



## **Save Bronte Speech to Waverley Council on 16 July 2013 on WLB's Planning Proposal to increase height limit to 20 m and double the floor space area allowed at the Bronte RSL site**

My name is David Brewster and I'm a Bronte resident. I'm here to speak in support of the recommendation from the Director, Planning and Environmental Services to reject WLB's new Planning Proposal.

Madam Mayor, Councillors. This Planning Proposal should be rejected.

If there is one factor that has been consistent throughout this process relating to the RSL site it is the contempt that the developer has shown towards the Bronte community, this council and the planning laws themselves.

From the beginning the developer has shown complete disregard for the needs and wishes of the local community.

When the so-called consultation process conducted by the developer last year showed that the local community was overwhelmingly opposed to the development of any retail shops at all on the RSL site what changes did the developer make to his proposal? None. Not one thing. He changed not one thing in the proposed development in response to community objections.

When the developer went ahead and filed his DA he received some 420 letters of objection and petitions with over 2000 signatures. What changes did the developer then make to his misconceived proposal? None. Not one change.

When Council Planners recommended many changes to the proposed development before before and after the DA was filed on the basis of its gross failures to comply with planning rules what changes have the developer made to his proposal. None. None at all.

Now it seems that the developer wants to avoid the whole planning process itself. It may be that he now realises that the JRPP will likely reject his misconceived proposal and wants to avoid the planning process that he himself initiated.

He is now proposing to change the planning rules in direct contravention to the changes that this Council approved following consultation with the Bronte community. The developer's submissions were specifically considered earlier this year and rejected by this Council.

Madame Mayor, Councillors. It is clear to me that this developer has no interest in anything that the Bronte community, Council planners or this Council has to say. The intransigence he has demonstrated over the last 8 months shows that he has no interest in negotiating. His Planning Proposal should be shown the contempt that it deserves. It should be rejected.