

**Statement to Hearing Commission re application of
Regina Properties Limited, 1-3 Dawson Street, New Plymouth
Ref: – NPDC Ref: LUC21/47890**

We, **Morris and Ria Hey** lodged a formal submission opposing the above application for resource consent. We now state in evidence before the Hearing Commission as follows:

1. For the past nine years we have owned and resided in the Richmond Estate, Apartment 1A /120 St Aubyn Street, NEW PLYMOUTH.
2. We are a Dairy Farming couple from Manaia, South Taranaki who enjoyed a beautiful view of Mount Taranaki as we faced North from the dwelling on our Farm.
3. When we retired and sold the farm, we were therefore delighted to purchase an apartment close to the coastal walkway also facing North and looking out to sea. Being outdoor people, we enjoy a considerable time in the afternoons with our wine and a book as the sun settles in the west towards evening.
4. Our major objection to this proposal before you is that part of our lifestyle will be taken forever by the development proposal.
5. We live at a lower level in the tower block, and we would expect that by mid-afternoon the loss of sun will have a major impact on our lifestyle, as it descends behind the dwelling that is to be placed atop the existing building on the applicant's site.
6. This will happen between for quite a number of months of the year from late spring through till the end of autumn. That we find very depressing, as an essential part of our retirement lifestyle will be taken away.
7. In addition, the new building will intrude into the viewshaft directly west of our balcony. Whilst at the moment we view both the sugar loaf islands and the chimney at the port these views will be removed for ever.
8. Because of our age we travel very little these days, so value the views and the level of daylight that is available to us. With the earlier loss of sunlight that will also affect the amount of daylight that we are left to enjoy.
9. We are sure that with more considerate planning and the thoughtful effect for neighbours a more suitable residence could be designed without imposing this aggressive monster upon us all. This area is after all mainly residential of medium density style.
10. We wish to be heard and make this presentation before any public hearing.

Yours sincerely

Morris Hey

On behalf of submitters Morris & Ria Hey.

