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Preston Market has been a significant part of my life for the past 12 years. We bought our first home in walking vicinity of the market and I have raised my two children on the ethics of healthy and wholesome fresh food, something made much easier in the natural outdoor environment of Preston market where there are no tantrum-tempters at each end of the aisle. The traders have created a friendly atmosphere and the prices are affordable. It is more than the chore of just 'doing the shopping' as it is at woolies. It's an experience and a community that cannot be replicated, the fabric and heart of Preston that makes our suburb unique. Interstate visitors marvel at what we have on our doorstep.

When the buildings are new and shiny the rents and produce prices will follow suit. Pushing the more vulnerable of society to the bright lights and bargains at the supermarket where fresh produce jostles for attention amongst cheaper processed foods. People didn't choose

Preston because it was shiny. We, the locals, love the market how it is. Why do people who don't live here get to decide what happens to our amenities?

I am also adverse to the obscene scale of this building. A visual eyesore. How will Preston absorb all these new residents without putting strain on existing schools, services and infrastructure? Where will all these residents park? The streets are already at breaking point due to the number of apartments that have been built with insufficient parking. Schools are very crowded.

With that many people concentrated in one area, the chances of covid infection are incredibly high and we risk having our access to our fresh food market closed regularly or shop with very high risk of infection, not just covid but the next pandemic.

The historic and cultural significance of the market also seems to be over looked. What will happen to the traders who've dedicated their lives, and often several generations, to their businesses? The connection between traders and community is very strong and it gives all locals a community hub to gather, shop, a smile and chat, a coffee together. You can't get this same experience in a glorified market - supermarket. This is a cultural and historical icon of the north and should just be left the way it is (with reasonable modifications where required for safety and hygiene) for those who it is significant for.

It has provided an outlet for migrant communities to connect and share traditions and I would consider it holds cultural value to many families and communities who have been integral to the creation of the facility I enjoy today.

As these developers are not going to go away and seem intent on destroying our suburb for their financial gain, I implore those with the power to do so to consider the community, what we want and need, our health, amenity and quality of life before the financial need of developers.

If you have a look at what used to exist on the corner of Gower/High (grand old building) and what is there now (shoddy 60s falling apart eyesore) it is an absolute tragedy that happened to Preston. No one could argue when you compare them that this was progress. We should learn from the mistakes of previous generations and fiercely protect our heritage.

This is an extremely important issue to the people of Preston and the surrounding area. We are also a very socially progressive area where the Greens are gaining a strong political foothold. We will not forget the decisions the current government administrators make on our behalf regarding our market. Thank you for taking the time to consider my experiences and objections.

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