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Media Release

BRONTE COMMUNITY SAYS “NO” TO THE BRONTE RSL RE-ZONE AGAIN

Yesterday marked the end of the public exhibition period of developer Winston Langley Burlington’s (WLB) planning proposal for the Bronte RSL site. Over 1500 letters of objection to the proposed planning controls have been delivered to Waverley Council. The letters, together with a petition of over 2500 signatures objecting to the developer’s proposal, were given to the council by the Save Bronte community group on Wednesday.

“For two years the community has campaigned for an appropriate re-development of the site and worked closely with Waverley Council to achieve that goal” Save Bronte spokesperson Dr Stephen Lightfoot said today. “Now for the fifth time in two years our community has once again shown that they are supportive of the site’s development, but not blatant overdevelopment which is accommodated by planning rules which are changed according to the whims of the developer. We hope this time the Department actually listens to what our community is saying. The message couldn’t be clearer.”

Dr Lightfoot said “Despite consistent and overwhelming opposition from the community, Waverley Council and State MP Bruce Notley Smith, the Department of Planning and Environment continues to cater to every demand made by the developer regarding the RSL site.”

“This developer-written rezoning will double the size of allowable development at the Bronte RSL and will allow the previously rejected and refused development proposal to be revived and forced on the community.”

Dr Lightfoot said “The Department of Planning is attempting to subvert local planning processes and take local planning decisions away from Waverley Council. It is not democracy and what has happened at Bronte is just not right.”

“It is time for Minister Pru Goward to do what is right in Bronte. We are calling on Minister Goward to listen to our community and to implement Liberal party policy at Bronte by stopping this unwanted overdevelopment once and for all.”

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