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STAVIS TO HAWATT

STAVIS SPIRO STAVIS
 HAWATT MICHAEL HAWATT

EXTRACT

HAWATT: You know Beijing, we went to Beijing when the Prime Minister was there and Beijing – I mean there’s like twenty million people in Beijing.

STAVIS: Fuckin hell, ah –

HAWATT: It’s like S – Syd -

STAVIS: - population of Australia.

HAWATT: - Sydney – Sydney was a suburb it’s like (UNINTELLIGIBLE) suburb of Beijing.

STAVIS: We be like a little suburb yeah. Fucking hell –

HAWATT: It’s unbelievable the size it’s like and the buildings are going up, you – you travel through –

STAVIS: Just everywhere.

HAWATT: - huge, but you know something they’re smart because the buildings they’re putting up are so high it allows lot of –

STAVIS: Yep

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HAWATT: - open space and trees –

STAVIS: That's the thing –

HAWATT: - and greenery without that – without the righ – the buildings going up that high there'll be no trees, they're be no –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: - greenery at all left.

STAVIS: That's what you and I have been banging on about for you know –

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

STAVIS: - the last year or two.

HAWATT: It – it – it's really it's like you saying shit you know you put one building that's high, but it saves all the – you know the trees and the open space and the greenery that, you know, people you know –

STAVIS: That's good.

HAWATT: - want in the future. And I think that's what we should be doing something like that.

STAVIS: Absolutely –

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HAWATT: Yeah.

HAWATT: - absolutely mate. So how've you been anyway what's – what's going on what can I help you with, remember?

HAWATT: No yeah I just I – look I just thoug – I thought you might have some issues when you mentioned to call you back when I arrived.

STAVIS: Yeah I did –

HAWATT: Yep.

STAVIS: - I did.

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE) or?

STAVIS: Oh mate, it-I-at, there's only one problem child in that – in – in – as far as developers go, and you know who that person is.

HAWATT: Oh still, I thought it's all been fixed.

STAVIS: Huh?

HAWATT: I thought it's all been resolved.

STAVIS: Oh this is another one.

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HAWATT: Oh you're kidding. Which – which one is that one?

STAVIS: Oh mate he – he was disgusting. On – on Friday – Friday I had a meeting with – with Charlie right.

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: To talk about the Sandler site and also to talk about this – the other ones that he bought further down the road you know those houses on Canterbury Road?

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: Anyway, and mate – and I got – I – you know we l – we talked about l – with Sandlers you know – you know how we spoke about transitioning down at the back?

HAWATT: Yeah - yep – yep (INAUDIBLE)

STAVIS: Alright well –

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

STAVIS: - yeah okay well you know we went and – and a lot of the others like – and these guys – I – I – I had a-err-err-ah-err-err our urban designer look at it as well you know under my guidance right and we –

HAWATT: Yeah – yeah.

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STAVIS: - essen – essentially getting very similar yield to what he wanted-exsab-but not withstanding the fact that what he wanted was completely unreasonable because he had a eight story building right up against the transition zone. Right even though we spoke about cutting the height back at the back you know Drummon –

HAWATT: Yep – yeah.

STAVIS: - at Drummond Street, anyway.

HAWATT: Yep.

STAVIS: So my guys presenting I'm there and we're showing him and I – I spent – I spent like fuckin ten grand of councils money mate just to do this alright, just to try and help him getting it – getting it over the line. Anyway, he just turned his back to me and you could just – you could just see him he was huffing and puffing and oh this is disgusting, where we going back to the eighties blah – blah – blah you know and – oh fuck this no way and I said Charlie please – please you're embarrassing me can you please just take these plans mull 'em over and we'll talk about it. It's not a hard and fast rule what I've – what we've come up with, it's a process of negotiation and if there's little bits and pieces we can massage we'll do it. Na I don't want it and he threw it in my face, right in the meeting. And this I'm – I'm – I'm giving you the condensed version okay -

HAWATT: Who was there?

