

Knock back high rise

YES jobs do matter, Ray Langford (Letters, August 21), but so does sustainability. What is our legacy for the future? The people you label as "having negative attitudes" are actually asking deeper questions. Here are a few examples. The Fragrance Group's proposed tower is five times the height of nearby buildings such as the Grand Chancellor hotel. Yes, five times higher. Why would the Fragrance Group consider proposing a building which flouts current planning regulations? Is this dominating high rise design driven by a kindly desire to create jobs for the local workforce or a ploy, rather like the Trojan Horse, to gain future advantage?

Could our council withstand any planning challenges from such a money rich developer? We have experienced the effect of the Myer and Royal Hobart Hospital reconstructions. What plans, other than extra traffic lights, are proposed by the Hobart City Council to ameliorate traffic congestion caused, first, by future building construction in Hobart's CBD and later, to ensure the traffic flow of convoys of tourist buses navigating the city's convoluted street system? Is Hobart an appropriate location for the Fragrance Tower or could it be better placed elsewhere? If "the Government is on the right track" it will find these questions easy to answer.

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