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Save Bronte left out of Bronte RSL meeting at State Government Planning Assessment Commission

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The Bronte RSL site on Macpherson St.

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THE future of the Bronte RSL site will come before the State Government's Planning Assessment Commission today, but there will be some notable stakeholders missing from the meeting.

Despite requests from Waverley Council and residents group Save Bronte, the community are not permitted to attend.

A spokeswoman for the commission dismissed it was an attempt to keep the community out of the process, saying the case was not being singled out.

"This is not unusual," she said.

"It's the general practice

"There is no public hearing."

The commission will hear the views of both the council and developers Winston Langley Burlington.

The developers are appealing the council and Joint Regional Planning Panel's refusal of its application to increase the height limit and commercial space on the site.

Save Bronte founder Steve Lightfoot said the group had submitted a report to the commission that rejects the multistorey proposal.

"An open, transparent and proper process would see the community given the right to address the meeting or, at the very least, attend the meeting so we can see what is said behind closed doors," he said.

"It is just not right that the developer can address the commissioners but the community, who will be most affected by the WLB proposed planning rule changes, is not even allowed in the room."

The commission will present its findings to Planning Minister Brad Hazzard, who will then make a decision about the proposed development.

If it gets the go ahead, the proposal will go back to the community for another round of consultation.

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Rebecca

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Barry O'Farrell needs to rethink his " community consultation" to community exhaustion-as the clearly the case in this situation.How many times does the council,community and state govt panel (JRPP) have to say THIS DEVELOPMENT IS NOT SUITABLE NOR COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT ZONE REQUIREMENTS... All the community asks is a development to follow the current rules and regs and not change them to suit

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**Lou**

17 hours ago

As a Bronte resident for near on 20 years Im absolutely appalled that this developer refuses to comply with what our local council after over a year of consultation with town planning experts, and the community has set as limits on height and floor/space ratio.

The council rejected it because in their words the building is 'Monolithic' and out of character and scale for the street scape.

The Joint Regional Planning Panel agreed.

So why doesn't the developer either comply to the limits set or go elsewhere to build his White Elephant.

It's like a drug addict who is doctor shopping till someone will write the prescription he wants!!!

When does NO actually mean NO?

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**Carrie**

19 hours ago

Is the "definition" of Barry O'Farrel's community consultation a process whereby you keep asking the community for comments endlessly until such time as the community gives up all hope and opposition? This seems to be the process we are going through with the proposed Bronte RSL development. After the community is exhausted the developer is then given free reign to develop as they wish. If this is community consultation the system stinks!

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**stephen**

22 hours ago

before anyone shouts the tired and old pejorative phrase "bunch of NIMBYs", please do your research. our community is in favour of redevelopment at the Bronte RSL site. it is just that our community wants a development that complies with the rules that Waverley Council developed in consultation with all stakeholders including the community. we don't want one that was described by the waverley council planners as being of 'excessive bulk and scale' and 'too big in this setting'. why is the department of planning ignoring the outcome of all the work done by waverley council and the community over the 2012/13 period?

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**RSL**

1 day ago

Where is the RSL in all this? Bent over the barrel by developer who is going for biggest buck? Sounds like now the diggers have mostly gone they think they don't owe the community anything. Surely this site should be developed with community input rather than a lock out!

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**Lou**

17 hours ago

Good question! The RSL have been MIA.

Perhaps they are embarrassed, because it appears they sold out to WLB who promised them a club in the new development....but now WLB want to push them out.

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