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Media Release

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT MISLEADS COMMUNITY ON BRONTE RSL RE-ZONE

The Department of Planning & Environment (DOPE) has been caught out misleading the community about its re-zoning of the Bronte RSL site. In a media release dated 4 Sept 2014, the Department said that restrictive guidelines for the site had been included in the revised planning proposal of developers Winston Langley Burlington (WLB). The Department has since staged a backflip and it is apparent that the guidelines won't be included in the Waverley Local Environmental Plan in any binding, material way. The Department has admitted that the only changes to the LEP rules are in fact those requested by the developer. These changes include an increase in the height limit to 150% of the current limit and a doubling of the allowable floor area (Floor Space Ratio).

Save Bronte community group spokesperson Dr Stephen Lightfoot said "The Department has been publicly presenting the very flexible guidelines as rules whilst at the same time changing the actual rules to allow for the developer's unwanted plans for the RSL site. The Department is telling the community that they're limiting the scale of the development, whilst they're doing the exact opposite. The Department's efforts to convince the community that these 'guidelines' will actually limit the size of the development are farcical."

"We know that the Department is doubling the allowable size of development on the site. We know it is changing the rules at the request of a developer in order to allow a building that has been assessed as being simply too big for the site and that was refused consent by the Joint Regional Planning Panel in 2013."

Dr Lightfoot said "Our community, our local school P&C, our Council, our Mayor and our local MP Bruce Notley-Smith are all united in in opposition to the developer's plans. We cannot understand why the Department continues to act against this overwhelming consensus and in favour of the developer. "

"It's time for Minister Pru Goward to take control and stand by her Government's promises. It should be the local community and Council that decide the outcomes for planning at the Bronte RSL site. The Minister needs to dismiss the developer's rule changes without delay."

Save Bronte will hold a rally and community meeting on 13 October at the Clovelly Public School hall (6pm start) to protest against the Department's decision to support developer WLB and its rule changes.

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