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Bronte RSL Developer moves to overturn Waverley Council decision

Bronte RSL property developer Winston Langley Burlington (directed by former Stockland and Meriton executive David Hynes) has lodged an appeal with the NSW government after Waverley Council rejected the developer's request to change the Bronte RSL planning controls.

WLB asked that planning controls be changed to allow them to create a building double the size currently allowed on the site. The members of Waverley Council unanimously refused the request on 16 July 2013.

Save Bronte spokesperson, Dr Stephen Lightfoot, said today that "The WLB-RSL partnership are refusing to accept the umpire's decision. Despite an overwhelming majority of residents saying they don't want the WLB-RSL development, Mr Hynes and his partner Sam El-Rahim are continuing trying to force an unwanted building on our community. After extensive community consultation, Waverley Council has found that the existing height and floor area controls are appropriate. They should not be altered to facilitate a building that Council planners have described as being of 'excessive scale', 'monolithic' and 'simply too big' for the site. Our community agrees with this assessment and so does the state planning panel who refused consent to the WLB-RSL DA."

"With no opportunity to provide input into the state government review of the Council decision, it means that our community has currently been shut out of the planning process in a matter that will have an enormous impact on our neighbourhood. This is despite the NSW planning white paper stating that community input into planning processes will be prioritised and integral to setting the vision and ground rules for local areas. We see this as a test of the state government's commitment to the principle of community engagement as outlined in their planning white paper."

"Save Bronte is calling on the state government and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to dismiss the WLB appeal and endorse Waverley Council's planning controls for the RSL site. The views of the community must be heeded. The RSL should come back to the Council with a building that complies with the Council-backed planning controls for the site."

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