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## Best laid plans

The people of Rozelle and their council should be wary of Minister Pru Goward's offer of her department's help in facilitating an acceptable level of redevelopment at the site of the old Balmain Tigers club ("Rozelle plan likely to revert to original tower heights", July 22). They may find that help, well, unhelpful.

Waverley Council, in consultation with our community, decided on an acceptable level of redevelopment at the old Bronte RSL site but the Department of Planning has refused to facilitate it. Instead, the department is intent on facilitating a redevelopment that both the council and our community find unacceptable.

Despite the rhetoric about communities "having a say", elected councils and the communities they represent actually have very little say in planning matters. The fact is that the Department of Planning only facilitates a level of redevelopment that is acceptable to itself. I find this unacceptable.

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