

# Puzzling development

THERE has been much talk this year about Hobart traffic congestion, with various solutions being put forward and the Lord Mayor, among other aldermen, declaring that everything possible is being done to address the problem.

I cannot help but be dismayed by these claims when recently permission was granted for a development at 9 Sandy Bay Rd (close to the Davey St intersection). This development is guaranteed to result in far worse congestion in the area. The proposed development is a 102-room cheaply-built, modular hotel with no street set-back, no parking for buses, taxis, service vehicles et cetera, and guest parking for only 14 vehicles in a car stacker accessed via a coded boom gate directly off Sandy Bay Rd. With hotel arrivals and departures typically coinciding with peak hours, this is a recipe for worse congestion and traffic chaos.

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