

ROSEBERY ESTATE RESIDENTS DISLIKE THE 100-YEAR-OLD COVENANT TYING THEM DOWN

1. Almost 50% of the buildings are no longer compliant with Rosebery Covenant, so the Covenant is no longer relevant.
2. Residents of Rosebery should have the same rights as the residents of surrounding suburbs to develop their homes.
3. Uniformity of laws governing development across NSW should be the governing principle not a century old archaic covenant. We do not want to continue with this situation, when the architects and builders give you a certain price, and then revise it upwards when they know it is in Rosebery.
4. Bureaucratic nightmare = 100-year-old covenant, in simple mathematical terms
5. The cat has already been let out of the bag, see pictures of some recent ultra-modern developments on Rothschild ave, right in the centre of Rosebery:



Trying to bring the covenant back in force is like trying to push the baby back into womb. If the 100-year-old covenant is enforced strictly, who will compensate the neighbours of two storey houses whose property is devalued by the overlooking and shadowing from two storey houses?

6. If the Covenant is reapplied, the houses that do not comply with the covenant must be rolled back to their predevelopment form and shape. It is discriminatory to allow development to some residents and then bring in the shackles to stop the remaining residents.
7. The residents who are now going to be denied development, must be compensated financially for reduction in their property value, if the Rosebery Covenant is reapplied.
8. Lord Mayor Ron Hoening in his letterbox message dated 9 Dec 2020 has warned that residents who develop under the Code may be sued by the fellow residents. The suggestion is ludicrous and laughable. What for is the Government and the Council? Is it not their responsibility to see that laws are not violated? Have the Government and Council been asleep when the two storey houses were being developed? Why asking fellow residents to sue each other while Government and Council apply laws in a discriminatory manner? If anybody is to be sued, it should be the Council and the Government for their discriminatory policy.
9. The residents who developed two storey houses have done the right thing, but if the Government and Council think that these developments are wrong, then there must be investigation if there has been a covert ink between the owners, developers, politicians and council staff. In addition, these developed properties must be restored to their original predevelopment condition at Council expenses.
10. The Rosebery Covenant was implemented 100 years ago when:
The NSW population was 10% of what it is today,
The per square metre population density was one tenth of what it is now
There were no planes flying over Rosebery
The Mascot Train station and Green square train stations did not exist
The Uber and Olay did not exist in Sydney
No public buses went through Rosebery
Rosebery did not have any apartments, today more than 50% of Rosebery live in apartments
There were no telephones in Rosebery
Most houses had a dunny laneway
Rosebery was not a multicultural suburb
Rosebery had no "No Parking", "No Stopping", "No Standing", "School Zones" and Traffic Lights
There were multiple fire brigades in Sydney and when needed you could only call the fire brigade that you paid on monthly basis. Thank God the government implemented one single Fire Brigade for urban NSW. By the same logic the special covenant for Rosebery deserves to be discarded.

Those who wish to continue with the archaic covenant should rollback all above changes as well! If you can't do that then stop trying to roll back time.

11. Every suburb has some kind of a history, and every suburb is proud of its history and it should be. Then why just punish Rosebery residents by insisting that they keep their houses as they were 100 years ago? This is discriminatory.

12. Efficient use of Land, use of increased green technology, certainty of planning process and moving with the times is as much important in Rosebery as rest of NSW.
13. How can a private company who had a brief existence 100 years ago, be allowed to control the lives of people living in Rosebery for ever and ever and ever? Isn't that too much power in the hands of a private company. They might as well have nominated a private kingdom in Rosebery with CEO of the company and their successors as future rulers. By the way all those private kingdoms declared and existed in Australia for avoiding Tax, have recently been declared illegal. It is time that Rosebery Covenant is declared illegal and void as well.
14. We want the 100-year-old Covenant discarded. Compensation needs to be paid to all Rosebery residents for having been kept under this dark covenant for 100 years. The Government and the Council need to apologise for having carried on this covenant for 100 years.