BLF on a green ban to stop Glebe from being decimated by the Askin government's Western Distributor and also Tom Uren on the visionary Glebe Project where over 700 historic houses were renovated and restored in order to maintain it as a place for low-income earners to live close to the city and preserve Australia's most intact Victorian inner-city townscape

Over the years Glebe has faced daunting threats but it has also been a place where citizen action for humane and civilised planning has succeeded.

In the 1980s the Wran government's Inner City Housing Team, part of the NSW Housing Commission, added the equivalent of over 1,000 bedrooms. The new buildings were carefully designed to fit in with the scale and rhythm of Glebe and with their small private gardens overlooking the street helped foster a sense of community and belonging amongst the tenants.

**This huge investment in good public policy is now under threat as the NSW Government through its Land and Housing Corporation is pushing through spot rezoning so it can replace well designed low rise social housing in heritage conservation areas with 8 storey apartment buildings.**

It flies in the face of almost fifty years good social and urban planning and is more predatory than the most voracious developer. It will destroy Glebe's amazing 150-year-old tradition of low-income earners living in low rise neighbourhoods which foster identity and connection.

The first rezoning took place in at 2 A-D Wentworth Park Road and 17-31 Cowper Street in March last year and the DA for two 8 storey apartment buildings was approved last December.

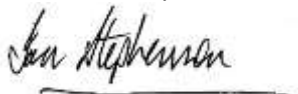
The Society has been fighting with all its might but has now exhausted all avenues. Our campaign has great community support.

I respectfully ask that the CFMEU consider imposing an interim Green ban on the Cowper Street demolition. Enclosed is a usb which has a set of videos which explain why this matters so much. Please feel free to circulate these.

I do hop the CFMEU can assist. I would welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to your management committee about this.

Glebe has gone to the brink many times but successfully fought back. Let the heart work its mystery one more time.

Yours sincerely



Ian Stephenson  
President

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