

Amenity lost

ROD Force is spot on when he says the Hobart City Council is unwilling "to protect residential amenity" (Letters, July 29). Indeed, Lord Mayor Hickey had the audacity to write to me informing me that my neighbour, a developer building a multi-unit Airbnb accommodation complex, has the "right to build on his boundary"! Um, since when has a boundary belonged to only one property owner rather than adjacent property owners sharing common boundaries?

By the way Rod, our neighbour from hell started his project rolling through the planning process describing it as a "house extension", three-stories with two bathrooms backed by a two-storey ancillary dwelling, a rooftop barbecue patio overlooking an in-ground swimming pool.

No mention of an accommodation business smack in the middle of a heritage-rich locale in West Hobart.

The community needs to mobilise in the face of this blatant favouring of developers, as an exercise in democratic rights in the face of "captured" local and state administrations.

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