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WAVERLEY COUNCIL SAYS “NO” TO THE BRONTE RSL RE-ZONE

Waverley Council has just voted unanimously to endorse the independent council planners’ report and reject developer Winston Langley Burlington’s (WLB) planning proposal for the Bronte RSL site. This is the second time the developer’s planning proposal has been rejected unanimously by the council.

Waverley Council’s independent planning experts found that the WLB proposal had ‘no strategic merit and should be refused’, while also recommending that NSW Planning Minister Pru Goward dismiss the proposal.

The council planner’s report noted that 94% of all submissions made during the public exhibition phase of the proposal were in direct opposition to WLB’s plans.

“Once again we have seen clear and consistent opposition to the developer’s proposed overdevelopment in our neighbourhood. The Department of Planning must finally listen to this overwhelming opposition from the community, the Bronte RSL Club Ltd, Waverley Council planners and Councillors, and State MP Bruce Notley Smith.” Save Bronte spokesperson Dr Stephen Lightfoot said today.

“Now the independent planning experts have spoken. The proposed developer-written planning controls have no strategic merit.”

“It is the clear policy of the Liberal government that the planning rules at the Bronte RSL site should be determined by our local council and not by outside developers. Our community has followed this Liberal party policy by working with our council to develop the rules and vision for development in our local neighbourhood.”

“In flagrant breach of this policy, the Department of Planning has instead subverted local planning processes and is attempting to take local planning decisions away from Waverley Council.”

“We have done exactly as the Baird Liberal government has asked” said Dr Lightfoot, “So now it is time for the government to fulfil its commitments to our community. Minister Goward must do the right thing at Bronte by following the recommendations of the council’s planning experts and rejecting the WLB proposal once and for all. Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act she can, and should, do it today.”

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