STAVIS: - anyway – it was me, Charlie Demian, his architect and my urban designer. Jim didn't come, alright. Anyway I fuckin lost it Michael I was s – I – I was shaking

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right I said – but I – I kept my cool to him, I didn't swear or anything like that. I said Charlie you are being very rude, I am embarrassed. This person here it – is a world renowned architect and I'm very embarrassed Charlie please. Please Charlie. And I had taken him in – before he went into the meeting I pulled him aside by himself, I said Charlie whatever you do today please it's a process of negotiation just remember that okay keep your cool, he goes yeah – yeah – yeah no worries. And he did the complete opposite. He went off. And I – I fuckin I lost it I said mate that's it if you're not going to listen to me Charlie that's it, the meeting is terminated. Oh I don't give a – who do you think you are, I said who do you think I am? I'm – I'm effecting quality development, I'm effecting what council wants. Do you understand? There is no way that you're gonna get an eight story building next to a two story house I said. He's like oh who do you think you are? He kept saying it. I said Charlie alright if that's the way you're gonna be we're terminating the meeting now, here and now. I said Ian let's go. And I left I walked out. I was shaking Michael. I was shaking –

HAWATT: I know -

STAVIS: Anyway –

HAWATT: - the problem is you know you give them an inch they fuckin take a mile, that's the problem –

STAVIS: Michael - Mi – Michael mate he was rude, pig, I have never been embarrassed in my life. I don't give a fuck, swear at me do whatever you want, but don't bloody embarrass me in front of – these guys have bloody – they've won awards all over the world mate.

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HAWATT: Yeah I know – I know, but it’s no good, it’s – it’s bad.

STAVIS: Anyway I told Jim, and Jim typically was being very diplomatic blah – blah – blah. He said go home I can sense it in your – in your voice that you’re very upset go home, I said alright no worries. So I went home alright about three o’clock in the afternoon. Anyway by chance Pierre rings me about five, as he usually does on a – on a Friday you know when they all go there and whatever –

HAWATT: Yeah – yeah.

STAVIS: And he goes, and I wasn’t myself, and he said what’s wrong. I said nothing – nothing. He goes what the fuck is wrong I can tell. Anyway and I gave him a snap version he – he went off. He goes that cunt he did it again. I said well look. Mate I’m trying to be reasonable, I’m trying to help everyone, I’m trying to be flexible, but I can’t – I can’t be, my, I got my integrity at – at bay here and we got – I’ve got the councils integrity we can’t be doing shit like this he goes, I told him – and Bechara was with him as well, and Bechara went off. Alright, he went off. You know I don’t know if – if they do it Michael just to appease me, but they seemed genuine.

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: And anyway I – mate it’s only today I recovered that’s how much he – he really affected me and embarrassed me. I’ve never – I’ve – I’ve worked with all the developers that have come, builders, you know Michael I’ve got -

HAWATT: No – no you’re very reasonable –

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STAVIS: – I'm doing my best.

HAWATT: - there's no doubt, no of course –

STAVIS: Yeah.

HAWATT: - there's no doubt.

STAVIS: This guy mate I – I don't know what he w – he wants bloo – and I – and I said to Jim, I said Jim mate if he's – if he's overextended himself and he's expecting us as a council to save him mate I can't – I can't do this anymore I go. I said I – I cannot do unreasonable things just because Charlie might have financial problems. And – and Jim goes yeah – yeah – yeah you're right – you're right – you're right just go home - just go home don't worry about it we'll fix it. And – and that was it mate and that was - I was – that was - that was the one, that's when I had – 'cause I had inclination that that was gonna happen before or when I rang you alright and SMS'd you that time.

HAWATT: Yeah – yeah – yeah – yep.

STAVIS: So I knew this was gonna happen, anyway –

HAWATT: Because I haven't spoken to Pierre yet, I haven't spoken to anyone I just wanted to get up to date what's happening –

STAVIS: Yeah.

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HAWATT: - with all of the, before they talk to me about it.

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: Well that's right –

HAWATT: Don't – don't – don't worry, look as I said to you before don't worry too much about him I – I put him in his place last time I was –

STAVIS: I know you did.

