



**Gareth Ward** MP  
MEMBER FOR KIAMA

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Clr Sandra McCarthy  
Mayor  
Kiama Municipal Council  
PO Box 75  
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Dear Clr McCarthy

*Sandra,*

I write to make representations on behalf of Mr Patrick Mahedy of PRM Architects in relation to Council's intention to regulate in the new DCP for Medium Density Housing, the requirement to install elevators in all residential units over 2 storey's.

I attach a copy of Mr Mahedy's correspondence which sets out his position in further detail from a professional standpoint.

I strongly support Mr Mahedy's position and would ask that you take his comments into consideration before making any final decision.

I strongly believe that decisions relating to elevators and alike should be a matter between the market and property managers and developers to consider – not regulatory bodies. Not only would mandating elevators in all 2 storey developments add considerable costs which are passed on to the purchaser, the corresponding increase in strata fees for maintenance can also have a significant impact on those seeking to enter the market for apartments.

Obviously I support the installation of elevators in apartment developments but this should be a matter for landowners to consider in the context of the saleability of their properties.

Whilst I understand the intent, one size does not always fit all.

Thank you for your assistance in relation to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

*Gareth Ward*

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