



SAVE BRONTE

local shops for local people

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State Planning Panel Knock Back Bronte RSL DA (DA 72/2013)

In a unanimous decision the state planning panel (the JRPP), implemented the Waverley Council planners' recommendation to refuse consent to the WLB development application.

Save Bronte spokesperson, Dr Stephen Lightfoot, said "this is a victory for the people of Bronte and all those who love Bronte. The proposed building is just too big. It is not wanted or needed by the community. The community wants local shops for local people."

The proposed building, described by Council planners as being of 'excessive scale', 'monolithic' and 'simply too big in this setting', threatened to cause significant impacts on Bronte.

These included the safety of children at Clovelly Public School, Bronte Early Education Child Care Centre and the Clovelly Scout Hall. Residents were also concerned about gridlock on Macpherson St with flow on effects to the surrounding residential streets.

"Save Bronte is calling on the RSL to come back to the Council with a DA for a smaller building that complies with the new planning controls developed over nine months in a process involving community consultation. During the consultation the majority of residents said they wanted a low-rise small scale development" Dr Lightfoot said.

"In view of the developer's current tactics the community needs to remain vigilant. WLB developer David Hynes has submitted a planning proposal requesting a 7 metre height limit increase and doubling of the floor space ratio at the site. This planning proposal was rejected by Waverley Council on 16 July but is believed to be currently under review by the state government."

"Save Bronte is calling on the state government to flatly refuse the WLB planning proposal. It asks for changes that have been exhaustively examined and rejected by Council planners. It would make no sense for them to be approved after Council's open and transparent planning process, involving extensive community and expert consultation, concluded the current height and FSR limits are appropriate for the site." said Dr Lightfoot.

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