HAWATT: I spoke to him and – and I – and – and the others all backed me up, I said listen this is not acceptable and then he sort of – he wasn't happy with it but he's – wouldn't dare open his mouth in front of me I tell you that now.

STAVIS: I know Michael, but you know what my – my friend this – especially the Sandlers site – and the other one – the other one right he had an eight storey height limit next door to the Greek – there's – there's a Greek guy there that's got a brand new two storey house to the south so – and I said to his architect in the meeting, I go mate I said – I said – I said Alex you're proposing eight storey oh we're 1 – and then Charlie goes oh but we're not going at eight storeys yeah I said but that's what you're asking for Charlie. If you don't want to go eight storeys a – a adjacent to that boundary well show it. Your plans show eight storeys. He didn't have an answer for that. And I thought fuck-it-man this guy's totally unreasonable I – and that's when I –

HAWATT: No he pushes – he pushes his limit. He does, I've noticed that. It's like you give

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him an inch and as I said he wants a mile. That's the – that's the problem with a lot of them, you know and I'm getting really fed up with some of them. You know some of them are sincere and genuine, you can talk to them and –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: But some of them –

STAVIS: They're reasonable people.

HAWATT: - it's like they go overboard wow it's like –

STAVIS: You can do that M – Michael if we – if I support this, the way he wants it my friend we're fucked. I can't. I – I – there is no justification for it at all. At all.

HAWATT: No, I -

STAVIS: How can you have – could you imagine your house now, where you are beautiful, tranquil and have a –

HAWATT: Yeah – yeah.

STAVIS: -eight storey building proposed next to you.

HAWATT: No – no I wouldn't – no you can't.

STAVIS: You can't.

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HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE) you got – that’s why we talk about a transition zone it’s impossible.

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: He doesn’t under –

HAWATT: Unless – unless – unless those areas you want to create a transition zone in between those areas that’s a different story (INAUDIBLE) –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE) happen tomorrow.

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: And the residents are not gonna accept that you know it’s like –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: - it’s gonna take a bit of work to say look you know we’ll create your house as a transition zone.

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: - I spoke to one of the residents in that regard and they’re happy for that –

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STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: - but the reason – the reason they’re happy for that ‘cause the buildings already gone up and they can’t(INAUDIBLE) –

STAVIS: That’s right.

HAWATT: - and they have no choice but to create that transition zone for them you know.

STAVIS: Exactly mate, anyway so that – that’s what happened on – on Friday. Everything el – like Joe Alha’s one’s I – I had a meeting with him just so you know.

HAWATT: Yeah – yeah what happened with him?

STAVIS: Campsie –

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: - he loved what I came up with.

HAWATT: Oh good excellent, that’s good for him –

STAVIS: (Laughs) so – but he’s gonna play the game because he’s not very happy with Mr Daniel currently.

HAWATT: With? Oh yeah.

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STAVIS: I'll tell you when I see you anyway.

HAWATT: Unbelievable – unbelievable.

STAVIS: (Laughs)

HAWATT: Oh that's good – good to hear then – that's good to hear.

STAVIS: And – and Homer Street, hallelujah –

HAWATT: Yeah what happened with that one, it was going -

STAVIS: Right, jump up and down, go up on your roof and say hallelujah Spiro.

HAWATT: It's all finished is it?

STAVIS: I've fucken come -

HAWATT: Oh fuck -

STAVIS: I've come to an agreement so it's gonna happen.

HAWATT: And they were happy with it?

STAVIS: They're gonna be of course they are. Of course they are.

HAWATT: I'm glad all these old ones – really I just want to get them out of the way.

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STAVIS: I know mate, but – but mate I need your support with this one.

HAWATT: No – no don't worry about that I – look you – you know my position.

STAVIS: I know mate, and I really appreciate it.

HAWATT: Spiro, I – I wont – I wont go – look you know something I – I – I'm like you, you can support and negotiate and come back to some sort of a reasonable decision.

STAVIS: Yeah.

HAWATT: But to fuckin go overboard and – and just become arrogant and say get what you want I – I – won't –

STAVIS: That's what he said to me, he goes don't worry I don't – that's his exact words to me, in the meeting in front of everyone was oh who do you think you are? I said well I – I didn't say anything at the beginning but then he goes, yeah, who do you think – oh don't worry I don't need – I don't need these papers, he threw them at me, he goes I'll get what I want.

