

Subject: Amendment to Transcript - Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program 20th May 2024
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Attn: Sue Higginson, Member of New South Wales Legislative Council,

I'd like to draw your attention to an error in the transcript of the Inquiry on Monday May 20, and a statement by the Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG on page 54.

The Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG omitted to say the words "in principle" when quoting the submission.

The Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG: Thank you. Mr Reynolds, can I clarify something? The submission labelled 49 is critical of the reforms which you've just outlined, yet submission 49A states on page 2:
We commend the NSW Government ~~in principle~~ for undertaking a Transport Orientated Development Program as a new housing Strategy.

Had the Committee member quoted the full content of the first paragraph of the submission his question now appears to be irrelevant.

For the assistance of the committee members and to correct the public the record the paragraph in question is as follows:

We commend the NSW Government in principle for undertaking a Transport Orientated Development Program as a new housing strategy. However, despite the best intentions, there are significant concerns regarding information control, probity for both Members of Parliament and department staff, and the stakeholders that had influence/were engaged by the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (notably ahead of local Councils) for the Transport Orientated Development Program. GIPA-24-3221 Terms and New Record Released:

The first sentence of the submission is a polite introduction to a damning critique of the Transport Orientated Development Program as a whole because the submission goes on to cover:

- Significant concerns regarding information control, probity for both Members of Parliament and department staff, and the stakeholders that had influence/were engaged by the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (notably ahead of local Councils) for the Transport Orientated Development Program.
- Lack of Genuine Community Consultation.
- Significant Transport concerns regarding the drafting of the Sydney Trains Review and Sydney Metro Review in 2023 review

Terms of Reference (especially including planning and housing development matters).

- Construction Industry Capacity and Risk to deliver Mid-Rise housing to address Housing Crisis.
- Meaningful Affordable & Social Housing is absent from TOD & Well-Located Housing SEPPs.
- The TOD & Well-Located Housing SEPPs place heritage areas and sites at risk.

Furthermore, the selective omission of the two words "***in Principle***" appears to be a violation of the Upper House Committee's rules on Procedural fairness for inquiry participants – "*Witnesses will be treated with courtesy at all times*". The apparent omission of the words gives an incorrect impression of the position of our community groups stance on this matter.

The 2 words omitted from the submission, and the quote taken out of context of the submission (as it was put to me as a witness) renders a completely incorrect interpretation of the submission as a whole.

This leads to the proposition of the question as invalid and irrelevant as put by the Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG.

I kindly request that the transcript should be updated to correctly record what was said.

I also took a question on notice from the Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG:

The Hon. MARK BUTTIGIEG: Would you be able to take on notice who is for and who is against in terms of the constituency input? I think it is important the Committee understands that this is not a general representation from your constituents

The Save Greater Sydney Coalition response to the Question on notice is – The person that authored submission 49a does not support the Transport Orientated Development Program as it is a product of vested interests that does not address the Housing Crisis root causes as detailed in my opening statement.

Moreover, there are no voices of dissent in the Groups we represent that could be construed as endorsing the simplistic "more supply will fix the housing crisis" that the NSW Government is proposing with the Transport Orientated Development program.

I again refer to my opening statement for root causes for the reasons why.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards
David Reynolds

Save Greater Sydney Coalition