

Developer the locust

Chris Johnson insults home owners with his reference likening them to locusts ("City of two halves: how Sydney-siders will split into house or apartment living", February 6).

This tag applies much more appropriately to swarms of developers striving to eat their way into single-residential suburbs. Developers, whom

he represents, strip communities of attractive homes with their flowers and foliage, replacing them with grey skeletons of concrete and asphalt. Rather than home owners it is these developers that warrant the description of "being clearly predatory and maximising individual gain".

World-wide evidence shows that high-density results in stifling traffic congestion, longer travel times to work, overloaded infrastructure, environmental unsustainability, unaffordable housing, lack of housing choice and destruction of heritage. Why do we need to endure these deprivations for the benefit of locusts?

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