HAWATT: Oh bullshit.

STAVIS: I said really, okay mate no worries (INAUDIBLE) –

HAWATT: Well he never got what he wants. He hasn't learnt the lesson, everything that happened is based on – you know between –

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STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: - a nich-a negotiated agreement not – not based on what – he never got what he wanted.

STAVIS: Exactly mate. Exactly.

HAWATT: So what is he talking about hadn't he learnt a lesson from that?

STAVIS: I don't know mate, I d – I don't know, this guy – I've never met anyone, I've had some really bad clients over the years, but this guy takes the cake mate.

HAWATT: This is (INAUDIBLE) -

STAVIS: He just, oh my – it's ridiculous, at-ee-exact words, ridiculous.

HAWATT: I know. I know. How – how's the master plan for Campsie coming along –

STAVIS: Yeah it's good. It's good.

HAWATT: All finished?

STAVIS: Oh no – no – no – we're all – we're getting there, we've – we're – we're – it's like putting a jigsaw puzzles all together.

HAWATT: Yeah.

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STAVIS: So he's – he's coming up – he's coming to Sydney next week with another updated plan, but it's looking good – it's looking good.

HAWATT: Oh that's good, that's – that's good – that's good to get that out there –

STAVIS: I think everyone will be happy with it because I'm concentrating within the four hundred metre range.

HAWATT: Yeah I think we should do that –

STAVIS: And I've –

HAWATT: - I agree with you on that.

STAVIS: - I - I left the rest -

HAWATT: I agree with you on that –

STAVIS: - I haven't touched the rest and you know we're looking at extra heights here and there you know.

HAWATT: Yeah – I – I agree with you on that.

STAVIS: I – I've gone – I've gone with Joe's one on the corner there twenty two metres in part.

HAWATT: How about Sixth Avenue –

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STAVIS: - twenty two storeys –

HAWATT: - I think that – that’s within as well.

STAVIS: Sixth is within anyway, don’t worry we’ll work that one out.

HAWATT: Yeah (INAUDIBLE) –

STAVIS: I’m not worried about that one that much –

HAWATT: Yeah.

STAVIS: - I’m not worried about that much –

HAWATT: Well this one has already got the eight levels anyway (INAUDIBLE) –

STAVIS: Ex – exactly (INAUDIBLE) –

HAWATT: - (INAUDIBLE) makes no difference if there was an extra –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: Yeah that’s good – that’s good to – to see that’s happening, but don’t worry about what’s his name Charlie he’s – he’s a fuckwit I think, he is –

STAVIS: I know mate h – he’s not –

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HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

STAVIS: – he’s not normal my friend.

HAWATT: You know –

STAVIS: He’s just not normal.

HAWATT: - if you sit with him and – and become friendly with him and suddenly it’s like – it’s like that other – other nut case his name Jim –

STAVIS: Exactly.

HAWATT: Jimmy Maroun’s the same you – you give them an inch and suddenly he’s pushing for more and more and more and more –

STAVIS: Exactly – exactly.

HAWATT: And then you go fuck me dead you know these people instead of being grateful –

STAVIS: Yeah.

HAWATT: - it’s like – it’s – it’s never enough and they complain to you about –

STAVIS: I didn’t get what I wanted.

HAWATT: - they didn’t get what they want.

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STAVIS: Yeah. Can you believe it?

HAWATT: And you give them more, but they're still complaining you know –

STAVIS: Exactly right – exactly right Mick.

HAWATT: Ah.

STAVIS: Anyway my friend we'll catch okay (INAUDIBLE) –

HAWATT: O – okay Spiro –

STAVIS: (INAUDIBLE)

HAWATT: Don't worry about it, with luck (INAUDIBLE) -

STAVIS: Alright. Alright my friend –

HAWATT: Okay then.

STAVIS: Thanks mate.

HAWATT: Thanks – thanks bye.

STAVIS: Cheers matey, bye.

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